



Eastern Competitive Trail Ride Association

October 2017

The list of remaining rides is dwindling fast - take advantage of the October and early November rides while they last!

We do not have ride results for you this month, but will have lots for you in the November issue.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE ABOUT YOUR MILEAGE!

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS WHO DO ENDURANCE !

IF YOU HAVE NOT SEEN YOUR NAME LISTED UNDER AN ENDURANCE RIDE'S RESULTS IT MIGHT BE BECAUSE WE DID NOT GET YOUR OR YOUR HORSES ECTRA ID NUMBERS. SEE BELOW:

At the end of 2016 we made some changes to our record keeping system for ride mileage and placings. All data is entered via your ECTRA rider and horse numbering on our new spreadsheets . We have asked that all AERC managers request this data on their entry forms and submit it with the ride results , but so far we are not getting that information from all rides.

WE ARE DEPENDING ON YOU at this time to check ECTRA ride results as they are printed in each newsletter to make sure you and your horse have received mileage credit. If you don't see your name or your horse's name in the ECTRA ride results, mileage credit for the endurance (or LD) ride has not been given.

WE ARE COUNTING ON YOU to keep your eyes on this. Those of you working with ride management on AERC rides can suggest using the AERC spreadsheet located on the ECTRA webpage. This spreadsheet can be used to report results for both AERC and ECTRA. When that spreadsheet is sent to ECTRA , we will be

certain of crediting you and your horse the proper mileage and results.

Thank you for your cooperation. We appreciate any assistance that can be given to AERC ride managers to help ensure you receive ECTRA credit for your miles.

If you did a ride this season and your name was not listed in the ECTRA newsletter's ride results, please contact Patty Lambert right away! E-mail her at 2celtichorses@gmail.com.

2018 ELECTIONS

It's that time of year again! The majority of officers were new this year and hence are eligible to run again, although all positions are open for candidates. We will need to elect 2 people to positions on the Board of Directors; Bill Lasher is eligible to run for another term, but we will also need at least one new candidate for the open two-year term on the board of directors. If you are interested in becoming a candidate for ANY of the available positions, please contact Nominating Chairperson Esther Fiddes by mid-October. Her e-mail is estherfiddes@gmail.com.

EQUINE AFFAIRE

ECTRA will be presenting at the equine Affaire in Springfield, MA on **Sunday November 12, 2017** from 3-4 pm. We are looking for pictures to for the presentation. If you have any picture of you and your steed at a ride and would like to share them, please email them to wstazick@sbcglobal.net by October 14th. Hope to see you there!

The Equine Affaire runs from November 9 - 12 at the Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield, MA. Lots of clinics, vendor booths, and demonstrations. FMI check out equineaffaire.com.

**ECTRA BOD MINUTES. July 23, 2017
Sheraton Monarch, Springfield, MA**

Attendance BOD: Wanda Stazick, Esther Fiddes, Ellen Tully, Dr. Joan Hiltz, Char Jewell, Bill Lasher, Katie Vogel, Rebecca Wachtel, Jeannette Cole.

Attendance Members: Linda Levitre, Roberta Bryant

Due to early resignation of the 2017 secretary, Lindsey Cooke, Wanda Stazick made the following **motion** (seconded by Esther Fiddes): **to nominate Jeannette Cole as interim secretary until the 2018 elections at the annual meeting.** Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's report (Ellen Tully) – There is a reduction in income on the current P&L statement due to timing of expenses and an increase in expenses from year ago. Membership income is on track versus prior year but horse registrations are down compared to prior year.

Balance in the checking is \$17901.20. Balance in the money market account is \$39170.40

Bill Lasher made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Esther Fiddes seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Secretary Report – Ratification by email: motion made by Esther (2nd by Becca) to approve the March 12, 2017 BOD meeting. Approved by Char, Bill, Wanda, Katie and Ellen. Abstaining is Joan.

COMMITTEE REPORTS –

Driving, Events Reps, Event Volunteers, Honorees, Protest, Ride Manager, Star Rating, Trail Preservation and Veterinary Committees had nothing to report.

Awards (Esther Fiddes, Beth Sheldon) – New Decade Award is coming. Esther has submitted the wording of this award to be included in the 2018 rulebook.

2018 Annual Meeting (Char Jewell) – Solicited and received feedback from membership on speakers and topics. Currently sorting through costs for different speakers and developing a proposed budget for the event. Date for the event is February 23-25, 2018 in Grantville, PA.

The BOD has not appropriated money for this event yet. Target completion of speaker list and budget for October BOD meeting so that advertising for the event can begin in the fall 2017.

Drug (Dr. Nick Kohut, Dr. Joan Hiltz) – Two rides have been tested with no positive findings.

Judges (Dr. Nick Kohut, Louise Lester, Eva Norris, Theresa Buckley) – one judge retook the test to update their certification. No new lay or veterinarian judges. discussion about updating the judges' test to reflect rule changes and to improve the questions on the test that appear to be ambiguous was held. Wanda will contact the judges committee to begin work on this topic.

Membership (Marilyn Miles) - 347 members, 371 horses

Mileage & Points (Patty Lambert, Jo Steele, Beth Sheldon, Esther Fiddes) – The spreadsheets are working well. Some people reported that they did not receive a confirmation when they entered their outside mileage. The biggest problem is that the endurance rides are not reporting the ECTRA horse and rider numbers. We had a discussion on how to help rectify this problem. Further communication to members regarding follow up and ownership for accuracy will be done on FB (Char will post), newsletter (Becca will write an article) and Web page. Jo Steele reported that she has recreated lifetime mileage for horse and riders back to 2015. Ellen brought up an idea to keep a running record of horse (who since might be deceased) distance milestones. No further discussion was held on this matter.

Newsletter (Judy Lorimer) – Judy is looking for ways to help contain costs of the newsletter. Forty paper copies go out each month at eleven cents per page. We have been asked to group "nothing to report" committee items together.

Nomination (Esther Fiddes) – We will begin taking nominations in September.

Public Relations & Education (Patti Brooks) – We have an opportunity to participate at Equine Affaire, November 2017. We have been asked to do one 50-minute seminar about our sport. Wanda is leading a committee to begin developing content. The current plan is to have a short informational presentation and then continue with a question and answer period to a panel of experts. In other public. **Page 2**

relations news, Kate Vogel did an informational presentation on competitive trail riding for the New Jersey 4-H organization.

Safety (Louise Lester) - Wanda Stazick reported that there were two accident reports; GMHA and Rock and Roll ride. Both incidences involved riders falling off their horses. No injuries were sustained in either incident.

Sanctioning (Wanda Stazick) - Three additional rides have been sanctioned; Columbus Day ride 80,50, 2-25's, Waterford Maine Ride; Virginia AERC Iron Mountain Jubilee; VERDA, VT.

Technology (Jo Steele, Sherry Morse, Beth Sheldon, Wilson Ring)- Mileage is now up to date to 2015. We have received no communication from Wilson Ring despite repeated attempt to contact him.

Website (Sherry Morse) - Sherry has requested we update the website and has recommended we proceed forward with the proposal. The change will improve ease of use for the Webmaster and also improve functionality of the site. The costs are as follows: \$800 to update the website, \$40/year hosting, \$13.95 domain renewal, and maintenance cost of \$50/yr. Esther Fiddes made the following motion: **Motion - To change website host from Digital Pathways to Hawks Host.** Kate Vogel seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS - 1. Ratification by email:

a. Allow one judge at the Leveret Ride due to low participation. The rule to cover this request is in the rulebook Section I, D, 3.2 ("Events with 21 to 25 horses may petition the BOD for a waiver on the judge rule"). Motion made by Wanda, 2nd by Esther. Approved by Becca, Char, Bill, Katie, Joan and Lindsey. No reply from Ellen

b. Approve FB policy for the ECTRA page. Motion made by Wanda, 2nd by Katie. Approved by Becca, Lindsey, Esther, Ellen and Char. Bill voted "no". Joan abstained from the vote.

c. Allow one judge at the NJTR ride due to low participation. The rule to cover this request is in the rulebook Section I, D, 3.2 ("Events with 21 to 25 horses may petition the BOD for a waiver on the judge rule"). Motion made by Wanda, 2nd by Esther. Approved by Bill, Ellen, Joan, Char, Katie and Becca.

d. Approve the minutes from the March 12, 2017 BOD meeting. Motion made by Esther, 2nd by Becca. Approved by Char, Bill, Wanda, Katie and Ellen. Abstaining Joan

2. Resignation of Secretary, Lindsey Cooke, accepted.

3. BOD discussed time frame for a protest to be filed with Cynthia Young, Protest Chairperson. It was suggested that we follow the same timeframe as AERC. Joan made the following motion (2nd by Kate): **Motion to include verbiage similar to "A protest is to be filed within 30 days of the ride, or if it concerns ride results, within 30 days of the publication of the ride placing in the newsletter" in the 2018 rule book under ECTRA Protest Committee Procedures.** Kate will work on the specific wording prior to 2018 rulebook publication. Vote was suspended until Kate submits the exact verbiage to be used.

4. Char Jewell has agreed to take over the Mentor Program from Louise Lester. Mentor applications should be sent to Char.

The ECTRA banners continue to be missing. Char is going to try to track them down.

6. Discussion about surveying the membership was held. Many of the BOD thought Survey Monkey might be the best vehicle to use to collect information from the membership. This item is on hold for now.

NEW BUSINESS -

1. Electronic communication was discussed. We all agree that a time frame for response to electronic communication must be established. Bill will draft a recommendation by the next BOD meeting (October 2017).

2. In a continuing effort to simplify and/or clarify rules, the BOD discussed several sections of the 2017 Rulebook.

3. Bill gave an SOP update. He needs SOPs from committee chairs on: 1) annual meeting; 2) drug testing; 3) judges; 4) mentoring; 5) sanctioning; 6) trail preservation; 7) veterinarian; 8) secretary; and 9) event rep. Target completion is October BOD meeting.

4. The Virginia trail rides have asked again to be sanctioned by ECTRA. They are within our region, but they must follow the ECTRA rules to be sanctioned by ECTRA. Wanda will respond to their request.

5. Ellen gave drug fee update. There is a \$2.00 fee per horse and this fee is sent to the treasurer after the ride is completed and the exact number of horses competing is determined.

6. Next BOD meeting will be held at the Homewood Suites, Holyoke, Massachusetts on October 21, 2017 from 11 am to 3:30 pm. Jeannette will make the room reservation for this meeting.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Becca, 2nd by Joan. Meeting was adjourned at 2:41 pm. Respectfully submitted,
Jeannette Cole, ECTRA Interim Secretary

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HORSE CAMPING

Last month I asked people to send information on campgrounds for horse camping. Esther Fiddes wrote : “Noticed you were looking for places to write about for horse camping.

“Highly recommend **Wagonwheel Campground**, in Warwick,MA.



Wagon Wheel Campsite

Great gal, Kim Smith, runs it. In middle of 3 state forests, you can ride forever. Swimming pool, bath house, flush toilets, hook ups, covered pens ,excellent manure management. She has some rental campers for folks with no lq also. I have pics if u want. We have gone for 5 years ,love it.

> Also, Karen Giroux has many options in the northern end of **Otter Creek**, including small to large cabins/ houses and very nice camp sites, all with large paddocks and covered areas..



Campsite at Otter Creek

Other horse camping areas in New England: **The Le Grand Horsemen’s Area**, Arcadia State Park in Rhode Island, had roomy campsites, water pumps, picnic tables. No fancy amenities, but miles of trails, ranging from gravel roads to single tracks.

There’s a new horse camping area at Miles Standish State Park in eastern Massachusetts, but I don’t know much about it. It’s located at the Charge Pond area and offers 35 miles of trails.

In CT, horse camping is available in the Natchaug and Pachaug state Forests, at Silver Mine and Frog Pond horse campgrounds.

2017 ECTRA Sanctioned Events (as of 04/20/17)

Wanda Stazick, Sanctioning, Phone (860)447-3976, wstazick@sbcglobal.net

State/Date/Mileage/Ride Name/Contact Info (PF = Pass/Fail Offered)

Latest Updates are highlighted in **YELLOW!**

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

ME	10/8	25	Horses Across Maine	Wanda Clowater, 201-858-3180	wclowater@clowaterart.com
ME	10/9	25	Horses Across Maine	Wanda Clowater, 201-858-3180	wclowater@clowaterart.com
PA	10/14	30	Seven Mountain 30	Jess Herrmann 814-404-1123	contemplatedrisk@gmail.com
NJ	10/28	25.	Jersey Devil PF	Rebecca Wachtel 215-766-0696	rebeccawachtel370@gmail.com
NJ	10/29	25.	Jersey Devil PF	Rebecca Wachtel 215-766-0696	rebeccawachtel370@gmail.com
VT	11/4	30	Kedron Fall Foliage PF	Jenny Kimberly 802-674-5384	jennykimberly@comcast.net

Middle Distance CTR: (2 days, 40 – 75mi)

ME	10/8-10/9	50	Horses Across Maine	Wanda Clowater, 201-858-3180	wclowater@clowaterart.com
NJ.	10/28-29	50	Jersey Devil PF	Rebecca Wachtel 215-766-0696	rebeccawachtel370@gmail.com

Extended Distance CTR: (3 days, 80 – 100mi)

ME	10/7-10/9	80	Horses Across Maine	Wanda Clowater, 201-858-3180	wclowater@clowaterart.com
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Drives CTR: (1 – 3 days, 25 - 100mi)

VT	10/28	25	Jersey Devil PF	Rebecca Wachtel 215-766-0696	rebeccawachtel370@gmail.com
NJ.	10/29	25	Jersey Devil PF	Rebecca Wachtel 215-766-0696	rebeccawachtel370@gmail.com
NJ.	10/28 – 10/29	50	Jersey Devil PF	Rebecca Wachtel 215-766-0696	rebeccawachtel370@gmail.com
VT	11/4	30	Kedron Fall Foliage PF	Jenny Kimberly 802-674-5384	jennykimberly@comcast.net

Conditioning Distance Rides & Drives (R&D) means both Ride & Drives

VA	10/14	17	Seven Mountain 30	Jess Herrmann 814-404-1123	contemplatedrisk@gmail.com
NJ	10/28	10	Jersey Devil PF (R&D)	Rebecca Wachtel 215-766-0696	rebeccawachtel370@gmail.com
NJ	10/28	15	Jersey Devil PF (R&D)	Rebecca Wachtel 215-766-0696	rebeccawachtel370@gmail.com
NJ	10/29	10	Jersey Devil PF (R&D)	Rebecca Wachtel 215-766-0696	rebeccawachtel370@gmail.com
NJ	10/29	15	Jersey Devil PF (R&D)	Rebecca Wachtel 215-766-0696	rebeccawachtel370@gmail.com
VT	11/4	15	Kedron Fall Foliage PF(R&D)	Jenny Kimberly 802-674-5384	jennykimberly@comcast.net

Endurance (1-3 days, 50 – 100mi) – co-sanctioned by AERC

NJ	10/7	75.	Mustang Memorial	Eileen Mullen 856-701-6742	eileenjmullen@gmail.com
NJ.	10/7	50	Mustang Memorial	Eileen Mullen 856-701-6742	eileenjmullen@gmail.com
VT.	10/14.	50.	GMHA Fall	Chelle Grald, 802-457-1509	michelle@gmhainc.org
VA.	10/20	50.	Fort Valley I	Claire Godwin, DVM 240-687-1450	crgdvm@aol.com
VA.	10/21	50.	Fort Valley II	Claire Godwin, DVM 240-687-1450	crgdvm@aol.com
MA	10/29.	50	Plymouth Rock N'End.	Lucha Malato 201-970-6888	lmalato@hudsonreporter.com

Limited Distance Endurance (1 day, 25 – 35mi) – co-sanctioned by AERC

NJ.	10/7	30.	Mustang Memorial.	Eileen Mullen 856-701-6742	eileenjmullen@gmail.com
VT.	10/14	30.	GMHA Fall	Chelle Grald, 802-457-1509	michelle@gmhainc.org
VA.	10/20	30.	Fort Valley I	Claire Godwin, DVM 240-687-1450	crgdvm@aol.com
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