

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF  
EQUINE DISTANCE RIDING ASSOCIATION  
Zoom Meeting January 18, 2022**

Pursuant to notice, the meeting of Equine Distance Riding Association was held via Online Zoom Meeting on January 18, 2022 at 7:00 pm PST President Kathleen Pillo called the meeting to order. Directors present were Vice President Guy Cheek, Secretary Cortney Honan, Board Members Julie Barnfather, Sue Summers, Sandy Cheek, Robin Burns and Jillane Baros. Guests Carol Giles, Jennifer Kaplan, Holly Haddenham, Rhonda Guilford, Bonnie Girod and Sue McLain. Quorum was achieved.

**Secretary Report:**

The November 11, 2021 meeting minutes were sent out in advance of the meeting. There were too many errors however to approve them. It was decided approval would be done later over email.

**Treasurer Report:**

In advance of the meeting Julie Barnfather sent the Board a final 2021 Profit & Loss as well as a 2021 Final Balance Sheet. Things of note from those documents was annual dues are down \$1800. Its suspected COVID-19 was a major factor, but the board should discuss ways to bring up annual dues. Overall total revenue was over \$30,000 between riding fees, membership fees and public support. Currently the account has approximately \$45,000. Terri Powell volunteered to be appointed as the new treasurer. She was asked to send a resume in for review. *Sandy Cheek moved to accept the treasurers report as stated seconded by Jilane Baros. Motion passed.*

**Youth Championship:**

The Youth Championship is a new team event that is for the Youth of EDRA to participate in towards the end of the ride season. The premise is that the youth will ride on teams to help each other complete together. Discussion for where and when to hold the event were brought up. It was suggested that it be held at Sand Canyon on Sunday. Sand Canyon ride management will need to be consulted. Kathleen plans to reach out to Kristen Grace the Pacific Northwest Endurance Rides President for seeing if that organization would be willing to count the youth's miles for the event. Also encouraging Kristen to help PNER form a youth team to enter as well. Sue McLain noted that of the 50 youths that used the Mary & Anna Memorial Fund very few were a member of any endurance organization. Carol Giles and Jennifer Kaplan plan to have a more cemented plan by the middle of February.

**Big Sky Memorial Ride:**

Bonnie Girod plans to have a ride in Libby, MT. She has decided that it not be an EDRA club ride. She has started the EDRA endorsement process and was advised to submit the entire the entirety of the trail system she is using to the forest service so it will be easier for her to plan her loops. There was general excitement over this new ride being added to EDRA's calendar.

**Rules Review:**

Sue McLain sent the rules recommendations in early January 2022 in advance of the meeting so Board members had time to review them. In the meeting she provided a summary of the changes made. Most of the changes were to clarify the current rules with more clear language. These changes were brought about by notes taken by the Stewards. It is recommended by the Rules Review Committee that the Board give the President the ability to finalize the reciprocity agreement with ERABC provided that the agreement follows the basic intent of the draft that was sent to the Board. This is so if an agreement is reached before the first ride of the season the document can be implemented without having to conduct a Special Board meeting. Second recommendation is for the Board to review membership fees in the fall before the beginning of the year, so that member communications can be streamlined. It is recommended that the membership fee be reviewed in a board meeting in October every year. That way allowing members to join in December won't be charged a different due amount. Last recommendation from the Rules Review Committee is EDRA is five years old, it is beneficial for the board to review all of the things EDRA has to offer. Then to go through and decide which programs and offerings are helping to further EDRA's goals and mission. It is felt that this is beyond the scope of the Rules Review Committee whose purpose is to clean up and streamline the rules. It was suggested this could be discussed at the AGM meeting in March. *Guy Cheek moved to accept the rules committee recommendations seconded by Jilane Baros. Motion Passed.*

**2022 Drug Sampling:**

Seven rides are anticipated for the 2022 ride season. We usually test at least 25% of the rides in the season which means that only two events will be tested for this season. The 25% testing rate was a recommendation of United States Equestrian Federation. Usually EDRA test three rides in the season however due to Renegade ride site being destroyed by fire there is one less ride in the 2022 ride season. *Julie Barnfather moved to test two rides in the 2022 season, seconded by Sandy Cheek. Motion Passed. Guy Cheek moved to appoint Rhonda Guilford as the Drug Testing Coordinator, seconded by Kathleen Pillo. Motion Passed.*

**EDRA Volunteer Positions:**

Guy Cheek reviewed all of the volunteer positions EDRA has to be filled. Safety Coordinator, Concussion Protocol, Safe Sport Compliance and COVID Protocol have been vacant for a while. The ride Steward program also covers Safety so we do not need a safety coordinator. *Julie Barnfather moved to eliminate the Safety Coordinator, Concussion Protocol and COVID Protocol committee head positions and shift those responsibilities onto the Board seconded by Guy Cheek. Motion Passed.*

**Trout Lake Conference Report:**

In advance of the meeting Guy Cheek sent a proposed agenda and budget to the Board. The highlights are as follows Laura Waitt Wolker will be talking on Friday and Saturday, a board meeting on Friday. Kristine Hanes and Celena Pentrack are the Clinicians. Saturday night there will be an AGM Meeting. Sunday a trail ride will be provided. Kelsey Corey will be doing body clipping for a fee. A change in the fees was suggested starting with a corral fee of \$25, member

with horse increased to \$125, member without a horse increased to \$75, Non youth with a horse decreased to \$55 and automatically add them as a member and Non-Member with a horse increased to \$175. It was agreed that each clinician session to be set to a one hour and fifteen minutes. The facility fee is due as soon as possible in the sum of \$2,200. *Guy Cheek moved to approve the payment of the facility fee with a follow up of an edited budget. Kathleen Pillo seconded. Motion passed.*

Jilane Baros suggested that we try to have the blood machine at conference and possibly have more people trained on how to use it. Kathleen will reach out to Carlene Benson to find out if that is possible.

An official award budget still hasn't been approved. There was discussion on how to determine how much to approve. Sandy Cheek asked Julie Barnfather to reach out to Holly Haddenham to explain how to reimburse for awards. It was suggested that \$1500 be approved at \$50 per award. If Holly needs more than that a special Board meeting will be called.

### **New Business**

Kathleen asked that the heads of all the committee's send her a summary of what was accomplished in 2021.

Sandy Cheek noted that the Diversity Committee has struggled to connect with the targeted group they were aiming for. She found a scholarship organization called OH YES. They provide scholarships to underprivileged youth. Sandy was seeking approval of the board to continue to pursue the scholarship and gather more information. *Julie Barnfather moved for Sandy to pursue a partnership with OH YES as described without any financial commitments yet. Seconded by Guy Cheek. Motion passed.*

*Sandy Cheek moved to adjourn at 9:15pm. Kathleen seconded. Meeting adjourned.*