

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF
EQUINE DISTANCE RIDING ASSOCIATION
Zoom Meeting February 22, 2023**

Pursuant to notice, the meeting of Equine Distance Riding Association was held via Online Zoom Meeting on February 22, 2023 at 7:06 pm PST President Martha Graham called the meeting to order. Directors present were Vice President Arielle Blume-Bonney, Secretary Cortney Honan, Board Members Julie Barnfather, Julie James, Kathleen Pillo, Katie Daley and Robin Burns. Guests Sue McLain, Sandy Cheek and Rhonda Guilford. Quorum was achieved.

Introductions:

Martha Graham gave a brief introduction of herself to the board and introduced her Vice President Arielle Blume-Bonney. Arielle gave a brief introduction and expressed her excitement for her new role. Martha then asked to meet the new Board of Directors members.

Secretary Report:

November 23, 2022 meeting minutes were sent prior to the meeting and reviewed. *Jillane Baros moved to approve the minutes. Robin Burns seconded. Motion passed.*

Treasurer Report:

Julie Barnfather provided as stand in treasurers for the report. Total cash \$54,422, swag inventory \$816 (stickers and hats). Sandy Cheek has the inventory and plans to get together with the treasurer to reconcile what is there at the EDRA Conference. Mary & Anna Memorial Fund is \$17,244.31 which will continue to support the fund for the 2023 ride season.

Membership Report:

Sue McLain gave the report. Of the eighty people who have renewed for 2023 seven of them are brand new members.

EDRA Conference:

Sandy Cheek sent a budget to the Board prior to the meeting. Some items of note were the increase of \$10 from \$125 to \$135 for members with a horse. This was to cover the cost of horse board, dinner for the member, payment to the clinicians. Kathleen Pillo made a point that the spots for participants will sell out fast and it would be good to increase prices. After some discussion it was decided that members with a horse will be charged \$150, members without horse \$100, Member Youth with horse \$75, Member Youth without horse \$30, Non-member with horse \$200, Non-Member without horse \$125. It was proposed to also add an extra horse fee \$25. Through discussion it was decided that registration will be available to current members first on the 23rd, after two to three days registration will be open everyone. Jillane made a statement that there are no refunds on entries, however they are transferrable to other people to be worked out between those parties. Sandy Cheek asked for a motion to approve the budget with changes. *Jillane Baros moved to approve the budget. Arielle Blume-Bonney seconded the motion.*

Rules Review:

Sue McLain said the majority of the rules were just clarification and cleaning up language. She sent all of the changes to the board via email ahead of time. The exception was youths who are of an age to ride unaccompanied. The rules committee created a new category for these youths. The process to become an unaccompanied youth is as follows:

Youth Riders between the ages of 14 and 17 may ride unaccompanied if the following steps are taken and after approval is officially granted by the EDRA Vice President:

- Documentation is provided by the parent/legal guardian to the EDRA Vice President 14 or more days in advance of the desired effective date. The documentation must reflect and indicate:
 - o The Youth has completed 500 miles or more, at comparable distance competitions of at least 50 miles in distance; and
 - o The parent/legal guardian consents that the EDRA provision, requiring Youth be accompanied by an adult, need not be followed for their child.
- The Vice President reviews and verifies the provided information meets the age and experience requirements.
- The Vice President communicates approval or denial of the request to the parent/legal guardian. If approved, the Vice President issues an effective date that the child becomes eligible to ride unaccompanied to both the parent/legal guardian and affected EDRA volunteers.

If a youth goes thru this process mid-season the Unaccompanied Youth will be in two divisions for awards, one for Youths for the rides they rode before they were approved and their weight division as an adult. In subsequent years the youth will always be in their weight division as an adult.

Jillane Baros moves to approve the rule changes as submitted. Julie Barnfather seconded. Motion Passed.

Sue McLain presented to the Board that Rhonda Guilford who was the Drug Testing Coordinator in 2022 continue to perform her duties in 2023.

Deliene Sellers moves to approve Rhonda Guildford as the 2023 Drug Testing Coordinator. Julie Barnfather seconded. Motion Passed.

EDRA has in years past always drug tested 25% of our rides. The rules committee recommends that two events and three horses per event be tested in 2023.

Arielle Blume-Bonney moved to approve the drug testing schedule as proposed. Julie Barnfather seconded. Motion Passed.

Julie Barnfather moved to adjourn at 8:51. Jillane Baros seconded. Meeting adjourned.