

# Minutes of the September 8, 2025 EDRA Board of Directors Meeting

## Attendance

- Bonnie Girod, President
- Marty Graham, Past President
- Shayne Russell, Vice President
- Julie James, Board Member
- Alex Gesheva, Board Member
- Julie Barnfather, Board Member
- Arielle Blume-Bonney, Treasurer
- Heather Rheingans, Secretary
- Sue McLain, Rules Committee Chair

Quorum present.

## Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Bonnie at 6:11pm PST.

## Continuing Business:

### Volunteer Roles

At the August meeting the Service Coordinator position was eliminated. It was confirmed that it was voted/passed, not simply discussed. Sue M noted that it is a position discussed in the rules (29), in the service program section. She can update the rules, to match the BoD intent, for the BoD to approve. It was confirmed that the BoD has voted unanimously to eliminate the Service Program altogether and prefers to recognize service/volunteering informally (more similarly to the EDRA in Motion program, for which there are no formal rules). Discussion continued regarding the importance of keeping service/volunteering a topic of conversation: on the website, having a person to contact if someone wants to help, etc. Something to ensure service opportunities are available and appreciated. Perhaps a running summary of BoD activity (adding and subtracting, and why) for the benefit of future BoDs. Regarding the Web Assistant, it was noted in the last few seconds of the August meeting that Sandy Cheek held this position. Now, we are not certain that Sandy knows this, or that she truly holds the position. She has acted more as a project manager in getting the new site set up – not someone that assists in the creation and maintenance of a website. If the primary web person is unavailable, the assistant is someone that you can go to (to get something posted, and the like). Sue Summers has filled this role in a practical sense. We do not know if she sees herself as holding the position and we do know that she was pivotal when the position was created. It was confirmed that Jillane's email stated that, while she was resigning from the BoD, she can stay on to support the website (or show someone else

how to do it). Bonnie will follow up with Sue S. to determine the original intent of the position and with Jillane regarding her willingness to serve in her current Website position.

## Ride Steward

Motion made by Bonnie to update the new Ride Steward Qualifications as per the packet provided to the BoD ahead of this meeting. Julie B. seconds. Passes unanimously. Copy of this approved version to be provided to Sue M to include in the Ride Steward Manual.

## Membership Fees

Discussion membership fees: Minimum increases. Promoting membership. Non-members paying more for entry fees. Creating value in membership. Cost of attending rides (entry + camping). Join/renew in Dec, before increase. Ensuring we do not create a technology headache / timing of any increase. The need to identify and promote value in membership to riders became the focus. No vote was taken as the decision was to not change membership fees for the 2026 riding season so no motion was made. It was determined that ride entry fees need to be addressed/increased next season, and a discount should be offered to EDRA members (up to \$20). Riding Warehouse discount code EDRA15 – Arielle will confirm if this is still available. Perhaps additional discounts should be solicited (Distance Depot, American Trail Gear).

## Adjournment

Julie J moves to table the remainder of the agenda to next month and adjourn the meeting. Julie B seconds. Unanimously passed.

## Minutes Submitted By

Heather Rheingans, Secretary