

Atlantic Canada Trail Riding Association
2017 Nov 18 Minutes of AGM held at Fairway Inn, Sussex, NB

Attendees (26)

Rene Drinnan	Roy Drinnan	Donna Munn	Bev Elliott	Donna Lee
Carrilee Eddy	Jacqui Tupper	Jennifer McDonald	Dianne Storey	Blake Storey
Garnet Gallant	Susan Hovey	Russlyn Patriquin-Dyke	Pat Rideout	Lucy Rudge
Elwood Munroe	Sylvia Gillies	April Haliburton	Janice McSwain	Sherry Brooks
Delle Fairclough	Mike Fairclough	Karen Jonah-Brown	Nicole Mattatall	Ralph Yeo

Pearl Skjonsberg

Meeting called to order at 1:15pm by Roy Drinnan

AGM and Spring 2016 meeting minutes read by Carrilee Eddy

- Motion to approve as read made by Lucy, seconded by Jacqui. Carried

Reports:

Treasurer Report offered for Frannie Croken who was unable to attend

- Bank Balance \$8421.75 as at Nov.17/17 down by \$130.13 from 2016.
- Members 46 individuals, 16 family memberships
- Ride incentive pay out was \$800, ride sanction fees \$465
- Frannie offers her resignation due to a job change, will contact next Treasurer to ensure they have all related documents. She suggests that Treasurer position be separated from Membership.

Statistician Report not offered by Jennifer McDonald

Sanctioning Report offered by Donna Munn

- Under 500 miles last season
- Tentative rides for next season: Maple Ridge in September sanctioned, maybe 75 End by Donna Lee
- Sanction kits to ride managers except those who have taken from website, which lessens Club expenses
- A reminder to make Sanctioning Director aware when a ride is cancelled

PR Report not offered by Rene Drinnan, offers her resignation

Rules Report not offered by Susan Hovey

VP Report not offered by Bev Elliott, she offers her resignation.

Newsletter Report offered by Jacqui Tupper

- A couple sent out but only Ride Manager Susan Hovey sent ride results. Asks Ride Managers to copy newsletter@atlanticriders.ca when sending ride results to Statistician.
- Ride recap sheet to be made available to help with this, Sylvia

Endurance Canada Report offered by Sylvia Gilles

- CEO has resigned after 2 years of service, due to the continuing turmoil
- EC committee has Tiers and endurance is under Equine Canada
- Despite the instability, EC has come out on top, continuing to work and get things done such as updating documents for national and international events

- At the forefront of rule changes, one being the attempted banning of public drinking troughs which was removed. Getting recognition for Endurance from EC.
- Priority now is selection of Team members for WEG. Have selected Chef d'Equipe and Vet
- Selection is made with high rigid standards, must qualify for positions
- Pre ride will be end of April, 23 expressed interest to enter from Canada
- One Canadian YR Anya Levermann rode in Italy on a leased horse and represented Canada well
- Silver medal won by Canadian at Broxton, a nod rec'd from officials for Canadian riders
- AERC letter rec'd see attached (Sylvia to send copy to Secretary).
- Sylvia to send EC report to Jacqui for newsletter as suggested by Delle.
- EC has a great website with more information, Sylvia is available to find answers if any ACTRA members have further questions.
- Sylvia requests ACTRA pay her Bronze membership and EC membership as usual, will submit request to Treasurer

All reports were accepted as presented: moved by Donna Lee, seconded by Jacqui. Carried

Comments from Chair, Roy Drinnan: Roy submits his resignation. Sylvia asks about the website. The answer to that for Roy is up in the air at this time although he is unable to continue to manage this at further cost to his company. Roy expressed his willingness to discuss, ACTRA to contact Roy to arrange cost and terms.

Blake moves that an annual budget for up to \$200 be provided for Sanctioning, seconded by April. Carried

Sylvia moves ACTRA pay her EC memberships, an amount up to \$100, Blake seconded. Carried

Old Business:

- Dual ride incentive. Original motion in 2009 was for veterinarian subsidy, as read by Bev Elliott from the previous relevant minutes. At some point, the word 'Vet' was left out of the annual motion to continue as written and payouts to rides with no vet were made in error. Do we continue this incentive? If so, do we pay out as intended or for lay judges as well? What about if one of the rides is cancelled? Discussion.
- Bev moves ACTRA will subsidize veterinary costs for ACTRA sanctioned rides of CTR/IDR or ER/LD rides at the cost of \$200/day. Rides must be held on the same day (not on separate days) and paperwork and sanctioning fees must be submitted within two weeks before the ride will be eligible for reimbursement. Russlyn seconds. One contrary. Motion carried.
- Pat Rideout moves that IDR speed of either 4 or 5 mph at Ride Managers' discretion announced at ride sanctioning. Carrilee seconds. Carried.
- Bridges' sportsmanship award: Pearl, of this committee reported that there were no candidates this year for this award. The committee had difficulty determining criteria, suggested that our club is too small at this time, ACTRA can revisit. This award was started in memory of Jean and Elliott Bridges at 2016 PEI ride who asked that it continue. If membership has any ideas, please forward to Pearl.
- Donna Lee advises that Keeper Awards are completed, to be awarded at banquet 2017 as intended.
- New rule books, not all members have them.
- New member kits, committee continues work on this, as reported by Jacqui. Donna Munn joins.
- Items from 1989 meeting minutes read by Garnet Gallant: over 8000 rider miles that year and rider surveys continued to be an issue.

New Business:

- Grievance – BOD Chair found errors were made but that no intention to deceive was found. Ride results were adjusted to reflect the correct placings. Mileage, master sheet, intention by RM to give no disqualifications for overtime. RMs advised to be more careful of perception. Chair describes the difficulty in determining these matters. The importance transparency was discussed.
- Time allowed for reviewing score sheets at rides which is currently half an hour after awards. Jacqui moves that time allowed for reviewing score sheet and seek correction of any mechanical errors changed ½ hour to 48 hours for statistical purposes. Seconded by Sylvia. Carried.
- Jan 20th January Thaw costing \$65 which Donna Munn will again continue. Motion made, Sylvia seconds. Carried.
- Sylvia moves that sanctioning of rides be sanctioned and posted on website calendar a minimum of 30 days prior to date of event. Seconded by Russlyn. Carried.
- Donna Munn moves that the new Board to budget amount website maintenance. Seconded by Jacqui. Carried.
- Awards. Breed awards based on 3 CTRs/season. Sylvia proposes to strike a committee to review awards system. Sylvia, April, Russlyn to be on committee.
- Donna Lee asks if membership is opposed to having laypersons judge 25 mile LDs. Some expressed concern, suggestion made to develop criteria for such laypersons in the future.
- Pat mentions the placings where ties are listed, a reminder that when there are ties, the next placing is skipped. Placings as per April minutes. Pat, Blake seconds, Carried.
- Elevator rides: Garnet revisits why AERC has only one elevation at a time. With the limited research Sylvia was able to do she found that the reason was due to paperwork, logistics issue.

Board of Director Nominations

Susan Hovey, not reoffering

Jennifer MacDonald, not reoffering

This leaves six positions vacant.

Pat Rideout nominated by Bev, accepted

Blake nominated by Russlyn, accepted

Pearl nominated by Susan, declined

April nominated Sylvia, accepted

Dianne nominates Russlyn, accepted

Sylvia nominates April, accepted

Karen nominates Nicole, accepted

Board members are to determine individual positions. Chair has two years left in term, VP has one year left in term, and Treasurer has two years left in term. Rules, Statistician, Public Relations are the usual 3-year terms.

Meeting adjourned 4:39pm.

Respectfully submitted by Carrilee Eddy

November 20, 2017