

Convention meeting minutes Sunday, March 11, 2012 Grand Sierra Resort & Casino, Reno, NV

The meeting was called to order by Connie Caudill at 7:42

All directors present except for Susan Kiel

Connie thanked the outgoing directors for their service.

Kathleen reported the convention was down a bit and seminar attendance was down a bit, however our room block was met so all meetings rooms were covered. She suggested looking for an out-of-Reno location for 2014.

Mollie went over the year-end financials.

Olin, Research Committee, reported he had requested some funds from USEF for research findings. A motion was tabled until submitted in writing. He also asked for a link on the website for the 100-mile questionnaires.

A reply for a request from Morris Animal Foundation for money to go into a combined-research fund was denied as we feel our problems are unique to our sport. Olin will formulate a reply to Mike Tomlinson who presented this request.

Sanctioning Committee plans to go over their rules and procedures and rewrite if necessary.

Ride Managers Committee reported they discussed safety on night rides, distance measuring, and planned to do a rewrite of the RM Handbook.

A discussion of how to better manage scheduling of committee meetings was held with no specific resolutions advanced.

The new officers were sworn in by John Parke. Michael Campbell appointed as additional member to the Executive Committee.

Other Committee Chairs that Connie has decided on were announced and she reminded us that Conference calls are the second Monday of the month and asked that directors use a wired or cell phone please to cut down on the background noise.

Mid-year will probably be second or third weekend in August.

Committees were asked to streamline their committees and keep working members.

A question/answer discussion was held on the handling of the positive drug test of Laura Hayes' horse.

John Parke suggested using the Mid-year meeting to discuss membership as well as finance.

Meeting adjourned at 9:42