

SOUTHEAST DISTANCE RIDER'S ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: June 23, 2007 **Location:** Livestock Pavilion, Ocala
Called to Order: 2:05 pm by president RuthAnn McMahon

Attending:

RuthAnn McMahon – President
Carol Thompson – Awards Secretary
Caren Stauffer – Treasurer
Jackie Baker – Director
Jean Shaw – Director
Nan Soistman – Director
Roxanne Ciccone – Alternate Director
Kim Huck – Alternate Director

Attending (cont'd):

John Shaw – Alternate Director

Absent:

Bany Cranmer – Corresponding Secretary
Maris Ramsay – Ride Secretary
Chrissy Poole – Director
Marissa Poole – Jr. Director

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the last annual meeting were included in the program & read by the membership. Motion from the floor to accept minutes was passed.

Treasurer's Report:

- Treasurer's report was included in the program & read by the membership. Total income for the year is \$13,705 with total expenses of \$11,840 resulting in net income of \$1,865. The combined bank balance of both accounts was \$10,534.
- Ride managers fee has been lowered from \$150 to \$125 which includes one additional insured. \$25 will be added for each additional insured party.
- 2007-08 Budget will remain essentially the same.
- Motion made & passed to approve Treasurer's Report

Committee Reports:

- Protest Committee: No protests were filed for the second year running.
- Sanctioning Committee: There were 14 endurance and 6 CTR's sanctioned last season including 2 new CTR's & one new endurance. Upcoming year has 9 planned CTR's, 16 endurance rides, with return of some old rides plus a few new ones, including some out of state. Carol Thompson reminded members to volunteer for at least one ride.
- Rules: Carol Thompson reminded the membership that the rule books are online. She can provide a hard copy to anyone who needs one. Ride managers will continue to receive a hard copy in their sanctioning packet. There are several new rule proposals this year.
- Publicity: Website has been updated again & is constantly being improved. Not only are now we co-sanctioning many AERC rides, we are reaching out to increase membership through Horse & Pony, many other Fla publications, & as many breed associations as we can. We would like to keep the mentor's list updated, please let Caren know if you would like to be a mentor. Now have a Ride Managers' Resource. Would like to improve ride results posting, add Driving information, Trail information, etiquette & safety. We will hold a cover contest for the directory again next year.
- Membership: Currently we have 203 members compared to last year at 199. Ruthann brought

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up Honorary Membership, which is a lifetime membership. We currently have 3, Carol Thompson, Eileen Cornwell, & Tom Hamilton, who were co-founders of SEDRA. 2/3 of the membership must vote to approve honorary memberships. This year, Rob Thompson was nominated. The membership voted overwhelmingly to approve.

- Drug Testing: All CTR's turned in their drug testing & no violations were found. The chain of custody form is found on the website. Questions from the floor were raised on the cost per blood sample, which is \$110. Also from the floor was a question on how the random sample is chosen. One ride manager offered that at her ride, 4 samples are pulled & numbered, then a non-riding volunteer chooses one. At Maggie's Gallivant, all 4 samples were sent in & the lab randomly chose one to test. Rules state that 10% of horses entered should have blood pulled.
- Appeals Committee: No appeals have been filed.
- Trails Committee:
 - Mounting blocks – SEDRA has mounting blocks available that can be installed at any trailheads where the land manager will allow them.
 - SEDRA is actively helping to organize public work & cleanup days for public trails. SEDRA members will get volunteer miles for working these.
 - SETC (Southeast Equestrian Trails Conference) – Helen Koehler reported that the 2007 conference will be in Knoxville in July. 2008 will be held in Charleston, SC, 2009 will be in Gainesville, Florida. Federal trails administrators will be piggybacking with SETC in 2009, there will be many well organized organizations attending such as IMBA (International Mountain Biking Association). Equestrians must become more organized in order to preserve our use of trails. A Florida chapter of Back Country Horsemen, a nationally recognized organization, was recently formed which is a step in the right direction.
 - Jackie Baker & Kim Huck attended a SCORP meeting where it was recognized that equestrians need to unite, organize, & voice their comments to officials.
- Rule Changes:

Process for recommending rule changes was discussed. Any member can recommend a rule change to the BOD, who will discuss the request & if approved, will write a proposed change which is presented to the general membership for a vote.

- Helmet rule – requires that all riders wear approved helmets at all times when mounted or driving in a Competitive Trail event. Discussion was held on pros & cons, the penalty was discussed. Because the rule change is worded as mandatory, riders not adhering to the rule will be disqualified. Jodie Moore suggested that this rule be stated on the ride entry form.
- Fairness & Impartiality – Family members of judges may compete in Mileage Only, if MO is offered. Horses owned by judges or those where the judge has a financial interest, may only compete in MO where it is available. No discussion.
- Veterinarian Trail Judges – if the Trail judge is a veterinarian, they may score metabolics on their own score sheet. Discussion was held – Con: vet judge is **hired** to judge while lay judge is not, therefore it might take away from the hired judge's opinion. Pro: you have another opinion which gives more scoring criteria. Proposal was raised from the floor to do this as a trial year, membership voted to vote on permanent

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rule change.

- Riders' Declarations – Riders' should make declarations on the score sheet, the declarations will be verified by the judges. Discussion centered on where to write the declarations & whether anyone really looks at them.
- Mandatory 10 minute hold – remove word "optional". No discussion.
- Mandatory Hold of at least 20 minutes (TRIAL YEAR) – Pulse check at 10 min, add a metabolic safety check by the vet during the hold. Hold is added to total ride time. Con – do we need an extra 10 min on a 25 mile ride? Pro – it was offered that we've had as many metabolic problems on 25's as on longer distances, this is for the safety of our horses.
- Shorten 1-1/2 hr final exam time to 1 hr in extreme conditions – Discussion centered on common practice. The intent is to allow flexibility to shorten time to 1 hr with steward's approval.
- Sick or injured riders – substitute riders may complete the ride for the horse to receive mileage only. Pro – this might keep a rider from continuing to compete when they shouldn't. Con – this is a team sport & the team should complete.

BYLAWS (cleanup):

- BOD members must be members in good standing
- Committees
- BOD – allowing for another member if no junior is available, redefines directors & alternates
- Quorum – clarification of officers &/or directors
- Membership – clarification of day member fee

Old Business: None

New Business:

- Linda Gasparini gave a brief summary of the new driving division and explained that four rides have already agreed to open the rides up to driving. FHA's distance clinic has also been opened up to drivers. Distance driving clinic will also be held, probably in September.
- Maris is looking for a volunteer to take over transporting the scales to the rides.
- Special award nominations were read to the membership.
- *BOD Elections:* The nominees were read & introduced to the membership & nominations were taken from the floor. The new SEDRA Board of Directors were voted on, accepted and presented.
- *Rule Changes:* All Rule & Bylaws changes were approved by the membership.

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2007-2008 Board of Directors

Ruth Ann McMahon - President

Kim Huck - Vice President

Carol Thompson - Awards Secretary

Bany Cranmer - Corresponding Secretary

Maris Ramsey - Ride Secretary

Caren Stauffer - Treasurer

Jean Shaw - Director

John Shaw - Director

Julia Shewchuk - Director

Nan Soistman - Director

Brenda O'Donnell - Alternate Director

Cindi Moore - Alternate Director

Dot Gould - Alternate Director

Monique Rawson - Jr. Director

Meeting Adjourned: 4:15 pm

Next meeting: to be determined

Respectfully Submitted 8/15/2007,

Bany Cranmer, Corresponding Secretary

South Eastern Distance Riders Association
Treasurer's Report 2007-08
Income/Expense Summary

Jun '07 - May 08

Ordinary Income/Expense

Income

Advertising Programs	922.00
Award Programs	3,356.50
Educational Programs	2,108.50
Sanctioning Programs	1,280.00
SEDRA Membership	5,551.00
Trails Preservation	862.03

Total Income 14,080.03

Expense

Advertising Programs Expense	607.50
Award Program Expense	5,900.30
Educational Program Expense	1,676.56
Membership and Administrative	435.84
Sanctioning Program Expense	658.38
Trail Preservation Program	600.00

Total Expense 9,878.58

Net Ordinary Income 4,201.45

Other Income/Expense

Other Income

Interest Income 613.27

Total Other Income 613.27

Net Other Income 613.27

Net Income 4,814.72

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