

ACTRA E-News

November 2018

TALES 'N TRAILS



Jacqui's Kodak at the Green Gables Gallop hosted by Donna Lee Cole.

The current members of the Board of Directors are:

- President – Blake Storey clubchair@atlanticriders.ca
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- Secretary – Carrilee Eddy secretary@atlanticriders.ca
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Agenda for AGM Nov 17 2018:

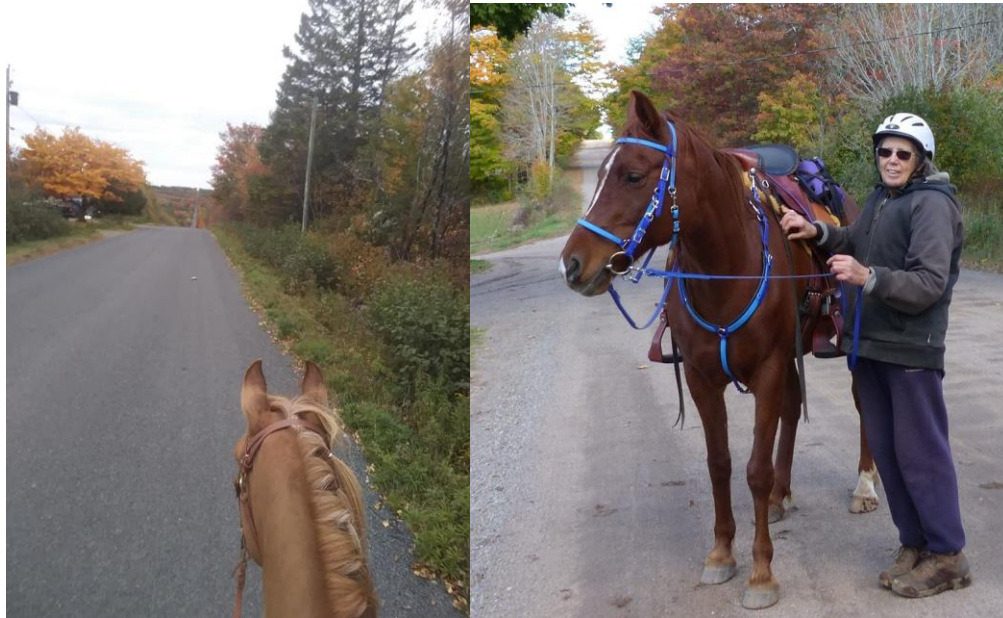
AGENDA for 2018 ACTRA Annual General Meeting November 17th

1. Call to Order 1:30pm, welcome and regrets
 2. Approval of minutes from Spring Meeting April 2018 and AGM 2017
 3. Reports, in order of officers listed in bylaws:
 - a. Chair - Blake
 - b. Vice-Chair/Membership – Nicole Mattatall
 - c. Secretary – Carrilee Eddy
 - d. Treasurer – April Haliburton
 - e. Rules – Pat Rideout
 - f. Newsletter – Jacqui Tupper
 - g. Sanctions – Donna Munn
 - h. Publicity – Russlyn Dyke
 - i. Statistician – Sylvia Gillies
 4. Old Business
 - a. Endurance Clinic - Russlyn
 - b. What's in a Name – Betty Dwyer
 - c. Other/Floor
 5. New Business
 - a. Jean and Elliott Bridges Sportsmanship Award – Pearl Skjonsberg
 - b. Judged Pleasure score sheet changes – Bev Elliott
 - c. Board Governance – Carrilee
 - d. Facebook – Carrilee
 - e. Ride Results – Carrilee
 - f. Reporting of Ride Results to Statistician – Carrilee
 - g. Amending Rule 1.3.4 sanitation practices during judging - April
 - h. Adopting AERC rule change regarding allowable time to complete LDs – April
 - i. Criteria for disqualification on a CTR/IDR – Pat
 - j. Trail horse discussion – Pat
 - k. Change number of qualifying rides for yearend awards - Russlyn
 - l. Membership year – Nicole Mattatall
 - m. Other/Floor
 6. Elections
- Motion to Adjourn

No Ride Results received.

Around the town with ACTRA

Donna Lee's Bo at Susan Hovey's ride. Delle got some shiny new tack!



Link to ACTRA spring meeting minutes:

<http://atlanticriders.ca/sites/default/files/news/2018%20April%208%20Annual%20Spring%20Meeting.pdf>

Link to 2017 AGM minutes:

<http://atlanticriders.ca/sites/default/files/news/2017%20AGM%20Minutes.pdf>

Information re AERC rule change effective 2019 season - time limits for LD:

From AERC regarding a slight change to the Limited Distance rules:

Beginning in the 2019 season, limited distance riders will have an additional 30 minutes to pulse down for their final ride time.

Currently, endurance riders must cross the actual finish line in 12 hours for a 50, and then have an additional 30 minutes for their pulse-down. LD riders have only the six-hour window to complete, including pulse-down.

Effectively, the completion time will be extended for LD riders, including rides of 30 and 35 miles. The language of the rule will be included in the 2019 rule book.

The following article from Endurance News, reprinted by permission to Carrilee Eddy, ACTRA Secretary on Oct.1st, does an excellent job of explaining this new change.

Rules Committee Update: LD riders get a little more time

by Steph Teeter

You and your horse are on a 25-mile ride, it's been a hot day and the rocky trail took longer than you anticipated. You'll need to hurry now to get to the finish in time to pulse down before the six-hour cutoff. Hopefully your horse will pulse down quickly, but the more you hurry, the slower your horse's recovery will be, and darn you'd hate to lose your completion . . . or

You are a ride manager, waiting for your last 25-mile riders. The time is getting close to the six-hour cut-off, and the last four riders just finished the trail. Now the clock shows 10 minutes left for their horses to reach criteria -- splashing water, dropping saddles, frantically checking watches, pulse-takers going from horse to horse, hoping Zippy will drop to 60 bpm. When time runs out, two of the horses are down and they have completed. The other two are close, but still at 64 -- according to the rules they are now disqualified, and get an Overtime pull code. If you've experienced either of these scenarios, you feel frustrated -- the horse finished the trail in the time allowed, but didn't get the full 30 minutes to recover that the other horses had.

At the midyear board meeting the Rules Committee proposed a slight change to the LD rules which would grant competitors the full amount of time (according to the mileage completion charts in the rule book) to finish the trail. If the horse and rider make it across the designated finish line within the time allowable, the in-timers will record their arrival time, and then the horse still has 30 minutes to reach the 60 bpm criteria for a placement and completion.

This will not change the current method for determining placement and finish time for LD. All competitors will still be placed according to the time that their horse reaches criteria. First to pulse is still first to finish, and the time on the clock when each horse reaches criteria is the time recorded by AERC in the ride results.

This will only affect the "turtles" -- the slow riders who like to enjoy every minute of the trail, or had a tough time getting around for whatever reason. Most will not even notice the change, but if you're riding slowly, you will no longer have to worry about having less time to pulse down if you're racing against the clock. Just get to the finish line by cut-off time, and then you'll still have the 30 minutes to reach criteria. Wording of the approved motion:

LD competitors will be allowed the entire maximum time to complete the course per AERC Bylaw 4.01 (b) Limited Distance Ride: A "Limited Distance Ride" is defined as an event in which the same equine and rider cover a specified course of between 25 and 35 miles within a maximum time limit proportional to 6 hours per 25 miles and conforms to the Rules in effect at the time of the Ride. This time shall not include the time required to meet 60 bpm criteria. The actual finish time will be recorded when pulse reaches the criteria.

LD rules shall specify that this amount of time will apply to the completion of the course (trail) and not include the time that it takes for the competitor's horse to reach criteria which determines the competitor's Finish Time per AERC results.

For example, if a 25-mile rider finishes the physical course (start line to finish line) within the six-hour time frame, they will not be disqualified. The 30-minute maximum time to reach criteria of 60 bpm will begin once the course is completed.

Example 1. Ride begins at 10:00 a.m. with a 30-minute hold. Jane and Dobbin arrive at the finish line (defining the end of the course) at 2:00 p.m. The time it took them to complete the course is four hours. Dobbin pulses down in 20 minutes. Jane's finish time is 3:50 (four hours, minus 30-minute hold, plus 20-minute pulse time). This is the time recorded in AERC results.

Example 2. Ride begins at 10:00 a.m. with a 30-minute hold. John and Red arrive at the finish line at 4:00 p.m. The time it took them to complete the course is six hours. Red pulses down in 20 minutes. John's finish time is 5:50 (six hours, minus 30-minute hold, plus 20-minute pulse time). This is the time recorded in AERC results.

Existing AERC LD rules would have disqualified John and Red because they didn't reach criteria before the six-hour maximum time limit was up.

This rule change will allow the slowest LD riders the entire six hours to complete the course (trail) without having to consider the time it takes for their horses to reach criteria within that six-hour time frame. The "pulse to finish" philosophy to deter racing across a finish line will still apply to LD rides.



Suzanne's Tuffy ready to go Trick or Treating.....



Jennifer's Denny at Susan Hoveys?



Niki and Leah on the beach at Green Gables Gallop

Coming Soon

As part of our year end celebration – following the AGM we will hold our Volunteer lottery draw – please feel free to bring and donate a small item (gift wrapped) to show our appreciation for the volunteers who keep our events running! Also, please bring items to donate to the silent auction – a great opportunity to clean your tack room or closet!

Purchased items (\$5 to \$10) - regifted items, or homemade items are all welcome.

ACTRA members may donate a gift if they wish but it is not required.

Please come prepared to renew your ACTRA membership – bring the form already filled out if possible plus cash or cheque.

Happy Mud Season!



ATLANTIC CANADA TRAIL RIDING ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FORM

NAME: _____ :

ADDRESS: _____ :

TELEPHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____ :

JUNIOR OR OTHER RIDERS IN THE FAMILY

NAME: _____ BIRTHDATE: _____ :

NAME: _____ BIRTHDATE: _____ :

I WISH TO REGISTER THE FOLLOWING MOUNT WITH ACTRA (LIFETIME MOUNT REGISTRATION FEE \$25)

REG NAME: _____ **BARN NAME:** _____ :

BREED _____ **AGE:** _____ **MARE GELDING STALLION (PLEASE CIRCLE)**

BREED REGISTRY INFORMATION: _____ :

MEMBERSHIP DUES: INDIVIDUAL \$20.00 - FAMILY \$30.00 - MOUNT REGISTRATION \$25.00

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