

Trail Committee Agenda

September 1, 2016

Committee Members Present: Lori Richards, Ray Burchett, Leslie Foxvog, Mary Ann Page, Diane Rushing

Committee Members Absent: Jim Jirkovsky

Also Present: Kirk Knowlton, Ron Fowler, Bob Swick, Steve Taylor, Pat Bogar, Keri LeForce

Recap of 2016 Chief Joseph Ride:

- Lori gave a report on the 2016 ride.
- Discussion was held about the awards process and options to improve it. Riders need to be educated that completing their paperwork accurately is our indication that we need to verify award status for them that year.
- Ride roster – It was suggested to have a list of staff separate from the ride roster.
- It was suggested that we produce a pre-written press release for riders. They can then fill in their name and horse's name and take to their local paper for inclusion and promotion.
- Do we want to allow corral panels? Pros and cons to this but this is basically dictated by the amount of space we have at any given camp site.
- Satellite phones: ApHC rents two phones during the rides for emergency use. They are problematic though for many reasons and aren't easy to use.
 - Monique Gillespie has one of these. It was suggested to get one phone and then pay Monique a rental fee for her phone. She knows how to use them and can call in medical assistance if needed.
 - There is concern about next year's ride because of the remote mountain areas making calls very difficult.
- It was suggested that the information on the ApHC web site concerning what is needed to get a horse in shape for the ride looks too hard. We scare people off. Can we tone that down at all?
- Lori expressed frustration at the difficulty in getting kids to apply for foundation scholarship money to attend the ride.
- Pat gave a report on plans for 2017 ride that have been started. Dates are on the Web site and a press release has been issued.
- Lori working on a program to get trail horses in the Hall of Fame. There are no firm suggestions at this point.