



## TERA Board of Directors

### Meeting Minutes April

DATE/TIME: April 11, 2025, 1845-1857

Guest(s): None

Recorder: Kathy Hezeau

Attendance:

Matt Riley <small>President</small>	<b>P</b>	Alan Padgett <small>Vice President</small>	<b>P</b>	Jessica Reily <small>Treasurer &amp; membership</small>	<b>P</b>	Kathy Hezeau <small>Secretary</small>	<b>P</b>	Todd Hezeau <small>Education &amp; Webmaster</small>	<b>P</b>	Kerry Lowery <small>Awards</small>	<b>P</b>	Jan Hudson <small>Fundraising &amp; Donations</small>	<b>P</b>
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TOPIC	DISCUSSION/CONCLUSION	ACTION
<b>Call to Order</b>	Matt Riley called the meeting to order at 18:45 PM at the Racing Stripes Event. Meeting was opened to all active TERA members with a total attendance of 48 members exceeding requirement of 26.	<b>Action:</b> none
<b>Bylaws communication</b>	Emails were sent to active members by Alan Padgett on 3/19/2025 asking TERA members to review the proposed bylaws. All members were encouraged to attend the planned business meeting April 11 <sup>th</sup> at Racing Stripes Ride. Any member with questions or concerns was advised to contact Matt Riley or Alan Padgett prior to the membership vote on 4/11/2025.	<b>Action:</b> TERA membership vote on proposed Bylaws and purpose statement April 11, 2025.
<b>TERA Bylaw Vote</b> Alan Padgett	<p>Alan opened the discussion by explaining the need to revise our bylaws due to outdated information and to support TERA's goal of obtaining 501(c)(3) status. Achieving 501(c)(3) status aligns with our long-term goals and mission. It will strengthen our ability to grow, sustain, and promote our sport; educate and engage with the community; and advocate for safe riding practices and equine wellness.</p> <p>Motion was brought forward to approve the proposed TERA Bylaws as presented.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Cynthia Mettes moved to accept the Revised TERA Bylaws as presented.</p> <p><b>Second:</b> <i>Motion seconded by Suzette or was it Sue Jaffee?.</i></p> <p><b>Vote:</b> A show of hands was conducted. All members present voted in favor, with one member abstaining.</p> <p><b>Result:</b> Motion carried.</p>	<b>Action:</b> Newly accepted Bylaws will be posted on the TERA website by Todd Hezeau for review by public.
<b>Open Discussion</b>	Vicki Holzer asked if TERA would consider making it a requirement for ride managers to allow ties for first place at ride completion. She explained that allowing ties would promote safety by reducing racing at the end of a ride, lower liability risks, and reflects good horsemanship.	<b>Action:</b> The suggestion was received, and the TERA Board of Directors will move forward with the suggestion for review



		and discussion at the next Board meeting
<b>Upcoming 2025 TERA Rides</b>	<p>April 24-27th John Nowell is hosting the Whole Hog at LBJ Grasslands. Currently calling for light rain. Registration fee increases after Sunday night so sign up before the price increases.</p> <p>May 10<sup>th</sup> Kim Reeves is hosting the Last Hoorah at 6-0 Ranch in Cleburne.</p> <p>June 14<sup>th</sup> Jessica Lemons is hosting the Midnight Cowboys at Reynolds Creek Park in Waco.</p> <p>July 10-12<sup>th</sup> Tommy Robichaux is hosting the Roger Taylor Memorial at Fort Stanton.</p> <p>October 18<sup>th</sup> Linda Parrish is hosting the Armadillo in Kennard.</p> <p>December 13-14<sup>th</sup> Breanne Smith is hosting Tinsel and Trace at Trace Trails.</p> <p>Please arrange your schedules to attend and support our Texas Ride managers.</p>	<b>Action:</b> TERA members are encouraged to support our Texas ride managers—attend rides if you can.
<b>Meeting adjourned</b>		