

**Redwood Empire Endurance Riders**  
**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Redwood Empire Endurance Riders**  
**March 9, 2022**  
**7:00 PM**

**Location of Meeting:**

Residence Of Tom Noll/Lynn Rigney  
880 Blue Slide Rd  
Ferndale, California

**Present at Meeting:** Tom Noll, Lynn Rigney, Jim And Donna Biteman, Maryanne Riley, Pam Peace, Berit Meyer, Dennis And Joyce Sousa.

**Absent from Meeting:** Board Member Natalie Herman

The regular meeting of the Redwood Empire Endurance Riders of Redwood Empire Endurance Riders was called to order at 7:05 PM on March 9, 2022 at Residence Of Tom Noll/Lynn Rigney by President Tom Noll.

**I. Approval of Agenda**

The agenda for the meeting was distributed and unanimously approved.

**II. Review of Previous Minutes**

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved.

**III. Consideration of Open Issues**

1. Ride Managers Closed Session

Tom Noll

1) Fee for Ride Manager's end of season to acknowledge efforts putting the Ride on. (Compensation or gift). To be reviewed after a year.

2) Need a budget for each Ride. (Including expenses) Ride managers are responsible for their Ride

3) Talked about cash advance for Rides, ie; awards etc.

4) Ride Managers need to meet to work on a spreadsheet for rides.

Out of Closed Session at 7:21.

General Meeting 7:22.

**IV. Consideration of New Business**

1. Ride Managers Expectations

Tom Noll

Tom shared that the Ride Season is starting and that Ride Managers need to submit a budget. After discussion, it was decided that cash advances would be available if needed or reimbursement after the ride to Ride Managers. It was decided that the Ride Manager is the focal point, is responsible for the Ride and their decision stands with full support of the Board.

It was also decided that Donna Biteman after volunteering would hold a Ride Manager's meeting to compile a spread sheet prior to the next scheduled meeting.

2. REER Ride Course

Board Discussion

It was decided that Ride Manager's need to keep prior years trail the same unless approved by the Board for all five Rides.

3. Encourage Participation In Club Rides

Tom Noll

Tom encouraged REER Members to look at the NASTAR website for ideas on giving award jackets or something else for doing all or a number of REER Rides in a Ride season.

4. Treasure Position

Tom Noll

This position is vacant at the time. After discussion it was decided that Jim Biteman would fill the Treasure position for one year and that during this time the Board would work on splitting the position into a Book Keeper and Treasurer position. The Book Keeper would not have to be a Board Member.

5. Limited Liability Corporation

Tom Noll

After a brief discussion by the Board, a motion was made by Dennis Sousa and seconded by Maryanne Riley to have a committee Chaired by Tom Noll with Karen Brooks and Jim Biteman to meet and determine if the REER Club should form a non profit REER LLC and to determine if the REER by-laws need revision and to report back to the Board at a future meeting.

6. Clinic For Veterinarian And Volunteers

Lynn Rigney

Lynn said that in talks with Dr Chapman it was learned that the sport of Endurance is losing Ride Veterinarians. A clinic would be held at Lynn and Tom's farm at a time and date to be determined. The clinic would be open to anyone and would cover such things as taking heart rates, trot outs and other areas of the horse examination. This would be for people only as Tom and Lynn have 5 horses that would be used for the clinic.

The Board gave support for the idea with Lynn providing at a future date more information.

7. Club Signature Card

Dennis Sousa

After discussion, it was decided that Club President, Tom Noll and Club Treasurer Jim Biteman would meet to arrange for their signatures to be the only ones authorized for distribution of Club funds.

#### **V. Agenda and Time of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held at 5:30 PM on April 13, 2022 at:

Yet To Be Determined

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The agenda for the next meeting is as follows:

- 1) Call to order
- 2) Approval of minutes
- 3) Rock Ride
- 4) Ride Manager's spread sheet
- 5) Veterinarian/Volunteer Clinic
- 6) Signature Card update
- 7) Treasure Report
- 8) President report/comments
- 9) Time/location next meeting
- 10) meeting adjourned

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 PM by President Tom Noll.

Minutes submitted by: Dennis Sousa

Minutes approved by: Board