

EDRA Board of Directors Minutes

Meeting Date: February 9, 2026

Attendance

- Bonnie Girod, President
- Margaret Birdsley, Board Member
- Alex Gesheva, Board Member
- Julie James, Board Member
- Katie Poe, Youth Representative
- Sue McLain, Rules Committee Chair
- Heather Rheingans, Secretary

Quorum present.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:12 pm PST.

Approval of Minutes

The Board chose to address minutes at the next meeting.

Business:

RULES REVIEW

Sue McLain presents the proposed updates to EDRA Rules and Appendices.

In review of the rules, it is noted that Board members are encouraged to conduct Safe Sport Training. It is required for Ride Managers and Ride Stewards. The rules committee is suggesting to not require it of veterinarians, as it is something that we have no reasonable mechanism for monitoring and the requirement could reduce the number of available vets, as vet availability is already tight.

Noteworthy updates

General Rules: added detail regarding vet cards, defined ride segments, intro riders are subject to EDRA rules including that participants do all vet checks and youth members must be sponsored, the head vet may delegate BC judging to another vet for educational purposes, clarification language pertaining to the welfare of the equine, clarification language pertaining to pulse criteria at the end of a competition, specifying awards that are to be granted at competitions, and replacing the service program with a statement about the importance of and how to volunteer.

Appendix A: no material changes.

Appendix B: Logbooks as a tool and only required as the mechanism for equine registration.

Appendix C: updated to align with FEI and USEF

Appendix D: no material changes.

Appendix E: see discussion below.

Appendix F: no material changes.

Appendix G: no material changes.

Appendix H: updated simply to align with FEI and USEF, excepting that we will not require vets to be Safe Sport trained.

Appendix I: no material changes, simply rearranging for clarity and succinctness.

Appendix J: no material changes.

Appendix K: see discussion below.

Alex G moves to approve the General Rules with the exception of Rule 6. Julie James seconds. Passes unanimously.

Julie James moves to approve Appendix A, B, C, D, F, G, H, I, and J as presented. Alex G seconds. Passes unanimously.

Alex G moves to remove the requirement of veterinarians to be Safe Sport certified in Appendix H. Julie James seconds. Passes unanimously.

Appendix E discussion: The presented draft includes all potentially required awards as it is easier to strike from, than add to drafts. It was noted that Top 10 is more meaningful when there are 40, rather than 12, participants. EDRA has no interest in over burdening ride managers. The importance of completion awards is noted, along with the fun and appreciation of receiving awards for achievements. The BoD directs the Rules committee to rework the language to exclude high vet score and top 10 from the drafted list of required awards, and to establish a list of optional awards for the ride manager to consider and implement at their discretion.

Appendix K discussion: Non-Rider Membership is an important addition. The cost to the organization is minimal. The only noteworthy tangible cost would apply to EDRA in Motion. It was noted that the Youth Membership fee is particularly low on purpose to encourage youth to ride, and that given the low price point there is no cause to add a non-riding-youth option. It was noted that the spousal membership is particularly low. It was confirmed that the intent is to allow a non-riding membership to be converted to a riding membership mid-season. It would follow all the same criteria as converting from non-member to member mid-season (in terms of timeline requirements to register to have miles attached to the membership, and the like) with the exception that the already paid non-rider dues would credit toward the cost of the full membership.

Alex G leaves the meeting at 6:08pm PST.

The remaining BoD asks the Rules Committee to update and present new drafts for:

- 1) General Rule 6,
- 2) Appendix E, and
- 3) Appendix K

to reflect the intent of the discussion and be voted on by the BoD via email.

Budget:

It was decided to conduct budget discussions at the February meeting.

Rail Trail Budget:

Since Rail Trail is in April, Bonnie will present the budget for this ride to be addressed via email.

Adjournment

Julie James moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:13pm PST. Bonnie seconded. Passed unanimously.

Minutes Submitted By

Heather Rheingans