

Southeast Endurance Riders Association, Inc.
Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes – Zoom Meeting
January 31, 2022

Board Members Present

Sudi Lenhart
Lara Worden
Laurie Underwood
Amy Whelan
Patsy Gowen
Jack Price
Kathy Burnett
Shannon Thomason
Tamra Williams

Board Members - Not Present

Dana Reeder
Ike Nelson

Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Lara Worden at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 31, 2022.

Old Business

- Awards for the 2021 Ride Season – Lara Worden
 - There was no awards ceremony at the January 15, 2022 SERA convention which was cut short due to deteriorating weather at Amicalola Falls.
 - The awards were divvied up among Sudi Lenhart, Lara Worden and Laurie Underwood and they will be delivered to the winners at upcoming rides.
 - The winner of the Lawton Johnston award has not been announced and it will be presented to the winner at an upcoming ride.

- Blood Analyzer – Lara Worden
 - We started experiencing logistical issues with the blood analyzer:
 - Lara Worden often spent a significant amount of time tracking down the location of the blood analyzer and then trying to coordinate its delivery to a ride
 - We also had issues such as not having sufficient rotors on hand and lack of accountability for funds collected.
 - For a time the blood analyzer was in the possession of DeeDee Huff, who is one of the primary treatment veterinarians in the Southeast, however, DeeDee's schedule now makes it difficult for her to keep and use the blood analyzer as intended.
 - DeeDee Huff also reports that the current pricing schedule (\$50 per single use, \$45 per use if used in connection with treatment or \$40 per use if used multiple times) barely breaks even. In December 2021, DeeDee estimated that the cost of a single pull was \$40.
 - Lara now has the blood analyzer and it is available to any ride manager upon request, subject to the ability to get it delivered to the ride.
 - Sudi Lenhart – suggests that we email the ride managers and place the burden on them to request and run the blood analyzer at rides. Figuring out delivery logistics should be up to the requesting ride manager. (Note – the current sanctioning form explains the process to ride managers.)
 - Tamra Williams – offers to be the scheduling clearinghouse, but she cannot transport the blood analyzer to rides.

- Scales – Lara Worden
 - Tim Worden repaired the old set of wooden scales, tested them and confirmed they were fully functional and accurate.
 - Lara and Tim delivered the old scales to The Old Dominion at the Fort Valley ride
 - The cost to repair was approximately \$1,200 and the Old Dominion split the cost with us.
 - The old scales are the better set of scales as, despite the considerable amount of time and effort Duane Barnett put into coming up with an innovative and more portable set of scales, the new aluminum scales are not as durable or stable as the wooden scales.
 - Lara Worden – it was an excellent concept but the manufacturing process dragged on and Duane ended up picking up the scales after the manufacturer didn't deliver on his promises.

- Lara Worden – the new scales cost SERA approximately \$500.
- Tim Worden – the feet need to be replaced, the handles are badly bent, the aluminum scales will require rewelding and rewiring.
- Lara Worden – the mats used with the aluminum scales are very heavy and difficult to manage. Diane Connolly found mats for the old scales which are easier to manage.
- Tamra Williams – advises Tim Worden to purchase new mats.
- Tim Worden – is unable to weld aluminum and will have to hire the job out.
- Lara Worden – Tim will try to make as many repairs as possible to before the Sugarloaf ride at the end of February but at some point the Board will have to revisit this issue.

New Business

- New State Representatives and Board member – Lara Worden
 - Jane Larrimore stepped down as the Georgia representative. Shannon Thomason was appointed by Lara Worden to fill Jane's unexpired term in accordance with the Bylaws. This appointment was passed unanimously by the Board.
 - Kim Williams stepped down as the Florida representative. Kathy Burnett was appointed by Lara Worden to fill Kim's unexpired term in accordance with the Bylaws. This appointment was passed unanimously by the Board.
 - Kim Williams's departure as the Florida representative also left the Vice President's position vacant. Sudi Lenhart has agreed to serve as Vice President, which was approved by a vote of the members at the January 15, 2022 member's meeting.
 - SERA thanks Jane and Kim for their time and contributions to our Board.

- Fundraiser for SERA – Lara Worden
 - Lara Worden - asks if the Board wants to consider holding another fundraiser again, and if anyone would like to work with her on fundraising ideas.
 - Tamra Williams – suggests we conduct a fundraiser after the AERC Convention being held in Jacksonville in 2023. (Laurie Underwood notes that we will be unable to hold a fundraiser in Jacksonville as we do not want to have any conflict with AERC's activities).
 - Sudi Lenhart and Amy Whelan – will help with this in 2024, and Sudi will see if Stephanie Langfield will help out.
 - Donations
 - Tamra Williams has a new solar powered fence charger to donate.
 - Lara Worden received some items from Sarah Hunt.

- Renewals – Tamra Williams
 - Needs to wade through renewals and Paypal receipts and send lists of non-renewals to the State reps to remind them to renew prior to 3/1/2022.
 - Lara Worden – will go through her card stash. If she needs more reminder cards, she will have some printed.
 - Sudi Lenhart – got reminder cards through VistaPrint.

Laurie Underwood made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Jack Price and approved by a unanimous vote of the board members present.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m. by President Lara Worden.

Submitted by Laurie Underwood, Secretary