

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF  
EQUINE DISTANCE RIDING ASSOCIATION  
Zoom Meeting November 23, 2022**

Pursuant to notice, the meeting of Equine Distance Riding Association was held via Online Zoom Meeting on November 23, 2022 at 7:05 pm PST President Kathleen Pillo called the meeting to order. Directors present were Vice President Guy Cheek, Secretary Cortney Honan, Board Members Julie Barnfather, Sandy Cheek, Susan Summers, Terry James and Jillane Baros. Guest Sue McLain. Quorum was achieved.

**Secretary Report:**

August 16, 2022 meeting minutes were sent prior to the meeting and reviewed. *Jillane Baros moved to approve the minutes. Guy Cheek seconded. Motion passed.*

**Treasurer Report:**

Julie Barnfather provided as stand in treasurers for the report. At the end of October there was a cash balance of \$52,000. Revenue in 2022 was \$22,305 vs in 2021 revenue was \$26,797. There is a general trend of expenses and revenue going down from 2021 to 2022. Overall, there were less club rides in 2022 than 2021 which affects revenue. Net revenue for 2022 was \$5,456.

**Elections:**

There haven't been any volunteers for new BOD Members or to run for President and Vice President. It was determined that the election couldn't run December 6<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> 2022. Sandy put forth Julie James, Bonnie Girod, Shayne Russell and Deliene Sellers as potential Board of Director candidates. Cortney put forth Kelsey Corey. Julie Barnfather suggested Arielle Blume-Bonney. These EDRA members will be contacted and invited to run for the Board. *Julie Barnfather moved the election be moved to Wednesday January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023 to January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Sandy Cheek seconded. Motion passed.*

**Youth Championship:**

The last this topic was brought to the board it was decided it's a good idea, however it never went further. Kathleen Pilo brought up that it's a lot to get off the ground and that includes alterations to the rules to allow for the special circumstances that would allow the event to happen. In addition it either needs to run as a standalone or be run on a ride weekend which involves asking ride managers to further burden themselves. EDRA would be good organization for this event however currently there are not enough resources to commit to it. Sandy Cheek pointed out that Sue Summers has been doing a lot of work with USEF that already has a robust Youth program. She suggested that EDRA maybe focus on fostering that. For now, the topic of an EDRA Youth Championship will be tabled.

**Rules Review:**

Sue McLain said that the committee is looking into options about unaccompanied youth rules for youth that are almost adults and have substantial miles. Sandy Cheek brought up that there

is discussion on putting into the rules procedures on competitors that ask for special exemption for banned therapies and substances. For example, a horse that takes Pergolide for Cushings has been allowed. The question is do we want to continue to be silent on these issues or put them into the rules so EDRA has clear guidelines for Stewards at rides. Both discussions are being compared to other equine associations for accuracies and ideas.

#### **Test Your Mettle Relay:**

Sue Summers wants to the know if EDRA should continue offering them. There is low participation due to people wanting to concentrate on PNER points. Ideas were floated on how to increase participation for 2023.

#### **EDRA in Motion:**

Sue McLain is getting started with 2023 EDRA in Motion sign ups. She was asking the Board on whether or the program should continue. *Jillane Baros moved that the program be continued. Julie Barnfather seconded the motion. Motion passed.*

#### **EDRA Conference Update:**

Everything is set up for the Conference at the Kittitas Fairgrounds. Celena Pentrack and Kristine Hanes are slated to be the trainers for the 2023 Conference. Cortney Honan suggested that people who run alternative therapies could be approached to give talks and demonstrations.

#### **Mary & Anna Memorial Fund:**

Sue McLain has not had a chance to reconcile the account. Started the year with 12,000 donations of around 7,500 most of which was from the PNER Raffle. There was not as much money for ride proceeds from Trout Lake 100 and the Mary & Anna Memorial. Pay outs for the year were about \$6,000. Which let to the fund being in the plus of \$13,000. It is estimated that if there are not many donations next year there is only two years' worth of money to fund PNER's youth. Kathleen Pilo volunteered to contact the PNER leadership.

*Jillane Baros moved to adjourn at 8:24. Guy Cheek seconded. Meeting adjourned.*