

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF
EQUINE DISTANCE RIDING ASSOCIATION
Zoom Meeting June 2, 2020**

Pursuant to notice, the meeting of Equine Distance Riding Association was held via Online Zoom Meeting on June 2, 2020. At 7:07 pm PST President Terry James called the meeting to order. Directors present were Vice President Jo Weinstein, Past President Kathleen Ferguson, Susan Summers, Julie Barnfather, Sandy Cheek, Margie Thorngren and Kathleen Pillo. Julie Barnfather and Margie Thorngren joined the meeting at approximately 7:30. Quorum was achieved. Absent were Treasurer Tiffany Buob, Georgia Glidden, and Lois Fox. Guests were Sue McLain, Cortney Honan and Carol Giles.

Secretary Report:

The minutes of the February 27, 2020 Meeting were posted on the web prior to the meeting. *Moved by Sandy Cheek and seconded by Kathleen Ferguson to accept minutes as written. Motion carried.*

Treasurer Report:

Tiffany Boub was not present. However, Terry James noted that the bank balance was healthy. Terry James proposed waiving 2020 endorsement fees to help ride managers out with the increased costs and potentially capped participants incurred due to COVID-19. *Sandy Cheek moved to waive the endorsement fee for 2020. Susan Summers seconded. Motion Carried.*

Membership Report

Sue McLain and Sue Summers noted that a significant number of people joined recently to participate in the EDRA in Motion Challenge. Sue McLain reported that there are 110 current members.

New Business:

USEF Endorsement Update:

Terry James was not specific in his instructions to Carol Giles about what time the meeting was supposed to take place. The meeting has been rescheduled to a later time when everyone is available.

COVID-19 Procedures Document:

With the Stay at Home orders for Washington and Oregon coming to an end, there is a possibility that events will be able to be held. It was deemed that EDRA needed a document of recommendations and requirements to help ride managers during this time. Terry James supplied the template that Max Merlich created when it was a possibility that Grizzly Mtn. was going to happen. There was general agreement that all ride managers needed to have a plan in place that complies with current state and county standards in regards to distancing rules and COVID-19.

Some suggestions that were given during discussion were as follows:

There won't be a steward assigned for just COVID, but the acting Steward should be briefed on the state and local rules and recommendation.

Riders filling out their own vet cards and being provided a pen on a string for filling out the vet card.

All entries are to be done via pre-entry on the internet.

Packets to be made for all entrants as well as extra descriptions on Ride with GPS and making sure the tracks are posted well in advance. These packets should have all of the information that would usually be dispensed at the ride meeting.

Masks on volunteers and participants, with the possibility that the ride manager would need to keep extras on hand for those that are not compliant.

Keeping the horse between the rider and everyone else effectively using the horse as a distancing tool.

So group meals.

There was discussion on reducing the number of Sani-cans. However it was pointed out that the Forest Service and DNR have minimum requirements on how many you must have on site, so limiting may not be possible. However cleaning the sani-cans twice a day with disinfectant is also a possibility.

Carol Giles has made a release document especially for COVID.

Susan Summers made a move to have Sandy Cheek and Cortney Honan write the document of COVID procedures. Julie Barnfather seconded. Motion Carried.

Kathleen Pillo moved to adjourn. Sandy Cheek seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm.

COVID Precautions:

1. Assign a "COVID Steward"
 - Can be EDRA Steward at an EDRA ride, if that steward agrees.
 - Responsible to uphold all of the COVID precautions before, during and after the ride.
2. Pre-entries only
 - No "day of" entries accepted.
3. Packets made for all entrants.
 - Completion awards in the packet. (Yes, that means everyone gets one.)
 - Packets includes: vet card in a ziplock bag, map of trails used by the distance the entrant plans to ride.
 - Instructions on how to add Ride with GPS to their phone.
 - Instructions on how to download ride tracks.
 - Complete list of Ride Camp Rules.
4. Make online post with ALL trails for all distances available for download through Ride with GPS.
 - Include instructions for downloading Ride with GPS app in smartphones. 3
5. "Local" riders will be requested to not camp at the ride site. They will be asked to pre-enter, show up ride day, and leave after their last vet check, if the horse is cleared for transport.
6. NO MEETINGS
 - If a person has a specific question of ride management, or vets, they must approach alone and maintain 6' rule.
7. Vet check protocol
 - Ride Veterinarians will retain all of the rider vet cards for the duration of the ride.
 - Maybe have a duplicate card for out checks?
 - Maybe for the riders w/out checks, place the card in a ziplock bag and have the rider transport the card but not handle it.
 - Riders/crew person and horses will maintain 6' distancing in vet lines.
 - 6' marking will be done by ride management so the 6' line is consistent.
 - All riders will approach the veterinarians with a face mask on.
8. Riders will be responsible for bringing their own masks to the ride and having them available on their person at all times.
 - All riders/crew will stay on the opposite side of the horse from the veterinarian during vet check presentation.
 - All riders and horses will be required to spend their vet check in their individual camps on "in camp" holds.
 - All rides and crews will be required to maintain 6' rule while at "out checks".
9. No meals provided by ride management.
 - Possible boxed lunches, but no "banquet" type meal.
10. Hand sanitizer will be provided at the vet check and near registration area for riders and vets.
11. Out check protocols
 - Open for discussion