

Ride and Tie Board Meeting October 22, 2024 9 pm EST/6 pm PST

1. Call to order - 5:05pm/8:05pm
2. Roll call - Carrie Baris, Bob Heltibridle, Sara Boelt, Steve Shaw, Chris Amaral, Steve Anderson, Rhonda Venable, Lani Newcomb, Barb Mathews, Greg Fellers.
3. Approval of minutes from September 24, 2024. Motion to accept minutes: Bob. Second: Steve Anderson. Motion passed.
4. Treasurer's Report – Third quarter report was sent prior to the meeting. Next month Steve Anderson will report on Championship finances.
5. Report on the Ride and Tie Championships – Report from Sue Smyth. 55 teams over three days, including lead line and equathon. Championship photographer is asking for \$350 for permission to use photos. He did not ask for this when we was hired. Calla Gold offered her photos for free, Sue will share those with Courtney.
6. SEERA Convention – Approved travel expenses for Courtney to attend the convention. They are now asking for another donation of \$250 for table space/promotion. Motion to approve \$250 more for SEERA Convention: Bob. Second: Greg. Motion passed.
7. Decade Horse Award – As of now, there are six horses that would qualify going back to 2020. Ideas for award – Chris will look into a pin and certificate. Will publish on the website. Horse qualifies if it has participated in any ride and tie in a calendar year.
8. High School Scholarship Essay Contest – Offer an essay contest to high school students for cash award. Content of the essay would be about Ride and Tie and/or Equathon. Steve Shaw is concerned about legality of offering prize money from a nonprofit organization. Bob reports right now we have 28 juniors competing this year. Along with cash award, we can give Ride and Tie swag. Lani will research legality of the essay contest.
9. Melissa Montgomery is going to step down from the Ride and Tie Board of Directors. We need to replace her, and the board has permission to do so. Four names have been suggested: Courtney Krueger, Alyssa Stalley, Sue Smyth, Janice Heltibridle.
10. Ride Manager Manual has been updated. Bob sent it out to us to review. Greg suggested a standardized vet card be included.
11. Alignment of Season with AERC – 2025 season will be January 1<sup>st</sup> to November 30<sup>th</sup>, 11 months long. From 2026 forward, season will be December 1<sup>st</sup> to November 30<sup>th</sup>. Motion: Lani. Second: Bob. Motion passed. Needs to be announced in newsletter, email blast, and on the website. It also needs to be on the membership forms for 2025, then changed again for 2026.

Next meeting: Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> – 5pm/8pm

Meeting Adjourned: 6:23pm/9:23pm