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ELECTION !!

The Fall membership meeting will be held at the Armadillo ride in October. In odd-numbered years, we elect our Directors at Large for the TERA Board. Currently, these positions are held by Kim Reeves, Debbie Allen, Dawn Carrie, and Nick Nicholson. Also, Donna Nicholson has expressed a desire to "hand over the reins" of the Treasurer position. If you would like to run for any of these positions, please contact any Board member and submit your name and desired position.

TERA TO PURCHASE LAPTOP

The TERA Board recently voted to purchase a laptop computer for our organization. Presently, our Treasurer, Donna Nicholson, is keeping all financial and membership records on her home computer. The laptop will enable the Treasurer to bring the records with him or her to each TERA ride. This will allow membership records, etc., to be checked on the spot. Also, it will allow for an easier transition of records to the next Treasurer. The Board voted to allow up to \$1,000 to be spent for the laptop. Donna has agreed to do the purchase and the transfer of records. Thank you, Donna!

2007 AWARDS !!

Calling for nominations!
Please submit your nominations ASAP for subjective awards for 2007. These awards are:

**Veterinarian of the Year,
Ride Manager of the Year,
Volunteer of the Year,
Horse and Rider of the Year,
Rookie Rider of the Year,
Hall of Fame Person, and
Hall of Fame Equine.**

The Board will vote on these nominations at our Armadillo (Fall) Board Meeting, so please submit your request to any Board member prior to that date.

Have you joined our Yahoo Group yet?

See the website for a link!

www.TexasEnduranceRiders.org

BE A MENTOR!

Don't forget about our Mentor Program! Please give some thought to being a mentor. It can be for one ride--or for ten rides--you can decide. You can give information or advice on the ground--or ride along--you can decide. If you are interested, please contact any Board member or Michael Campbell at mcampbell1@hotmail.com. Michael has agreed to organize the program. He will provide ride managers with a list of individuals willing to be a mentor so they can connect with the new riders. Let's help new riders learn "To Finish is to Win!"

TERA Year End Awards Program

All award recipients must be TERA members in good standing for the year for which the awards are being given. Awards are figured based on TERA sponsored rides only. Limited Distance and Endurance miles are calculated as separate mileages.

Overall High Mileage Rider is based on the mileage completed by one rider riding any number of equines.

Overall High Mileage Horse is based on the mileage completed by one equine with any number of riders.

The following awards are based on the mileage completed by one rider riding one equine:

Limited Distance High Mileage High Mileage Featherweight High Mileage Lightweight High Mileage Middleweight High Mileage Heavyweight High Mileage Junior

High Mileage Husband/Wife award is given to the couple with the most combined mileage ridden.

High Mileage Family award is based on the total miles ridden by two or more family members.

The following awards do not have to be given every year. These recipients are chosen by the Board of Directors and Officers

People

1994 – Linda & Bo Parrish
1995 – Darolyn Butler / Pat French
1996 – Ann Pfeiffer
1998 – Sylvia & David Fant

based on the following criteria:

Rookie Rider of the Year

New to the sport, may be endurance and/or limited distance; number of completions; positive attitude; seeking knowledge of the sport; overall contribution to the sport; and improvement/progression.

Volunteer of the Year

Support at TERA rides; contribution to TERA, riders, and equines; number of rides attended; positive feedback from riders, managers and other volunteers; support/promotion of the sport. Rider or non-rider.

Veterinarian of the Year

Contribution to TERA, TERA members and equines; number of TERA rides vetted; positive feedback from riders, managers, animals and volunteers, support/promotion of the sport; seeking knowledge and improvement in skills related to the sport, encouragement/education to riders, participants, one-time spectacular contribution (saving animal/human life, etc.)

Ride Manager of the Year

Safe, well-marked trail; superior organization—camp, registration, P/R and vet checks, availability of professional emergency personnel and equipment,

Equines:

1994 – “Uno” - owned by Darolyn Butler
1995 – “Spider” - owned by Jenny Simpson
1996 – Kash – owned by Bobbie Barber

general flow of things, etc; level of commitment—extra events, unique prizes, more than one ride, attendance at ride manager clinics; adequate vet staff—number of vets per riders, introduction & preparation of new vets; overall—sizable ride, new riders, and positive feedback.

Horse and Rider of the Year

TERA member & equine, but not limited to TERA events only, spectacular achievement, may be any distance; embodies spirit of AERC “To Finish Is To Win!” in relationship of mount and rider—concern of horse foremost; competitive but fair & honest.

Hall of Fame Person

Longterm contribution to sport; best exemplifies “To Finish Is To Win!”. Person must also have been officer, director, ride manager, regular volunteer, regular vet, etc. – someone who has given to the sport and TERA; does not have to be a rider.

Hall of Fame Equine

Cumulative lifetime achievement. Perhaps has overcome adversity and continued on. The horse people remember and talk about.

Trail Markers is published quarterly.

Deadline for the next issue is **November 1.**

Wanna be published?
Get it in!

TERA Spring Meeting Minutes

18 August 2007

Parrie Haynes Ranch, Killeen Texas

President Dianne Campbell called the meeting to order. Officers Present: President Dianne Campbell; Vice Pres Ann Goolsby; Treasurer Donna Nicholson; Secretary Deb Stewart BOD Present: Kim Reeves, Debbie Allen, Nick Nicholson, Dawn Carrie

Minutes from the Fall Meeting were read by the secretary and accepted by membership.

Donna Nicholson gave the treasurer's report; details of the report will be listed in the newsletter.

Current report as of 15 August 07:	Expenditure	\$1857.48
	Deposits	\$1117.00
	Ending Balance	\$7878.24

OLD BUSINESS:

Road Conditions for Old Glory were discussed for next year. Conditions are expected to be much improved by ride time next year.

NEW BUSINESS:

TERA awards in the past have been presented at the Central Region convention. Last year the awards were presented at 7IL with favorable comments. The hotel in Henrietta was not up to standard. In addition, most Texas people do not go to the Central region convention. It was received favorably to have it in Texas where most riders will be present and they can get their awards in front of their peers. Contrary to this discussion was the fact that having it in Oklahoma would bring all Central Region people together especially those from the northern region states. A suggestion was made to alternate sites so all regions could benefit. Another suggestion was made to combine the awards by presenting the physical awards at a TERA ride and sending a representative to the Central Region convention to read the TERA awards there. Two motions were made to accept the 7IL location for this year's awards and send a representative to the Central Region convention. Both motions were passed.

A motion was made to investigate the cost and establish a committee to move the central region convention to Texas in 2009. Motion was passed. The Convention committee was chosen and approved by TERA membership. Members are Vicki Holzer-chairperson, Chris Godsey-member, Kristen Fisher-member, (Paulette Brehob and Peter Ansorge will be asked if they will also serve on the committee). The committee will report their progress at the 7IL TERA meeting.

A motion was made to consider making TERA rides cross sanctioned with AHA. Details and what needs to be done to make it legal will be researched and reported at the Fall meeting. Motion passed.

Starting December 1, 2007, a TERA sanctioning form will be established and placed on line. The draft will be presented at 7IL. This form will aid RM's who want TERA sponsorship for their rides.

The membership was informed that board members voted on purchasing a Laptop Computer for TERA. It will be maintained by the treasurer.

Also discussed were the new awards. Details will be presented at the Fall meeting.

Discussions were held on having a separate TERA convention. Further discussions on this topic will be put on hold until the previous motions for TERA awards and Central Region convention locations have been resolved. The Convention committee will also investigate the possibility of a separate convention.

Everyone was reminded that TERA has a web site accessible to all members.

Ride & Tie was discussed. The first attempt will be at the Heart of the Hills. More to follow.

Motion was made to adjourn at 1:55 PM.

Deb Stewart
Secretary

MINUTES OF THE TERA BOARD MEETING HELD 18 AUGUST 2007 PARRIE HAYNES RANCH, KILLEEN TEXAS

The TERA board meeting was held at Parrie Haynes Ranch. The meeting was opened at 8:15 AM by TERA President Dianne Campbell. Officers present were Dianne Campbell, Ann Goolsby, Deb Stewart, Donna Nicholson, BOD members present were Nick Nicholson, Dawn Carrie and Kim Reeves.

The following topics were discussed:

Belt Buckles

The first order placed for TERA belt buckles is 200 buckles at a cost of \$2470.00. It will take 4-6 weeks to receive them. An example was shown to board members. Treasurer Donna Nicholson confirmed there are sufficient funds to purchase the belt buckles. The suggestion was made to present them as end of year awards. The motion was made and approved to order the 200 buckles.

2007 TERA Awards

The suggestion was made to bring up at the General membership meeting to do TERA awards at 7IL this year. All agreed to bring it up at the meeting in the afternoon. If the general membership approves the suggestion then approval will be requested from the 7IL ride manager to hold the TERA awards at 7IL.

TERA Convention

A suggestion was made to have TERA hold its own convention at a future date. More research is needed to see the plausibility and possible costs associated with it.

Fund Raiser

A discussion was held to hold an additional ride at Parrie Haynes ranch as a fund raiser for TERA. Dianne will talk to Parrie Haynes ranch to possibly do the trails and Dianne will do the AERC coordination. Treasurer stated that we do not make much, if any, extra money on the fund raiser but we break even. Suggestion was made to make it a two day ride in cooler weather.

TERA Sanctioned Rides

A form will be developed and sent to board member for approval. Once the format is approved the form will be available on the TERA web site.

Laptop Computer

A motion was made to purchase a Laptop computer for TERA. The computer would be maintained by the Treasurer to load awards, treasurer info etc. Board members voted to approve the purchase.

Tax ID number for TERA as a Charity Exemption

The cost to establish a legal account would cost about \$1000.00. We would need to establish a corporate account under a different name; however, we could still use the TERA name. The board agreed to not pursue this issue unless a TERA member who is a tax attorney would volunteer their time to aid in establishing an account; otherwise it is cost prohibitive.

Deb Stewart
Secretary

*Thanks to all the great folks who attended the Ride Manager's Clinic on August 18!
If you would like to hear what they learned,
ask a board member to point you to a prospective ride manager.*

2007 TERA & Central Region Ride Calendar

Sept 15—Movin On Up 50

Okmulgee Game Management
Area Louise Burton
firedancefarms@prodigy.net
5220 Honey Creek Rd, Okmulgee, OK 74447

Sept 22—Llano Estacado Challenge I 25/50

Lake Merideth Rec Area, North of Amarillo TX
Doug Blashill

d.blashill@worldnet.att.net
8580 Haines St., Amarillo, TX 79118

Sept 23— Llano Estacado Challenge II 25/50

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Oct 6—Indian Territory Elevator Ride 25/50

Blue Creek Campground, Lake Oologah, OK
Susan Young 918-683-0539

glenn218@yahoo.com
2311 Dayton St, Muskogee, OK 74403

Oct 19— LNB 25/50

Davy Crocket National Forest, Kennard, TX
Bo Parish

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Oct 20 — Armadillo 25/50/100

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Nov 3 — Bell Cow Boogie 30/50

Bell Cow Lake, Chandler, OK
Carol B. Barker 405-258-5383
rideatbellcow@yahoo.com

Nov 10 — Road Warrior I 50

SW of Canton, TX
Edie Booth 903-848-9425
PO Box 224, Canton, TX 75103

Nov 11 — Road Warrior II 30/50

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Nov 23 — Eagle Ranch Final Fling I 25/50

Eagle Ranch, Collins, MO
Winnie Clutter 573-377-2585
21612 Hwy FF, Stover, MO 65078

Nov 24 — Eagle Ranch Final Fling II 25/50

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Nov 23 — Lone Star I 25/50

Hill Country State Natural Area, Bandera, TX
Debbie Allen 281-431-2993

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7821 County Road 383, Rosharon, TX 77583

Nov 24 — Lone Star II 25/50

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Psssst ... The Secret is Out!

No, not the movie. (But if you haven't seen it, you should.) The secret about the incredible new end of year awards for TERA. The top three riders in each weight division will be receiving the new TERA Belt Buckle! Only a limited edition will be made, so ride hard and win one of your own. Stay tuned!

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