

New Editor...Not just a few weeks ago as I was cutting the hair of our 2004 VP, I hinted at helping with the newsletter this year. I really wanted to give back to this great sport. Next thing I knew, I was taking it over and having quite a blast at doing it. I hope you enjoy the new look. I have a background in graphic design so it was fun to do some again. If you have any suggestions, submissions, stories, photos, news, articles of interest, please send me an email at karlawatson@verizon.net. We are operating on a pretty tight deadline in the first few issues, hoping to play "catch up," so the issues should get better as the season progresses. Come say "hi" to me at ridecamp. I'll be the one that may be taking photos around camp for the next newsletter.Karla Watson



Reminders:

- ✓ Don't let this be your last issue! Please RENEW your membership so you can continue to receive newsletters and support PNER. We promise to give you nearly a year's worth of quality newsletters. You must renew by March 15th.
- ✓ Our 2005 Handbook is going to press soon. One important feature of the Handbook is the Membership contact list. If you've renewed your membership, double-check that your contact information is up to date. If your membership is current, and you've had any changes (email address etc) that you haven't clearly communicated to Tiffany you need to do so by **February 25th**. The 2005 dues rates have increased \$10 per last year's board approval. We understand there's been confusion. Current dues rates are \$35 single, \$50 Family, \$20 Newsletter Only. If you've already renewed at the old rate, can you please send Tiffany a \$10 check so she doesn't have to contact you? Thanks! Contact: Tiffany Leonard, P.O. Box 1535, Moses Lake, WA 98837 arabracr100@yahoo.com.

✓ Advertising/classified deadlines are the 20th of the month. Have your Ads be seen by Endurance Riders all over the NW! Mail copy to: Karla Watson, 5320 SE Circle Ave., Portland, OR 97236 or email: karlawatson@verizon.net

PNER BOARD MEETING MINUTES ON FRIDAY JAN. 28TH 2005

Meeting called to order by President Sue Nance at 6:45p.m.
Minutes from Jan 2004 Read and Approved

Old Business: No Old Business to discuss.

New Business: 1st ORDER OF BUSINESS:
Discussion of By-laws and Amendments to the By-Laws. April Burton Motioned to have a committee go through the By-laws and identify necessary beneficial changes and to present suggestions to the board to discuss at the beginning of June 2005.

Mary Nunn suggested the committee present the changes to the general membership. It was discussed that the committee suggestions would be published for the general membership by October newsletter for a vote in the General meeting at Convention 2006. Tom Jones 2nd motion All in Favor

Committee for By-law review was selected:
April Burton, Sue Nance, Dawna Bynum-Boyd, and Tom Jones

Darlene Anderson brought to the table the idea of having the Vice President and President nominations announced in the newsletter 2-3 months prior to the General Membership vote.

Lori Walker suggested a vote by mail system or proxy vote for the convention. This would give all the PNER members a chance to vote instead of just the members who made it to convention.

2nd ORDER OF BUSINESS: Newsletter: Electronic vs. Mail.

Darlene Anderson suggested having the newsletter on the website in PDF format to cut costs. Sue Nance pointed out that the advertisers would lose out if we only had the newsletter in PDF format, as well as advertising revenue for PNER would be diminished. It was advised that more than one person needed to be in charge of the newsletter content, layout and delivery.

There was a general discussion on the membership's priorities, and what PNER members expected for their dues. What do the members want their dues to go towards? What is important to them? Convention awards, newsletter, speakers etc. The rider reps are elected for this reason and the members of PNER must get in touch with their rider reps with concerns or issues on this topic.

3RD ORDER OF BUSINESS: Convention: Sue Nance indicated that no budget has been set and no records accounted for in previous conventions. There was a general discussion on a convention committee to come up with the exact breakdown or guideline on an annual budget that is more detailed. Dawna Bynum-Boyd has itemized this year's spending and will present findings to the new board for next year's budget.

Dory Jackson motioned for a new award:
Ina Mclean would like to sponsor a 1st ever 100-miler rider award, for the rider. Riders who wish to obtain this award must contact Ina Mclean directly upon completion of their first 100-mile ride. Awards to be presented at convention. Darlene Anderson 2nd the motion. All approved.

April Burton called for the meeting to be adjourned at 8:10.
Dory Jackson 2nd. All in Favor.