



# Eastern Competitive Trail Ride Association November 2016

The competition year is almost over, with just a handful of rides left on the calendar. Do you give your horses a rest, or do you keep riding during the winter? Or do you haul your horse(s) south and roll up some Outside Mileage? Whatever your plans, we wish you a relaxing winter and an enjoyable holiday season.

Greg Senseney sent an e-mail about the status of points and mileage: Lindsey Cooke is temporarily helping to put together the year-end mileage standings. . Greg writes "Lindsey is still learning the ropes of what all is involved in points and mileage. Again, there will be no results available for the November issue. I am leaning towards getting the year-end stuff done as priority..... We have all the results in an excel spreadsheet, just not in the database. In reality, the results posted to the database is basically for the NL only. The excel spreadsheet is the most important one as this is what is used for the year-end and career miles." Long-time member Patty Lambert will be taking over the job for 2017.

So don't worry -- you'll get your mileage!...It just might not make it into the newsletter right away.

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## SLATE OF CANDIDATES

**Nominating Committee Chairperson Esther Fiddes** sent the lineup of candidates for the election in 2017.

- President: Wanda Stazick
- Vice President: Esther Fiddes
- Secretary: Lindsey Cooke
- Treasurer: Ellen Tully

- Board of Directors (3 to be elected)
- Rebecca Wachtel
- Kate Vogel
- Joan Hiltz

Great to see some new names on the list of candidates! If you are running for office, please send me a brief resume, to let the membership know something about you.

Additional candidates are welcome to run for election - you need to submit a letter of intent, signed by ten adult ECTRA members, to **Esther Fiddes, Goose Island Farm 204 Chestnut Ridge Rd Bethel, CT 06801.**

Resumes will be published in the January/February newsletter. The deadline to be included on the ballot is January 3, 2017, which is also the deadline for the newsletter.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

From Mary Coleman: " Pictured is Nina Dimoff who happened to have been the Rookie Rider in ECTRA in 2009. She was honored with her cake for earning 1000 miles! Also Rexridge Silver Possum, owned by Nina's sister, earned his 2K!"



**Seven Mountains** is a rather new ride held outside Lewistown Pa. run by Millie Turner who roped in many newbies to help with it. These newbies bought along juniors (six juniors!! Almost unheard of nowadays). It will be held again next year I highly recommend supporting it! Fun ride and fun weekend despite the rain! "

## UPCOMING RIDES AND EVENTS

### MAINE RIDES TO BE OFFERED IN 2017

"I have been asked to manage, once again, the Memorial Day Weekend rides in North Waterford, Maine. I was very sad to have cancelled them last year because of lack of entries but feel that it needs one more chance to fill. I promise this year to not cancel even if I don't have enough entries to pay the bills but probably not another year. I finance these rides from my own pocket and depend on the wonderful volunteers in this area to help me put it on. I can't continue to do this and not cover my expenses.

"With this said I will be sanctioning a one day 30, 2 day 60, three day 80 and a 10 mile CDR. I will not ask for a deposit fee but will charge a post entry fee after a certain date. It will be a no frills ride at the North Waterford Fairgrounds as in the past. I hope that this meets with rider approval.

"Joan Hiltz DVM and Linda Glock have agreed to judge for which I am most appreciative. Janet Brunjes will be involved as will Char Jewell and many others. I hope that you will schedule this ride for 2017."

Louise Lester

**FEBRUARY 3 -5, 2017: ECTRA ANNUAL MEETING, Boxboro, MA. See BOD minutes, which appear below, for details.**

### E.C.T.R.A. BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

**September 24, 2016 Marriott Courtyard, Manchester NH**

**Directors Presents: Dr. Nick Kohut, Wanda Stazick, Ellen Tully, Louise Lester, Char Jewel, Cate Peloquin, Esther Fiddes, Bill Lasher, Lindsey Cooke**

**Others present:** Dr. Joan Hiltz, Linda Levetre

Meeting Called to order at 9:00 by President Nick Kohut, interruption of fire alarm.

#### 1. Minutes

Minutes from March 12, 2016 were approved via email. Passed in favor: Dr. Nick Kohut, Wanda Stazick, Ellen Tully, Lindsey Cooke, Louise Lester, Char Jewel, Bill Lasher, Esther Fiddes

#### 2. Treasury Report Ellen Tully:

Balance on cash accounts:

Checking \$21,180.92 Money Market: \$39,159.03

**Motion to Accept:** Passed in favor: : Dr. Nick Kohut, Wanda Stazick, Lindsey Cooke, Louise Lester, Char Jewel, Bill Lasher, Esther Fiddes.

#### 3. Reports of Committees:

**Awards:** (Brenda Senseney, Chair) We need an awards chairperson for 2017. Request to be placed in Newsletter. Brenda Senseney will be resigning due to personal reasons. Esther Fiddes, with assistance from Beth Sheldon, will take over this position for the remainder of the year.

**2017 Annual Meeting-present** (Char Jewel, chair) Annual Meeting will be held February 3, 4, 5 2017 at Holiday Inn in Boxborough Massachusetts. Current list of speakers: Dr. Susan Garlinghouse DVM, John Crandell, Veterinarian from Tufts University. Variety of topics to be discussed is being determined. Possible vendors include: Jenny Kimberly, Lucerne Grains, Tufts, Slynper Gear, and Dover Saddlery. This information will be shared with Patty Brooks for advertising and further promotion. Cate Peloquin will reserve the date and location in PA for 2018. We need a chair for the 2018 Annual Meeting, request to be placed in Newsletter.

**Memberships** (Marilyn Miles) Marilyn is requesting to dispose of old records. According to ECTRA adopted procedure, these membership applications that are greater than 3 years old may be destroyed.

**Mileage and Points:** (Greg Senseney) We need an awards chairperson for 2017. Request to be placed in Newsletter. Greg Senseney will be resigning due to personal reasons. P. 2

Lindsey Cooke will take over this position for the remainder of the year.

**PR & Education:** Review the HPA and PAST Act. Nick attached to the agenda.

**Ride Manager-present** (Cate Peloquin) There is concern for the consistency of rides. Starting with the 2017 ride season an updated rule book will be provided to all ride managers. If a ride manager does not have the means to print the rule book, a printed copy will be provided to them. As rides are sanctioned for the 2017 ride season Cate Peloquin will contact the ride managers directly.

**Sanctioning-present** (Wanda Stazick) Ride managers have been pleased with the ability to email Wanda sanctioning request and information.

#### 4. Old Business

5-9-16 Time Extension for NJ May ride. Approved by: Cate, Bill, Char, Louise, Wanda, Lins

6-28-16 Half Page Ad for GMHA 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Approved by: Louise, Cate, Char, Ellen, Esther, Wanda, Bill

6-29-16 Late Sanctioning for Ride Between the Rivers Approved by : Nick, Louise, Lins, Esther, Wanda, Ellen

8-8-16 Late Sanctioning for VERDA. Approved by: Esther, Nick, Char, Bill (1<sup>st</sup>) Louise (2<sup>nd</sup>)

8-2-16 \$50 for ECTRA logo. Approved by: Louise, Cate, Bill, Lins, Char, Wanda

8-9-16 Renewal letter for membership by Esther. Approved by: Wanda, Ellen, Char, Louise, Cate, Lins

8-29-16 Approval for one judge for Green Mountain Horse Association CDR, according to the rule book. Approved by: Char, Nick, Bill, Louise, Cate, Esther

9-14-16 Silver Hill CTR requested an additional 15 minutes. No approval was needed but was approved anyway. Approved by: Char Jewel, Esther Fiddes, Wanda Stazick, Louise Lester, Nick Kohut

Old Business from last minutes included:

Letters to AERC members in the NE region to encourage them to join ECTRA.

Purchase of additional ECTRA banners to be displayed at rides.

E-Scribing: Follow up on current usage and updates.

#### 5. New Business:

**Motion by Bill Lasher (seconded by Esther Fiddes)** to increase the 2017 Annual Meeting Speaker budget to \$4000.00.

Passed in favor by: Nick Kohut, Wanda Stazick, Lindsey Cooke, Cate Peloquin, Char Jewel, Louise Lester, Bill Lasher, Esther Fiddes

Opposed: Ellen Tully

**Motion by Louise Lester (seconded by Ellen Tully)** this was a motion for the USDA attachment from Nick concerning the Hoof Protection Act. The USDA would like to ban pads, however, some of our horses need full pads for protection during rides.

Passed in favor by: Nick Kohut, Wanda Stazick, Lindsey Cooke, Ellen Tully, Cate Peloquin, Char Jewel, Louise Lester, Bill Lasher, Esther Fiddes

**Motion by Ellen Tully (seconded by Wanda Stazick)** to change the buyback mileage fee to \$50 for horse and rider. Buy back mileage is for January 1<sup>st</sup> of current year to date of membership commencement for horse and rider. This goes into effect January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017. The Rulebook will be updated. \$50 fee to be paid to ECTRA.

Passed in favor: Nick Kohut, Wanda Stazick, Lindsey Cooke, Ellen Tully, Cate Peloquin, Char Jewel, Louise Lester, Bill Lasher, Esther Fiddes

**Motion by Lindsey Cooke (seconded by Esther Fiddes)** to allow Swat Clear Fly Repellent Ointment to be used as a fly repellent.

Passed in favor: Nick Kohut, Wanda Stazick, Cate Peloquin, Bill Lasher, Ellen Tully, Esther Fiddes, Lindsey Cooke. Opposed: Louise Lester, Char Jewel

**Motion by Louise Lester (seconded by Char Jewel)** to remove Thyro-L from the ECTRA allowable substances list (page 12 of rule book).

Passed in favor: Louise Lester, Char jewel, Bill Lasher, Wanda Stazick.

Opposed: Esther Fiddes, Lindsey Cooke. Ellen Tully was excused prior to this vote.

**Motion by Wanda Stazick (seconded by Louise Lester)** to NOT allow Pergolyde as an allowable substance.

Passed in favor by: Bill Lasher, Louise Lester, Char Jewel, Cate Peloquin, Wanda Stazick, Lindsey Cooke

Opposed: Esther Fiddes, Ellen Tully (voted by written ballot prior to being excused from the meeting)

**Motion by Ellen Tully (seconded by Wanda Stazick)** to change the drug testing fee to cover the numbers of riders entered in that ride for that year. Mileage and points not to be accredited until fees are paid. Results sheet and payment to be sent to the treasury.

**Motion by Lousie Lester (seconded by Lindsey Cooke)** To award Medallion Ribbons after the depletion of the medallions. Remaining stock of medallions will be used for Versatility and Endurance.

Passed in favor: : Nick Kohut, Wanda Stazick, Lindsey Cooke, Ellen Tully, Cate Peloquin, Char Jewel, Louise Lester, Bill Lasher, Esther Fiddes

**Member Renewal Letter:** Esther Fiddes reported on the letter to ECTRA members that had not yet renewed for the 2016 season. The

letter encouraged riders to renew for 2016. Esther encouraged riders that chose not to renew their membership to share their reason(s) for not renewing.

**Member clothing and logos:** Esther Fiddes contacted Advanced Monograms for clothing and other items that can be embroidered with the ECTRA logo. Advanced Monograms has thousands of items to pick from. Information about Advanced Monograms can be found on the ECTRA website and in the Newsletter.

**Mentor Program:** Char Jewel will be updating the mentor program information on the ECTRA site. Members interested in becoming a mentor should contact any BOD member.

**F.E.I. (International Endurance)** Louise Lester will compose a letter stating the feelings of ECTRA and send it to USEF.

**Surveys in the Newsletter:** To encourage members to read the Newsletter we will be adding surveys on various subjects to our Newsletter. Please take the time to read and complete these surveys.

**Meeting adjourned.**

Respectfully submitted,

Lindsey Cooke

**ALL RULE CHANGES TAKE EFFECT JAN 1, 2017**

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## **2016 ECTRA Sanctioned Events** (as 9/14/16)

Wanda Stazick, Sanctioning Phone (860)447-3976 [wstazick@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wstazick@sbcglobal.net) (PF = Pass/Fail Offered)

### **Limited Distance CTR: (1-day, 25-40mi)**

VT 11/5 30 VERDA Kedron Foliage Jenny Kimberly 802-674-5384 [jennykimberly@comcast.net](mailto:jennykimberly@comcast.net)

**2017**

VT 1/14 25 VERDA January Thaw Jenny Kimberly 802-674-5384 [jennykimberly@comcast.net](mailto:jennykimberly@comcast.net)

### **Drives CTR: (1-3 days, 25-100mi)**

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**2017**

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VT 11/5 15 VERDA Kedron Foliage R&D Jenny Kimberly 802-674-5384 [jennykimberly@comcast.net](mailto:jennykimberly@comcast.net)

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***Deadline for the DEC issue is NOV. 20th***

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**CLASSIFIED ADS**

**Ad Rates: \$5.00 for 6 lines- approximately 40-45 words , \$2.50 for each three additional lines.**  
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