

MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF
EQUINE DISTANCE RIDING ASSOCIATION
Zoom Meeting September 24, 2020

Pursuant to notice, the meeting of Equine Distance Riding Association was held via Online Zoom Meeting on September 24, 2020. At 7:06 pm PST, President Terry James called the meeting to order. Directors present were President Terry James, Susan Summers, Julie Barnfather, Margie Thorngren and Sandy Cheek. Quorum was achieved. Guests were Sue McLain and Cortney Honan.

Secretary Report

The minutes of the June 18, 2020 meeting were posted on the web prior to the meeting. *Moved by Sandy Cheek and seconded by Kathleen Pillo to accept the minutes as written. Motion carried.*

Treasurer Report:

Julie Barnfather is filling in as interim treasurer while a new treasurer is being trained. Amy McKenna has volunteered as the next Treasurer. Julie will be doing the work of vetting and preparing Amy for the role. EDRA will be transitioning to use Quickbooks Online, Julie received the Quickbooks file and was able to pull reports. The books are reconciled to the end of August.

As of 9/23:

Bank Balance \$32,509.56

Revenue \$7,284

Expenses \$4,574

Net Profit \$2,409.07

Mary & Anna Memorial Fund \$5,268.27

Julie noted that we needed to do an inventory of the swag that is in the EDRA horse trailer, which is currently in Terry James driveway. It was noted that the total cost of the EDRA horse trailer needs to be set as an asset and the purchase price plus its costs needs to be accounted for differently in the books. Julie had some questions about the awards expense on whether all the expense belongs in one year or if there were awards left over to be used in the next year. It was also noted that Siri Olsons membership was officially refunded, and she is no longer a member. *Motion to accept Treasurer's report as read made by Sandy Cheek. Seconded by Margie Thorngren. Motion carried.*

Membership Report:

Currently there are 120 members, 20 new members that are brand new. Sue Summers contacted the members that did not renew for 2020 and she got the unanimous answer that since there are now rides, they didn't renew. Membership for 2021 will be open in November. Sue Summers and Sue McLain are looking at the website to clean it up a bit and add a donation page.

New Business

EDRA Endorsement Document: Instructions for how to go about having a ride endorsed by EDRA. This was emailed to the Board of Directors prior to the meeting. Terry opened the floor for comments and suggestions on the document. Julie Barnfather suggested that we should add an option to apply online. As well as moving the deadlines to the top of the document vs the end of the document. *Motion to accept with changes made by Sandy Cheek. Seconded by Julie Barnfather.*

2020 Awards Program: Sue McLain's recommendation that we cancel the 2020 Awards program with the exception of the following awards: Auli Farwa Lifetime Achievement, Lifetime Rider Mileage Award, Raymond Blur 100 Award, 100 Mile Youth Rider Achievement and the Wayfarer Award. These are all lifetime awards and it is possible that people could have gone to one of the two rides held this year or a British Columbia ride where a reciprocity agreement exists and achieved one of these awards in 2020. *Julie Barnfather made a motion to accept the proposal to eliminate the awards except for those outlined for the 2020 season. Kathleen Pillo seconded. Motion carried.*

2021 Awards Points: Sue McLain was looking for guidance from the Board on whether or not we should change the points system for 2021. It was suggested in February 2020 by a member that we should take a look at the distance multiplier in the points calculations. Sue changed the number and applied it to the 2019 standings to see if there was a significant difference in who placed where. She reported no change to the top riders, only changes between 7th thru 10th place. Sue is bringing this to the Board's attention and asking what she should do next. The Board unanimously agreed that since it didn't seem to make a difference there was no need to pursue this farther.

EDRA in Motion 2020: Sue McLain prepared a budget for the EDRA in Motion 2020 Awards. The biggest question is whether or not the program will be continuing for 2021. If it is continuing on then it would be more cost effective to buy in bulk for multiple years. It was decided that there will be a 2021 EDRA in Motion. Sue asked for a budget of \$1000 for 2020 EDRA in Motion Awards. *Motion to approve \$1000 for EDRA in Motion 2020 awards made by Julie Barnfather. Margie Thorngren seconded. Motion carried.*

Mary & Anna Memorial Fund: Based upon the amount of ride managers that have used the program and the amount of juniors that are riding, the Mary and Anna Memorial Fund will need to raise between \$8,000 and \$10,000 for the 2021 ride season assuming that there will be approximately 60 rides in the PNER Region. Discussion followed regarding other ways of fundraising, including asking other rides to donate beside the main Mary & Anna Memorial Ride. The conclusion was that this is something the Board should keep in mind and it needed more discussion later.

Elections: Terry proposed to have the elections in November and have the officers start on January 1st. However, a membership vote on this change would be required. It was decided that it was too short of notice to change this for the 2021 election. The dates for the 2021 election was set for January 16th – January 23rd 2021.

Youth of Color Scholarship: There is a question on whether or not the FAQ document that the Board developed should be posted on the website. *Kathleen Pillo made a motion to vote on this issue. Sandy Cheek Seconded. Motion Carried. Vote five in favor, one opposed.*

Sandy Cheek proposed the formation of a committee for the Youth of Color Scholarship, to decide how it will look and function in the upcoming year. The ask for members to participate will be sent out via an email to the membership. *Kathleen Pillo made a motion to form a committee for the Youth of Color Scholarship. Margie Thorngren seconded. Motion carried.*

Sandy Cheek moved to adjourn. Julie Barnfather seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:43pm.