

MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF
EQUINE DISTANCE RIDING ASSOCIATION
Conference Call June 20, 2018

Pursuant to notice, the quarterly meeting of Equine Distance Riding Association was held via conference call on June 20, 2018 at 7:04 pm PST. Board members present were Lois Fox, Kathleen Ferguson, Julie Barnfather, Susan Summers, and Sandy Cheek being the directors.

Because two Board members were delayed in their joining the meeting, President Kathleen Ferguson went ahead with discussions that did not require a vote.

Julie James, Treasurer, has requested an audit committee to review her bookkeeping practices. Suggested members were Siri Olson, Julie Barnfather, and Darcy Bean Hollander, and Tiffany Buob. **Kathleen will reach out to these members to see if they would assist in this.**

Crisis Communication Committee (Sophia McGee) The committee met, and identified areas where procedures and protocols need to be developed. These were: horse recovery (in case of a lost horse), resources for riders to access in case of lost horse; communication to the media in the event of an incident, the chain of command in case of an incident, and the development of a 'canned statement' to put out immediately on social media. Authorized 'posters' include Shannon Peckham, Social Media coordinator, Susan Summers, Kathleen Ferguson and/or Sandy Cheek. Other suggestions included: a first aid kit to be kept at rides; identification of emergency contact for all riders (done-now on entry form); identification of any qualified medical personnel at ride meeting; list of emergency services available at each ride; how to connect with key emergency personnel in advance of the event; use of a Spot tracker at each ride.

Membership quorum achieved. Absent were Lori Bewza, Julie James, Mackenzie Pierce and Kathleen Pillo. Other attendees were Erin Putnam, Sue McLain, Jennifer Kaplan, Sophia McGee, Terry James, and Cortney Honan. Call to Order: Kathleen Ferguson, President.

Reports

Treasurer's report: Julie James was absent, so report will be emailed to BOD.

Secretary's report: The minutes from the March 7th, March 16 and March 17th BOD meetings were available on the web.

Moved by Julie Barnfather to approve all minutes. Seconded by Lois Fox. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business (Kathleen Ferguson)

1. Clinic updates: (Kathleen Ferguson reporting for Robin Leigh Burns)

Renegade: Kathleen Pillo on pre ride evening and morning of race prep

Selkirk: TBD

Sand Canyon: TBD

Midnight Rider: Darlene Merlich Saturday afternoon "how to ride in the dark" clinic before ride

Blue Cloud: TBD

Ride the Loop: Dennis Summers, tailing

Mary Nunn Memorial Ride: TBD

Scottsdale 100: Rusty Toth TBD

Other suggestions/offers were: Leg anatomy, Ann Szolas; First Aid, Carol Giles; massage work on cramps post-ride. (Jennifer Pillow?)

Kathleen will reach out to these individuals to see if they would be willing to fill in. Sue Summers also said she'd be willing to do one on pulse-taking.

2. Awards: Lois Fox has requested a budget of \$2000 for year-end awards.

Moved by Sandy Cheek to approve budget of \$2000; Seconded by Kathleen Ferguson. Motion carried.

3. Stewards list (Kathleen Ferguson): According to our rules, the BOD is to approve the list of Stewards for the 2018 season. Currently the list includes: Kathleen Ferguson, Susan Summers, Sue McLain, Darlene Merlich, Julie Barnfather, Gail Williams, Lois Fox, Tani Bates, Sandy Cheek, Becky Fiedler, Carol Giles, Darcy Bean, Kathleen Pillo, and Tom Dean.

Moved by Erin Putnam to approve list as stated; seconded by Julie Barnfather. Motion carried.

Stewards for upcoming rides are as follows: Kathleen Ferguson at Renegade; Gail Williams at Selkirk; Darlene Anderson at Midnight Rider; Sandy Cheek at Sand Canyon.

4. Service pins (Erin Putnam) Pins were distributed at Coyote Ridge and will be handed out at the next three rides. It was suggested that Erin post something to remind people to submit their hours. **Service forms need to be updated; Sue McLain will take this on.**

5. Drug Testing Program (Kathleen Ferguson): Trout Lake was randomly selected as a ride where testing took place; 3 riders were tested, and all were in the 25 and two were overtime. Testing procedure went smoothly according to Steward Sue McLain.

5. Equipment Trailer (Terry James); Flooring is done, new tires, ramp is now repaired and attached properly. The trailer is coming back to Terry's place where he plans on sealing the roof and installing new lights. Slow but sure! He also suggested that we have donor folks sign their names on the trailer (and on water tubs) in white marker rather than getting it done

professionally... much more cost effective and fun. He is also going to put numbers on the water tanks as we indicated at previous BOD meeting. We can find out who the donors are by looking on Stripe (if they donated online). Otherwise, it will be an honor system. Kathleen will be purchasing tubs for storage of clothes pins and ribbon rolls and will bring to Selkirk.

6. Test Your Mettle Relays: (Susan Summers) Sue reported that the vets had asked that the regular Best in Class forms be used for TYM relays, minus weight and time. They also asked that the name be changed to Best in Class. Jennifer Kaplan, Coordinator of TYM relays, agreed to this change.

7. Raffle report: we need a dedicated salesperson at each ride. At the last rides, the ride secretary had the raffle box with her, but was often too busy to deal with transactions. We need someone specifically tasked to do this at each ride.

8. Logbook box: needs to be at the same place at every ride. Timer table? Close to vets. Need to present prior to check-in and educate vets on why they need to look at it.

9. Building culture at rides: Following ideas were noted:

- Need a template for the Friday night talking points. Sue McLain and Kathleen will work on this.
- Sophia McGee suggested that best practices in case of emergency should be covered at the ride meeting
- Erin Putnam loved the separate meeting for new riders after the actual ride meeting.

10. Proposal to open EDRA horse and rider records (Kathleen Ferguson): Max Merlich requested that we continue the discussion and make a formal decision regarding opening the records to the public. Currently, ride results are public, but rider records and standings as well as horse records and standings are a benefit of membership and not available on the web page except to members. At Convention, there was a straw poll of members, and the great majority was in favor of opening the records. Much discussion ensued about the pros and cons of opening records. Pros: in line with our tradition of transparency; ease of access for all riders regardless of membership. Cons: issues of privacy, loss of a benefit of membership.

Moved by Lois Fox to open horse and rider records and standings to the public; seconded by Sandy Cheek. Four yay, one nay. Motion carried.

Other business:

- Need for senior sponsors? Ben Volk was concerned about one of our senior members who struggled through her last two rides. He proposed we have a sponsor program for seniors. Discussion about delicacy of this proposal....many of our senior members (all??!!) are fiercely independent and would not likely take advantage of this offer and may be insulted by it. It was concluded that adults need to be adults and ask for help when they need it. No motion.

- Convention: Discussion about what topics/clinics...GPS training (again). Celena and Robin (again), massage...Jennifer Kaplan would like to have a junior clinic focused on how to take care of your horse without your sponsor's help, as well as other junior activities.
- We have a need for more vets. Dr. Terry has agreed to put on a clinic at the Conference for new vets. Kathleen Ferguson will explore getting credit for the clinic. In the meantime, we all need to reach out to our vets and get more on board and invested in vetting our events.
- Lois Fox raised a concern regarding a rumor that PNER may disallow EDRA miles. A discussion about AERC recognizing EDRA miles and vice versa ensued. Many issues to be addressed. When issue arises again, it was suggested that Kathleen contact the PNER president and remind her that EDRA is open to providing information to AERC should they choose to accept EDRA miles. Currently we have had no requests from EDRA members to have their AERC miles recorded by EDRA. However, it was suggested that many folks would be less unhappy if AERC accepted EDRA miles. No further action was determined to be required at this time.

Motion by Lois Fox to conclude the meeting; seconded by Sandy Cheek. Motion carried.

Meeting concluded at 9:06 pm.