

## SOUTHEAST DISTANCE RIDER'S ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

**Meeting Date:** July 11, 2009      **Location:** Paramount Plaza Hotel, Gainesville, FL  
**Called to** 1:00 pm by president Maris Ramsay  
**Order:**

### **Attending:**

Maris Ramsay - President  
Carol Thompson – Awards Secretary  
Bany Cranmer – Corresponding Secretary  
RuthAnn McMahon – Ride Secretary  
Caren Stauffer - Treasurer  
Butch Duvall - Director  
Brenda O'Donnell - Director

### **Attending (cont'd):**

Julia Shewchuck – Director  
Lindsay Campbell – Alternate Director  
Cindi Moore – Alternate Director

### **Absent:**

Kim Huck – Vice President  
Jean Basinai - Director  
Denise Secino – Alternate Director

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes from the last annual meeting were included in the program & read by the membership. No changes were noted. Motion to accept minutes was seconded & passed by acclamation.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

- Treasurer's report was included in the program & read by the membership. Total income for the year was \$11.6K with total expenses of \$12.9K resulting in net loss of \$700.
- Caren explained that any SETC profits would be donated to Florida Greenways & Trails Foundation. Income was lower mainly due to lower membership fees & fewer rides sanctioned.
- Motion made, seconded & passed by acclamation to approve Treasurer's Report

### **Committee Reports:**

- Protest Committee: No protests were filed for the fourth consecutive year.
- Sanctioning Committee: There are currently 20 endurance and 6 CTR's expected this season, 6 rides lower than the previous season. New rides sanctioned are GERA, River Rise, Greenway, Blazing Saddles. RuthAnn worked on many Southeast Ride Managers (RM's) to get SEDRA sanctioning – many of those RM's didn't realize what a great awards program we have. RuthAnn reminded our members to thank Ride Managers for sanctioning with SEDRA. There are currently 3 clinics planned... a Driving clinic is planned for Sept 5-6 at Renab Ranch with a 10 mile test ride; the FHA clinic is Sept 12-13, and another driving clinic is scheduled for Oct. 31 with Robin Groves. This is not a rookie clinic but Ms. Groves is also a riding instructor so riders are welcome for individual or group lessons. Sanctioned rides are FHA 25 at Doe Lake October 10-11, Spooktacular 25 at Renab Oct 24-25, Boggy Creek Nov 7-8, FHA 100 Feb 26-28 at Rocking Horse Ranch, Goethe Endurance Dec 19, 25-50-75-100. There are several planned rides whose sanctioning is pending.
- Rules Committee: The rules committee reviewed the rulebook and felt that reorganization may not be necessary. The floor recognized that an index might be needed. Nora Mask volunteered that she had an old rulebook that she could send to Maris as an example.
- Publicity: The website has also proven to be a highly successful & inexpensive form of advertising, we also advertise in Horse & Pony & distribute The Sentinel. We currently have 125 members on the Yahoo Chat Group, most of whom are not SEDRA members. Rachel King volunteered to help Caren set up a Facebook page & possibly Twitter. The membership is encouraged to advertise with local trail riding clubs – offer to speak at them. A standard presentation was prepared in the last couple of years, Carol Thompson has it – it may need some updating. Lindsay Campbell volunteered to be the contact for North Fla.
- Membership: Membership is down. Currently we have 170members compared to last year at 220, this year being made up of 133 families.
- Drug Testing: Five clean rides, one sample pulled but not sent to the lab.
- Appeals Committee: No appeals have been filed.
- Trails Committee:  
SETC (Southeast Equestrian Trails Conference) – Jackie's reported that the SETC was very good with great information & good contacts. She placed particular emphasis on the Ocala National Forest which needs a working inventory of currently used trails. They need the trails GPS'd & turned in to the state. Some of

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the historic Red trail will be lost to OHV use. Jackie is working with the Altoona Trail Riders. Please contact Jackie or Maris for email info. The more trails we can get marked & recorded, the more we can keep. We are working on a volunteer service agreement so that we can get authorization to help maintain the trails at ONF. FOSF (Friends of Florida State Forests) can accept donations with an earmark for a particular state forest. Some SETC participants visited RO Ranch which is a possible future ride site. It has a very nice campsite area but the trails may be wet. Others visited a manure to gas plant in Ocala as well as another manure compost facility. It was reported that the Greenway recently traded some land for a nuclear power plant for an old RR bed to the Gulf.

- A new trail is to be opened at Watermelon Pond, 8 mi north of Bronson.
- SEDRA mounting blocks were distributed for public access trailheads.
- A motion was made, discussion ensued, a vote taken & passed for SEDRA to join the American Horse Council.
- Driving Committee: The driving division is really taking hold. Everyone is encouraged to persuade Ride Managers to hold rides where the trails are cart-friendly.
- FHA Report: New officers have been elected. Some of the annual rides & clinics have been scheduled (mentioned above). A new FHA award, the Triple Crown, has been developed where an FHA member (rider) rides 3 FHA rides for a Year End completion award, with a \$10 nomination fee. This is in addition to the Florida Cup, an east coast challenge – ride 3 east coast 100's – now you must ride the FHA 100 to win.
- **Old Business:**
  - Database: The basic design is complete & it is in testing. We will need volunteers to enter 25 years of back data.
  - 20 Minute Hold Rule: The rule change was explained, ballots were distributed, completed, & collected. Rule change passed.
  - Year End Awards: Juniors awards were previously based on rider's points while senior's awards were based on horse's points. Drivers division was totally separate. Decision was made that there will be a Junior, Senior and Driver Division based on rider points and a Overall Horse Division based on horse points. all horses can have more than one rider & all riders can ride more than one horse and still compete for year end awards.
  - Mileage Only Awards: A petition was made to add that a horse rider/driver eligible for any cash prizes based on score or placing can only compete at CTR in the Mileage Only division. If they choose not to ride the MO Division and compete for points/placing, the penalty for falsification is loss of mileage & completion for that ride.

### New Business:

- Committees: Use chat groups to get committee work done. Request that members get involved, with Caren as contact.
- SEDRA Steward Certification: Suggested an open book test with 3 year certification. After two years we will ask that all CTR's use certified Stewards.
- Special awards: Nominations were listed in the program, they were read and voted on by the membership.
- Bylaws: Articles IV and VIII were revised to allow our annual meeting to be held later in order to coincide with the SETC Conference.
- Randi Lavikoff Award: \$5K award was donated. Two annual awards were suggested in addition to annually sending a SEDRA member to a conference/seminar. SETC, AERC Trailmaster, AERC APEX were suggested, as well as any other distance riding or trail related educational seminar upon approval by Application, with a \$250 annual limit.
- Scorecards / Declaratrons: The Scorecard was reviewed with recommendations for how to declare exceptions.
- FEI Mileage: A motion was made & approved to allow mileage from FEI rides to be purchased & applied to SEDRA total mileage.
- NATRC Mileage: Discussion was held on purchasing NATRC mileage, however it was explained that NATRC CTR rules differ from SEDRA. **It is already in our rules that we allow NATRC... "Mileage from NATRC sponsored rides may count for life-time mileage, for a \$5 fee per ride or \$20 per season per rider".**

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SEDRA rules exclude mileage purchased from other Fla CTR's.

- Required Volunteering: A suggestion was made to require a minimum of volunteer hours to be a member in good standing. A committee was established to come up with the wording for requiring volunteering in order to be eligible for high point year end awards. Committee: Rachel King, Alex Marks, Lynn Young, Chris Littlefield & Jodie Moore.
- 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.

### 2008-2009 SEDRA Board of Directors

Maris Ramsey – President

Denise Secino – Vice President

Carol Thompson – Awards Secretary

Bany Cranmer – Corresponding Secretary

Ruth Ann McMahon – Ride Secretary

Caren Stauffer – Treasurer

Jean Basinais - Director

Butch Duval - Director

Cindi Moore – Director

Brenda O'Donnell – Director

Lindsay Campbell- Director

Rachel King – Alternate Director

Pat Thomas – Alternate Director

Cheri McDermott – Alternate Director

Meeting Adjourned: 3:37 pm

Next meeting: to be determined

Respectfully Submitted 9/19/2009,

Bany Cranmer, Corresponding Secretary

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Attachment:1:

## 2008-09 Rules – Rule Changes in shaded area, Page 1 of 2

Page Numbers – please refer to the Published set of Rules on our web site, [www.DistanceRiding.org](http://www.DistanceRiding.org)

### #1 Extend the Scheduled 20 Minute Hold Trial period to another year, to include the following changes.

1. Add in one Scheduled 20 minute Hold. The pulse check is to be held at 10 minutes. Anytime during the 20 minute rider/driver's equine must pass a metabolic safety check performed by a veterinarian; he/she may go to the equine. In the interests of safety, the vet should go to the Driver's equine.
2. The rider must check out with the timer before leaving the hold, leaving any hold early results in DQ per current rules.
3. 10 minutes shall be added to both the maximum and minimum ride times: maintaining a 45 minute ride window.
4. In case of extreme conditions, the Scheduled 20 minute hold may be shortened to 10 minutes. The steward and veterinarian must approve this change. The change must be announced uniformly to the riders.
5. Horses over parameters at the 10 minute check will be held in a Mandatory 10 minute hold, for a total hold of 30 minutes. 3 penalty points will apply to the score, and the 10 minutes will be given back at the end of the ride, per current rules. If the horse does not recover at the 2<sup>nd</sup> 10 minute hold, it will be pulled.

### #2 ARTICLE XII – RULES, Page 16

- A. The general voting membership shall have the final authority to maintain, alter or add to the Rules and Guidelines of SEDRA. Proposed rule changes must be submitted by any member of SEDRA in writing, original text to the Board of Directors, it is suggested to include a list of SEDRA Members' signatures supporting the proposal. All such proposed Rules and Guideline changes may be altered, amended or modified by the Board of Directors, to fit within SEDRA's governing rules and guidelines while maintaining the spirit of the sport, Competitive Trail Riding and Driving.
- B. The Board of Directors shall have a response to the proposal 30 days after the next scheduled Board Meeting.

### #3 Corrections and Rule Change to Judges A-D – Page 2 and Rule Change to Ride Personnel M 1-5. Page 4.

E. and 2a. Exception - Family members and/or horses in which Special Awards Judges have a financial interest may ride for full points but may not compete for special awards.

6 Under certain circumstances, such as illness or other emergency, Special Awards judging may be performed by a member of the ride management team; e.g., the Trail Judge.

### #4 Ride Personnel, Page 3

- A. **Ride Manager:** The Ride Manager carries out the duties of putting on a ride as outlined in the Ride Manager's packet. The Ride Manager oversees the functions of Ride Management, volunteers and Judges. Ride manager shall direct all rules questions, inquiries, and concerns to the SEDRA Steward and proceed accordingly.
- B. **Ride Steward:** A Ride Steward is required for all SEDRA sanctioned Competitive Trail Rides and/or drives. The SEDRA Steward functions as the enforcer of the rules and guidelines. The Ride Steward is responsible for discussing rule interpretations and clarifications with all affected parties. The Steward must file a report to the Sanctioning Secretary after each ride.

### #5 Examination And Judging Procedures D. Specifics of Initial Exam, Page 5.

2. Hydration includes examination of color and texture of mucous membranes, capillary refill time, jugular vein refill, skin tent/pinch and as a safety measure, gut sounds. Vet Judge will examine each equine and note results on scorecard.

### #6 AWARDS, Page 3. *The following rule addition/change may help increase attendance if RM utilize the MO option.*

- E. **Mileage Only Division-** At the discretion of Ride Management, there may be a Mileage Only Division. In this division, riders will have the option to complete for mileage only. Rider must notify Ride Management of their intention to use this option no later than ride check in. The procedure for Mileage Only is as follows: The rider will complete the competition under SEDRA rules/guidelines with the following exceptions:
  - a. At the end of the ride, after the equine is presented to the Veterinarian Judge for metabolics, the equine and rider will immediately proceed ONLY to the Trail Judge for THE final Post Ride Examination. If the equine is passed as fit to continue, the rider/equine will receive mileage only credit and will receive no points toward ride or year-end awards.
  - b. Any devices for protection of equine's legs (interference boots, bandages, etc) or boots are allowed

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### #7 Rider/Driving Related Issues Rule/Changes/Updates *for the safety and welfare of our riders, drivers and equines.*

#### Trails, Page 2.

- c. **Watering Areas** - There should be adequate watering places on the trail, at least 3 for a 25 mile ride. Water must be accessible to carts/drivers as well as riders. If natural watering places are not available, a water truck with riders' marked buckets must be available. Any unsafe water spots should be clearly marked and mentioned in pre-ride briefing.

#### Trail Conduct, Page 8.

- B. **Forward progress** may be maintained only if the rider/driver is mounted. Any rider/driver going off course, intentionally or otherwise, must return to the same point where he left the trail to continue, or such rider/driver will be disqualified. If a rider/driver becomes lost, he must return to the point at which he left the trail to resume the ride. There is no compensation for lost time. It is the responsibility of the rider/driver to stay on the correct trail.
  - 1. **EXCEPTION:** In the case of a lost shoe, a rider or driver may dismount and walk a equine with a shoe missing to the nearest area where the farrier can reach him. Time compensation for shoeing is limited to the actual number of minutes the farrier takes to replace the shoe or shoes if approved by ride management. Walking or waiting time will be at the rider's expense
  - 2. **Exception-Riders or Drivers** may dismount to cross a dangerous/hazardous obstacle on the trail. In the interest of safety, a driver may unhitch their horse(s) from the vehicle prior to going over the unsafe/dangerous obstacle, lead their horse(s) over/through the obstacle and re-hitch once safely across/through the obstacle.
- C. **Passing on the Trail:** Riders/Drivers should be courteous and warn other riders or drivers when passing is necessary. Safety, courtesy, and Good Sportsmanship are involved. This includes the equine passing and the equine being passed. A rider or driver should not pass in an unsafe area, the slower equine on the trail always yields to the faster equine

#### Finish Line Criteria, Page 10.

- 1. The last 1/4 (quarter) mile must be done at a brisk working trot or gaited equivalent.
- 2. Once the rider/driver is to the finish line, his/her finish time is recorded
- 3. The rider will go directly into a minimum 10 minute hold with water provided the same as at a water stop.
- 4. Drivers have 20 minutes, cart and harness may be removed in the holding area, or at camp/stall area as designated by ride management and must return immediately to the CRI area, for cooling off and water Drivers may use header assistance only to remove cart and un-harness.

#### Driving Rules, Addendum 5. Holds

- a. As the driver must care for his horse while hooked, drivers are allowed a header (or groom) for assistance in holding the horse either in the cart or on the ground.
- b. If the horse needs to be moved for any reason, the driver must be at the reins in the vehicle

South Eastern Distance Riders Association  
 Year End Treasurer's Report 2008-09

May 31, '09

SEDRA

	Actual Jun '08 - May 09	Budget	SETC Jun '08 - May 09
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>			
<b>Income</b>			
Advertising Programs	1,638	700	
Award Programs	1,875	3,125	
Educational Programs	2,330	1,150	
Sanctioning Programs	1,185	1,095	
SEDRA Membership	4,125	4,800	
SETC 2009		-	14,420
Trails Preservation	472	400	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 11,624</b>	<b>\$ 11,270</b>	<b>\$ 14,420</b>
<b>Expense</b>			
Advertising Programs Expense	1,891	1671	
Award Program Expense	6,760	5899	
Educational Program Expense	1,543	783	
Membership and Administrative	1,355	1352	
Sanctioning Program Expense	275	803	
SETC 2009 Expense		-	3,664
Trail Preservation Program	1,000	1000	
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$ 12,825</b>	<b>\$ 11,508</b>	<b>\$ 3,664</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>-1,200</b>	<b>-238</b>	<b>10,756</b>
<b>Other Income/Expense</b>			
Interest Income	250		
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>250</b>		
<b>Net</b>	<b>SEDRA \$ (950)</b>	<b>\$ (238)</b>	<b>\$ 10,756 SETC</b>

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