

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF EQUINE DISTANCE RIDING ASSOCIATION
Zoom Meeting February 2, 2021**

Pursuant to notice, the meeting of Equine Distance Riding Association was held via Online Zoom Meeting on February 2, 2021. At 7:03 pm PST President Kathleen Pilo called the meeting to order. Directors present were Vice President Guy Cheek, Past President Terry James, Susan Summers, Julie Barnfather, Sandy Cheek, Cortney Honan, Robin Cozby, Jillane Baros, Amy McKenna and Margie Thorngren. Quorum was achieved. Guests were Sue McLain, Carol Giles, Deliene Sellers, Rhonda Guiliford and Alex Gesheva.

Secretary Report:

The minutes of the November 8th, 2020 and September 24th, 2020 meetings were emailed to the board members prior to the meeting. *Moved by Terry and seconded by Kathleen Pilo to accept minutes as written. Motion carried.*

Treasurer Report:

Julie will finish cleaning up the books for 2020 before handing them over to the new Treasurer Amy McKenna. Julie examples of the things that Julie cleaned up were, assigning the EDRA trailer as an asset, then recategorizing the expenses for fixing up the trailer, questions about swag inventory \$740, going thru all transactions and making sure they were assigned to the appropriate places. There were a lot of receipts missing, going forward, no one will be reimbursed until they have provided a receipt. End of December \$38,000 in checking. Accumulatively EDRA has acquired \$9,000 of equipment, Julie noted that the quantity of these items needs to be tracked in the equipment account in Quickbooks. Mary and Anna Memorial Fund doesn't have a separate bank account, Sue McLain has done a fabulous job keeping track of it, currently the fund has \$9,563.27. Sue McLain estimated that based on the amount of kids taking advantage of the program the fund was going to need between \$8,000 and \$10,000. Julie also noted that our revenue and expenses for 2020 comparatively look pretty good especially considering that we had no rides for 2020. Alex Gesheva asked about whether or not the Mary & Anna Memorial funded was endowed. Julie explained that it is not, however we treat it in our books like you would an endowed fund. *Guy Cheek moved to accept the treasurer's report, Sandy Cheek seconded. Motion carried.*

Membership Report:

Sue Summers noted that there are more members than average for this time of the year. This has been credited to people wanting to participate in EDRA in Motion. Usually, this time of the year there are about 70 members, right now there are 90 members. Sue also added that membership numbers always spike right before the first ride of the year as people sign up for the first ride of the year and membership at the same time.

New Business:

Rules Review Changes:

Sue McLain thanked Sandy Cheek, Carol Giles and Deliene Sellers for their input and help with the rules review this year. Having a new member like Deliene on the team was a huge help as she noted things that are easily missed.

No changes to rules 1 thru 3.

Rule 4, the team could not easily find the reciprocity agreement with other organizations. Should a template be made?

No changes in rules 5 thru 9.

Rule 10, if the head veterinarian has a family member participating in the ride, we don't want to put that veterinarian in a perceived conflict of interest. They are not allowed to perform the best-in-class judging is the official rule now. We have not yet had issues with this, however it seemed prudent to clarify the rules surrounding this situation.

No changes in rules 11 and 12.

Rule 13 there are no refunds for annual dues. Last year an annual dues paying member requested a refund, when the rules were examined it was noted that we did not have a rule about whether or not a refund was allowed. Also a clarification on when you can change your weigh division when you are a lifetime member. This must be done before the first ride of the year.

No changes in rules 15 thru 18.

Rule 19 the Test Your Mettle Relay rules were clarified on what happens when one person feels sick and wants to withdraw. The rule is that the horse must be examined.

Rule 20 A, B and C the only changes were that the criteria were defined for what the various types and qualifications for veterinarian. 20.F, allows a ride veterinarian to list the reason for why a horse has been pulled on the ride card instead of just the head vet.

No changes for rules 21 thru 28

Rule 29 said that on an annual basis a list service champions will be listed. A reluctance to be recognized for volunteer hours has been noticed. The posting of the list of service champions is no longer in the rule.

Julie made a motion to approve the rule changes as presented with revisions as intended, Jillane Baros seconded. Motion carried.

Zoom & Board of Directors Meeting Schedule:

Zoom subscription is currently thru Terry's personal account. He recommends that EDRA buys a subscription. *Sandy Cheek moved to accept, Guy Cheek seconded. Motion carried.*

Kathleen wants to set a schedule for all BOD meetings for the year of 2021. This does not have to be figured out now but will be figured out by next Wednesday February 10th via email.

New Members Sign up at Rides:

Kathleen wants to provide the ability for new members to join at rides, instead of waiting until they go home and sign up online. There was general approval for this to be available at rides.

PNER Handbook Mary & Anna Fund Advertisement:

EDRA would pay for an ad for the fund, in the PNER handbook in addition to explaining to everyone who Mary & Anna were. There will be 2 rides in 2021 that will help fund the Memorial Fund. *Julie Barnfather moved to approve spending \$125 on the ad, Amy McKenna seconded. Motion carried.*

Reciprocity Agreements:

The agreement we have with ERABC so that if someone is and EDRA member and you participate in a ERABC ride that the miles count in EDRA. There was some interesting wording regarding points. The question is should the rules committee put together a template for agreements with other organizations. What should miles and rides done in other organizations count towards awards, and should it be certified? The worry is that points awarded to people not attending EDRA rides will enable people that don't participate in EDRA events to win awards in EDRA without attending EDRA rides. Jillane suggested agreements with other regional clubs to help encourage developing ride managers in other areas of the United States. Agreements should only be made with organizations that we trust all miles are verified. All organizations will need to pass a vetting process for reciprocity agreements. A template will be made, discussions will continue on which organizations we would like to have an agreement with.

Also the template will be applied to our verbal reciprocity agreement that we have with the Ride & Tie Organization. Ride & Tie is providing funding to rides that have a ride & tie. Sue will send out that information to all the ride managers to apply.

Next meeting Sophia McKee will have a report on the Youth of Color Scholarship and endowing of Mary and Anna Fund.

Julie Barnfather moved to adjourn. Terry James seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:51pm.