

# ACTRA

## SPRING NEWSLETTER

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April 28, 2019

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2019

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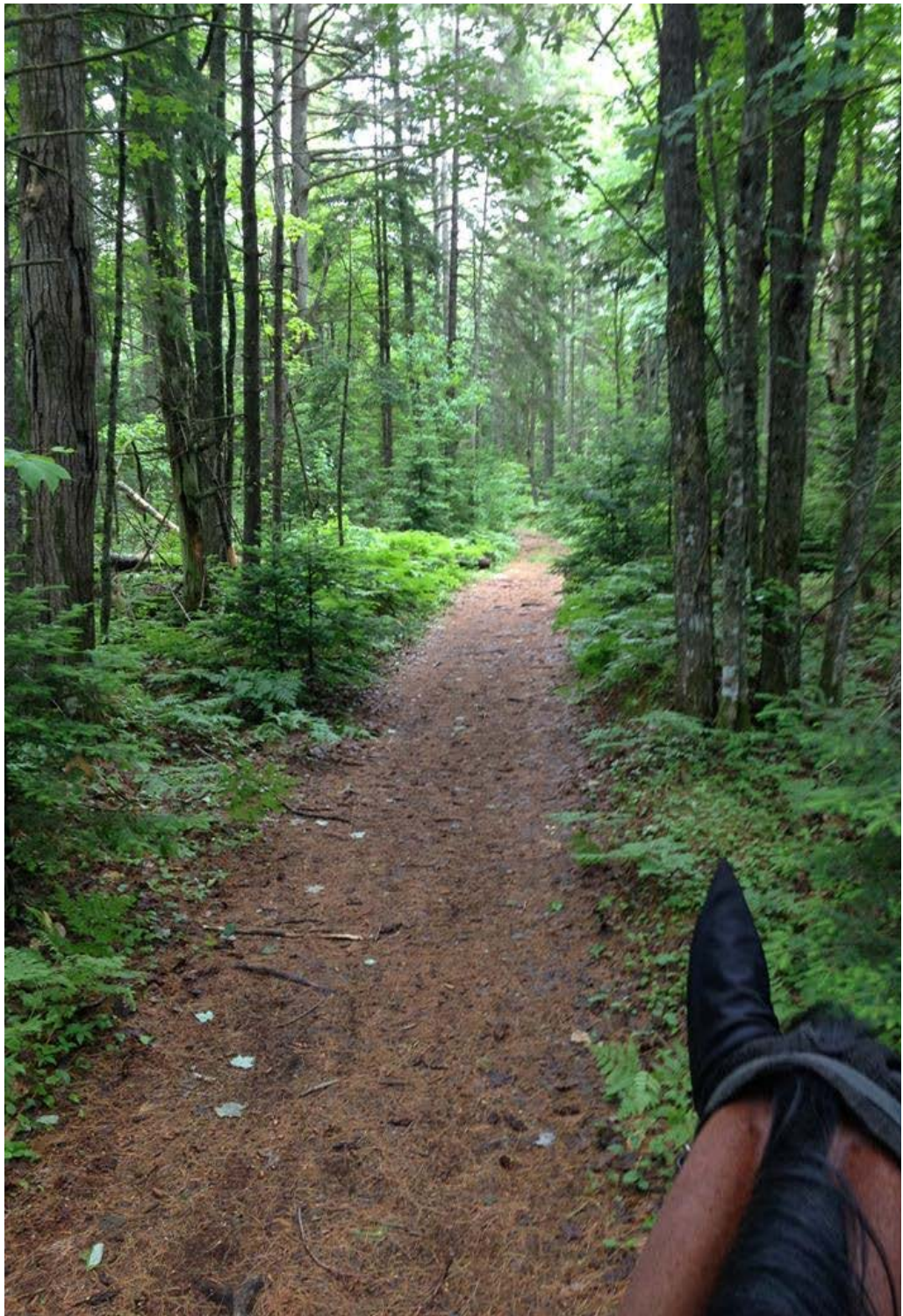
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## SPRING HAS SPRUNG....HOPEFULLY!

If you have gained the  
trust of a horse, you  
have won a friend for  
life.

I hope everyone has been able to get out between the rain showers and start your spring conditioning. The Calendar is looking good for rides in all three provinces, please check the website for more information on the rides.

Just a reminder if you haven't signed up for the Bob Gielan clinic, there is still time. Lots to learn and I'm sure there will be a few laughs!

**2019 Spring meeting Minutes April 28, 2019**  
**Moncton Superstore Community Room**

**Attendees: (22 - 7 Directors, 15 members)**

Lucy Rudge	Betty Dwyer	Christie Cox	Pat Rideout
Elwood Munroe	April Haliburton	Avalee Mattatall	Sylvia Gillies
Carrilee Eddy	Donna Munn	Dianne Storey	Donna Lee
Garnet Gallant	Nicole Mattatall	Bertha Harrison	Ralph
Bev Elliott	Chris Mattatall	Carrilee Eddy	Pearl Skjonsberg
Ivy Gibson			
Elspeth (Beth) Gonzales-Mosher			

Meeting called to order at 1:00 pm by Bev Elliott, Chair pro tem as per Directors' meeting

Spring 2018 Minutes read by Carrilee Eddy

Motion made to accept as read made by Nicole, seconded by Lucy. Carried

**Reports:**

Chair - no report offered

Vice Chair offered by Nicole - Acted as Chair after our Chair resigned. Membership, see attached. Betty asks what is put in New Member Kits. Nicole advises ACTRA Welcome Letter, pocket rule book, membership card.

Secretary report offered by Carrilee Eddy - see attached

Treasurer report offered by April Haliburton - see attached

Rules report offered by Pat Rideout - With the kind and able assistance of Carrilee Eddy, ACTRA Secretary, the rules are current and on the website. New rules that have been voted on since the little blue rule book was printed can be found on the website in the newsletter/minutes heading and titled pocket rule book insert as of March 2019.

We are nearly out of the little blue rule books and need to discuss this issue in new business.

Newsletter offered by Bev Elliott - Sent Fall newsletter, a couple of e-bulletins and emails to keep membership engaged, up-to-date with Board activity and notifications of events.

Sanctions offered by Donna Munn - see attached

Publicity offered by Russlyn Dyke - see attached

Statistician offered by Sylvia Gillies - see attached

Secretary asks for reports to be emailed to Secretary before meeting or given during meeting to help ensure accuracy of reporting to membership.

All reports were accepted as presented - moved by Sylvia seconded by Donna.

## Old Business:

- a. Endurance Clinic - addressed in PR report. Limited entries available.
- b. Intro Ride - Betty Dwyer After discussion, edits were made to Intro Endurance ride and will trial for 2019 ride season. Report with edits attached. Original report submitted by Betty 2018 AGM. Betty moves ACTRA allow this ride type as a trial for the 2019 ride season and agrees to report on results at AGM. Dianne seconds. Carried. Lucy moves that rewrite Rule 1.9.4. to exclude Intro Distance Rides. Christie seconds. Carried. Note: Trial ride, no rule change yet.
- c. Breed Awards - Sylvia moves to include Trail Horse points in eligibility for all awards. Pearl seconds, carried.
- d. Ride Results form - Sylvia asks this form be used, it will be included in Ride Kits
- e. Membership forms addressed in Membership Report
- f. Eric and Blake will look at fundraising. Absent
- g. January Thaw - Nicole thanks Barb Swazey for setting up booth and helping.
- h. Judged Pleasure Sheet - Bev presented edited JP sheet to use for trial, accepted.
- i. Board Governance - Although Chester's motion for Chair to provide a copy of Robert's Rules of Order didn't happen, the reminder that ACTRA follows RRoO was helpful. We will continue to refer to them, thank you.
- j. AERC LD 30 minute rule change - April moves to edit our rules to reflect the AERC change. Lucy seconds. Motion carried as follows:
  - 1. 6L3.2 Course completion time, which is the maximum time competitors are allowed to complete the specified course from start to finish, will be according to the Limited Distance Chart in Appendix A.
  - 2. 6.L3.4 At then finish, ride time of the competitor continues until a pre-set judging criteria of 60 heartbeats per minute or less is met. (Finishing time is recorded as the time at which the rider asks for and subsequently meets this criteria.)
  - 3. \*\*\*\*note. in 6L3.4 The sentence beginning with "There is no marked finish line...." is stricken from the rule because now there IS A MARKED FINISH LINE.\*\*\*
  - 4. 6I4.1 All equines must stand a mandatory post-ride evaluation within one hour of crossing the marked finish line. Riders may present their equines for the final examination at a time of their choosing during the one hour period. An equine that does not meet the established criteria within one hour of arrival time shall be disqualified. Once a completed equine has passed the post-ride examination, it may not be removed from completion for veterinary reasons.
- k. Constitution - posted on website
- l. ACTRA promo video Christie Cox reports that video was played at Garnet's recent Reunion
- m. Website - Carrilee reports that Gallery is now working for members to post pictures in the Gallery. Sylvia expressed concern about control and at least one other member agreed.



n. Pat moves to have New Ride Surveys created to be sent to the riders. Sylvia seconds. Carried Process to be determined by Pat, Bev, RMs. Bev agrees to work with Pat to create survey.

o) Garnet moves to add "Recommend" to the beginning of Rule 1.3.4 and asks that concerned riders feel confident asking a judge/vet to wash/disinfect/glove their hands before touching their horse. Nicole seconds. Carried

### **New Business:**

a) Pat discusses the Pocket Rule books: cost of reprinting, how many to print after updating, when to reprint. Consensus is it was a great idea but not feasible to continue at this time.

b) Christie Cox reports she has found through research that PEI will allow certain fundraising endeavours without a lottery licence. She is willing to coordinate with PEI members and help anyone interested. Much excited discussion and interest.

c) Sylvia reminds members that the Vet Incentive for rides may be a cost that may not be a good idea as funds decrease each year. Asks members to consider whether to continue or not, reduce the amount of \$200 per day, to how much? Carrilee suggested Sylvia with Treasurer could put together a write up for the Newsletter to engage members and Ride Managers and revisit. Also discusses viewing and sending Master score sheets. Discussion, no motion.

d) Ride Placings for Juniors - Sylvia moves for a 2019 ride season trial Juniors be placed for points among Seniors with Year End awards. Lucy seconds. Motion Carried.

e) Jean and Elliott Bridges Sportsmanship Award. Pearl Skjonsberg talks of this most prestigious award for members who exemplify sportsmanship. Lucy Rudge being the first recipient presented at PEI Autumn Ride 2016 by Ride Management. Jennifer McDonald is the second, 2018. Pearl asks if ACTRA members would like this to continue with ACTRA support or willing to cost share with Pearl & nominator/s, Committee formed? Could it be every 5 years? Interested members can email Secretary who will share with Pearl. Anyone willing to join the committee, please email Secretary or Pearl.

f) Donna Lee asks if there is a place for Ride and Drives in our Rules since we removed Special Events. Discussion.

g) Donna Lee asks if ACTRA/members want to plant a tree in the late David Dyke's name. This has been discussed over the years to honour much-loved members. Discussion, no motion.

h) Donna Lee asks if Ride Kits from Sanctioning will be available on our website for those members who wish to access the kit in that way. Discussion. Bev will work with Donna Munn on that.

**Reminder of Elections to be held at AGM. Three members will be at the end of their terms and we are short one Board Member. Any member is entitled to stand for nominations. If you're interested please email the Chair, Bev Elliott or any Director.**

Meeting adjourned at 3:48 pm by Lucy Rudge

Respectfully submitted by Carrilee Eddy

April 29, 2019

## **2019 Secretary Report for Spring Meeting**

Secretary reports the following actions in order of completion since AGM Nov.17, 2018:

Nov.18th ACTRA constitution retrieved, re-typed for clarity, both copies posted on website under Newsletters and also emailed to members who expressed they were unaware one existed. I am also on the hunt for ACTRA by-laws and have asked senior members to look for a copy and email Secretary.

On Nov.18th, posted completed AGM Minutes with attached reports to BoD group chat for approval.

Nov.18 Typed BoD meeting Minutes as received from Donna Munn, awaiting approval of Board members to send for posting to website.

Nov.19th, completed edit of Membership and Membership Renewal forms to include yearly membership date correction to Jan-Dec as per Board agreement for Chair to send to Webmaster for ACTRA website.

Nov.20 Received from Donna Munn addendum to BoD meeting Minutes, added this addendum and sent for posting to website after Board approval.

Nov.30th Worked with Vice Chair to prepare notification of resignation for Chair Blake Storey to submit to Newsletter. Board approved, Secretary sent to Vice for addition to website and Newsletter.

Feb.15th, after assisting Rules, Pat Rideout, sent updated ACTRA rule book to Vice Chair for addition to website.

Feb.15 Sent edit of Ride Entry draft to Board for proofing, edit suggestions, approval. Emailed to Vice to send to Webmaster for addition to website.

Mar.10th Asked of BoD - Should the spring meeting details should be posted any time now?

March 13th, contacted Webmaster to fix the option of ACTRA authenticated users to add pictures to Gallery. Added Donna Munn Originals album to confirm it worked as understood and notified member, Donna Lee, who brought it to our attention. Thank you DL and CR Software.

Mar.15th Sent sympathy card to PR Director Russlyn for the sad loss of her husband David. We told her ACTRA has been better for having had David Dyke as a member and that his kind and generous manner of volunteering in any & every way he could would be missed.

Apr.2nd Accepted responsibility for Agenda as per Vice Chair's request.

Apr.11th Posted on Facebook Spring Meeting save-the-date details as per Vice Chair.

Apr.16 Messaged webmaster to ask cost of adding a caption option to each picture as added to Albums on website Gallery as requested by member Garnet Gallant. Option was added at no cost. At this time I thank CR Software for their consistent prompt responses as well as their patience.

Apr.17th Asked Vice Chair to post Spring meeting details on website calendar, reminded by member, Jacqui Tupper. Thank you, Jacqui.

Apr.17th Created first draft, working from 2018 version of Ride Manager letter for Ride Kit on behalf of Sanctioning Director. Emailed to BoD for continued editing and completion.

Apr.17th Received PR Director's Report and Treasurer's reports, reworked and sent back for proofing. Later added good news addendum to PR report. Received Rules report.

Apr.19th Contacted member for formerly used Ride Recap form, thanks to Lucy Rudge. Forwarded to Newsletter Director for updating and editing.

April 22nd, re-sent confirmation email (Oct.2018) from The UPS Store of prices to reprint Pocket Rule Books and emailed to Rules, Pat Rideout.

Apr.22 Presented Agenda to BoD for proofing before sending to members.

Apr.23rd After addition of items, emailed to Newsletter for notification of members.

Apr.24th Jacqui Tupper messaged, declines to remain on the Board and officially resigns. I extend my personal apologies for the mistake made at AGM 2018 in not confirming her resignation as reported and my thanks for her calm creative contributions to the Board.

## Treasurer's Report Spring Meeting April 28th, 2019

- . Balance sheet
- . Have submitted membership fee to NBEA in both 2018 and 2019.
- . I did calculations on all balance sheets omitting NBEA Membership Expense as they have yet to cash a cheque.
- . Currently there are 11 participants registered for the Bob Gielen Clinic as of April 17th at \$65 each totalling \$715
- . Bankbook balance as of April 18, 2019 is \$7852.38

Respectfully submitted by April Haliburton, ACTRA Treasurer

Beginning Balance November 1, 2018	7230.91
Revenue:	
Membership and Mount Registrations	1,045.00
Banquet Tickets	516.35
Silent Auction	331.50
Outside Miles	10.00
Bob Gielen Clinic (7 as of Mar. 31/19)	455.00
Total Revenue:	2,357.85
Expenses:	
Year End Meeting Room and Banquet	(709.59)
Awards	(588.61)
Sanctioning Expense submitted by Donna Munn	(337.00)
NSEF Club Membership	(50.00)
Intercity Insurance	(350.00)
January Thaw Booth 75.00	(75.00)
Scotiabank Service Charges	(41.18)
Total Expenses:	(2,151.38)
Total Gain:	206.47
Balance March 31, 2019	7,437.38

## Membership report -

For the 2019 year so far here are 63 members.

\*34 people paid on old fees - 24 single memberships 10 family = 24 people

\* 15 people paid after fee change 10 singles 2 family = 5 people

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2019 so far Total singles - 34 Family memberships -12 (equaling 29 people )

3 are NEW memberships 60 renewals

We received 3 horse lifetime memberships paid for 2019 so far

New membership forms are now available on the forms link on our website . Please use them and destroy any old forms you may have :) Please read the instructions letter included. Please scan and email to [treasurer@Atlanticriders.ca](mailto:treasurer@Atlanticriders.ca) Or snail mail :)

Happy trails !

Nicole



## ACTRA Sanctioning Report Spring Meeting Apr.28/19

Will be a very busy year with 8 weekends booked for rides, starting May 19th and ending Sept.21st.

There will be a choice of 4 JPs, 3 IDRs, 7 CTRs, 2 LDs, 1 Intro Endurance Ride and 2 Endurance rides for a total of 474 miles.

Ride kits will contain all of your needed paperwork. Ride results and sanctioning fees must be submitted to the appropriate person within two weeks of your ride date.

There is no rulebook in the kit but is on the ACTRA website and can be printed out or keep a copy accessible on your phone or tablet for quick access.

Special thanks from me for all the time and effort by the BoD the last few months revitalizing our antiquated-looking forms into very professional forms including PDF fillable forms on our website.

Happy trails,  
Donna Munn

# **Actra Spring Meeting 2019**

## **PR Report**

I would like to thank Nicole Mattatall for organizing the January Thaw 2019. Well done Nicole!

I have asked NSEF for funding support for the Bob Gielen Trail Riding Clinic. NSEF will be making their decision this month.

I sent a thank you e-mail with a picture of the winner to Trevor Lawson of Fundy Veterinarians for their generous donation of the Nutrequin Elite vit/min. supplement, which made 90\$ towards Actra's year-end silent auction.

The Spring into Stanley ride and the Copperhill rides have been posted in the NSEF and NBEA e-calendars. I will be posting the remaining rides in both calendars.

The Bob Gielen clinic is completely planned. Now we need Actra members to support this event by either promoting or attending the clinic. A reminder that there is limited seating and the entries need to be in by May 15th.

I would like to thank my committee members for all their devoted hard work. The clinic committee is pleased to announce that we are already close to breaking even. 15 entries is the break even #. If there is a short fall, there is 3 committee members that will take care of the difference, therefore there will be no cost to Actra.

Respectfully submitted,  
Russlyn Patriquin Dyke  
PR Director for Actra

## **Atlantic Canada Trail Riding Association**

### **Statistician and Awards Report**

Spring meeting, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019

- The 2018 awards went well....I think. I received correspondence from only one member asking for an award clarification. There were no reports of any mileage errors or point miscalculations (yay!). It was a bit frustrating however, to plan the meal. Perhaps the traditional meeting/banquet/awards is dwindling in popularity and other options be considered (to the next person who volunteers to plan that day....good luck with that).
- I still have some certificates and plaques from the 2018 awards ceremony that need to get to their new temporary homes so they can be proudly displayed. Hopefully some will move on today. Due to the rotating postal strikes last fall I chose not to mail the plaques for fear they would get caught up in the conflict. I will however, mail anything that is left over after this meeting.
- There were two new Plaques purchased this Year for Limited Distance rides. Thank you to Russlyn and Dave Dyke for looking after that for me this winter. While I don't see a need for any immediate purchases at this time, I would like to see our standing trophies eventually be replaced with flat plaques as these tend to store easier and travel well.
- I like the stall plaques that were purchased for the keeper awards. They were reasonably priced, allowed for lots of flexibility in design, and they were sized and shaped to give the recipient a variety of options for storing or displaying them. I am aware however, that 2018 was the second year for these. Therefore, in the interest of keeping things "fresh", if any members have other suggestions/ideas for this award please feel free to bring them forward for discussion.
- The Board of Directors has been diligently working on updates and improvements to many of our documents. One of these amended was the Master Scoresheet for CTR/IDR. While the modifications made were minor, they were necessary to reflect rule changes and clarify reporting procedures. To that end I would ask that ride managers who are hosting CTR's or IDR's use only the Masters that are included in your kit or on the website and destroy any older copies you may have on hand from previous years.
- I believe this has been a productive winter/spring session for all of us on the ACTRA Board of Directors and I am sure the dialogue and the progress will not end there. As we all look forward to a successful competitive distance riding season I can assure you that as Statistician, and a member of the board and this club, I will continue to bring forth and discuss issues and ideas that will move this association forward in a positive and prosperous way.

## INTRO ENDURANCE RIDE - Trial for 2019 Ride Season

### SUBMITTED BY BETTY DWYER

ACTRA Ride Managers may elect to host rides which are sanctioned for less than 22.5 miles. These rides are designated "Intro/Fun Rides". Intro Endurance Rides must be included on the sanctioning form and held in conjunction with an ACTRA Limited Distance or Endurance ride or an ACTRA Endurance Clinic.

1. Ride Managers have flexibility with Intro Endurance rides to make them a better tool for education (examples are: riding with mentors and longer time limits).
2. No placing or best condition will be awarded.
3. At least one control check point of some kind is required during Intro Endurance Rides sanctioned for 10 miles or more. (for example: pulse and go) This does not preclude the pre-ride or post-ride exam.
4. All Intro Endurance rides must have a pre-ride and post-ride exam completed by a control judge. These exams are to have the same requirements as any other ACTRA-sanctioned distance ride.
5. Riders may not elevate from an Intro Endurance Ride.
6. No points are awarded for the equine or owner.
7. Miles are awarded for the equine and rider upon completion requirements. Ride results for these distances (other than mileage) will not be reported to ACTRA and will not be published.

## Addendum to 2019 Spring Meeting Minutes

As per April Haliburton's motion to reflect AERC's 30 minute rule change  
Submitted by April on April 30th and agreed upon by Rules Director, Pat Rideout

6L3.1 There may be no minimum time for completion.

6L3.2 Course completion time, which is the maximum time competitors are allowed to complete the specified course from start to finish, will be according to the Limited distance chart in Appendix A.

6L3.3 Riding time is the time used by competitors to complete the course and reach criteria, excluding all hold times. This is the time used for ACTRA ride results.

6L3.4 At the finish, ride time of the competitor continues until a pre-set judging criteria of 60 heartbeats per minute or less is met. (Finishing time is recorded as the time at which the rider asks for and subsequently meets this pre-set criteria.)

6L4 Completion requires meeting all of the criteria used for endurance rides with the exception of maximum pulse criteria upon completion of the course.

6L4.1 All equines must stand a mandatory post-ride evaluation within one hour of crossing the marked finish line. Riders may present their equines for the final examination at a time of their choosing during the one hour period. An equine that does not meet the established criteria within one hour of arrival time shall be disqualified. Once a completed equine has passed the post-ride examination, it may not be removed from completion for veterinary reasons.

6L4.2 The equine must meet a reasonable pulse recovery based on ambient conditions within 30 minutes of arrival at all control points. Maximum pulse criteria upon completion of the course is 60 beats per minute, and must be met within 30 minutes arrival at the finish line. Respiration should be evaluated on it's own merit. Ambient temperature and humidity effects need to be recognized and their effects considered.

The limited distance time chart Heading is changed as follows:

Limited Distance Maximum Course Time

Hours : Minutes

(time rider must be off the marked course,  
including all holds and checks)

Respectfully submitted by  
Carrilee Eddy  
Secretary, ACTRA  
April 30, 2019

- 1.1.1 All competitors in ACTRA sanctioned rides must have proof of membership in their provincial equestrian association
- 1.1.6 Rides must be sanctioned and posted on the website a minimum of 30 days prior to the date of the ride. (Nov 2017)
- 1.1.7 Ride management should receive their sanction kits no later than two weeks before the ride date. Verbal communication requesting a ride date must be confirmed with a written request within a week to the sanctioning person in order for that ride to be approved.
- 1.1.8 Results and sanction fees are to be forwarded to the statistician and treasurer respectively within 2 weeks of the ride. The statistician will forward the ride results to the newsletter editor to be published in the ACTRA newsletter.
- 1.1.9 Annual budget of up to \$200.00 provided for sanctioning director.
- 1.11.9 ACTRA will subsidize veterinary costs for ACTRA sanctioned rides of CTR/IDR or ER/LD at the cost of \$200.00/day if the combo is held on the same day. All paperwork and sanctioning fees must be submitted within two weeks before ride is eligible for reimbursement.
- 1.11.10 When a tie is awarded the next placing is skipped. For example: if there is a tie for first place of two riders, the next placing is third.
- 1.12.1 Time allowed for reviewing score sheets/seeking correction of any mechanical error changed to 48 hours (Nov 2017)
- 1.14.3 A 5 point deduction per leg will be applied to horses wearing leg protection during a CTR/IDR.
- 2.10.4 A separate crew should be available to do all the final calculations and deduct time penalties from the sheets. After placings and awards are determined, judge should sign the score sheets. The master score sheet must be completed before judging sheets are given out to competitors.
- 2.10.5 Riders should check their sheets for calculation errors and notify management if any are found. Time allowed for reviewing score sheets/seeking correction of any mechanical errors is 48 hours for statistical purposes (Nov 2017)
- 3.2.3 IDR speed is either 4 or 5 miles/hour to be decided by ride management and announced at the time of sanctioning. (Nov 2017)
- 3.3.1 Management hosting an IDR can have a maximum distance of 20 miles and a minimum of 12 miles.
- 3.10.4 Riders should check their score sheets for calculation errors and notify management if any are found. Time allotted for reviewing score sheet/ seeking correction of ant mechanical errors is 48 hours for statistical purposes. (Nov 2017)
- 5.7.2 Scoring points for Endurance will be allotted as 11, 10, 9, 8, 7, etc. Completion placings after 10th place will get one point.
- 5.7.3 Riders should check their sheets for calculation errors and notify management if any are found. Time allowed for reviewing score sheet/seek correction of any mechanical errors changed to 48 hours for statistical purposes. (Nov 2017)

**\*\*Please cross out the AERC schedule for year end points as printed at the back of the rule book as their points per mile senior division, junior division and points for common ride lengths is not applicable to us.\*\***



# Atlantic Canada Trail Riding Association

## *Presents*

## Elite International Distance Trail Rider Bob Gielen

World Equestrian Games 2008, 2010, 2018; North American Endurance Team Challenge 2009, 2013, 2015; Canadian Championship 2006; Pan American Endurance Championship 1999; Canadian Competitive Trail Riding Championship 1994



Bob Gielen of Flesherton, ON and More Bang For Your Buck  
Photo Credit: Becky Pearman

### For All Experience Levels

### What is Distance Trail Riding?

### How do I Prepare?

- Conditioning
- Nutrition
- Trailering
- Tack
- Electrolytes

### What to Expect!

- From 10 Miles to 100 Miles

Tickets \$65 (lunch included)

Limited Seating

Pre-Registration Required

For more information, contact Russlyn at  
[pr@atlanticriders.ca](mailto:pr@atlanticriders.ca)

## June 1, 2019 9 am -5 pm

## Wandlyn Inn

1539 Southampton Rd, Amherst, NS B4H 3Y4



*"To promote the safe and ethical use of equines in distance riding"*

## BOB GIELEN CLINIC ENTRY FORM

Amherst Wandlyn Inn  
1539 Southampton Road,  
Amherst, NS. B4H 3Y4  
Saturday, June 1st 2019  
9:00am - 5:00pm



**Distance Riding**

**REGISTRATION deadline is May 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Limited to 50 entries**

**Clinic cost is \$65 per person, which includes light break snack, coffee or tea, soup and sandwich lunch.**

**Please pay by e-transfer or cheque payable to Atlantic Canada Trail Riding Association or ACTRA.**

Entries can be sent via email to [treasurer@atlanticriders.ca](mailto:treasurer@atlanticriders.ca) or mailed to:

April Haliburton  
266 Maloney Road  
Admiral Rock, NS.  
B0N 2H0

Attendees name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_ Your Riding Discipline: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Method: \_\_\_\_\_ e-transfer \_\_\_\_\_ cheque

## **40+ year Reunion of Distance Riding**

On April 6th, 2019 in Amherst, founding ACTRA member, Garnet Gallant hosted a 40+year Reunion of Distance Riding with ACTRA and TRANS members and fans. What a successful event if you were hoping to hear stories, see interesting memorabilia and feel a great sense of community spirit with fellow riders, horse lovers and enablers!

How inspiring it was to listen to Garnet, who realized simply through a willingness to say "why not? I'll try!" that he could connect with international riders and end up riding in the most exciting places, meeting all kinds of fellow riders also addicted to Distance Riding! It was equally inspiring to hear people talk about their challenges, we all have them! We heard from Roy Drinnan as well, who is not a rider of horses but has been a dedicated enabler for decades. He is another who is full of stories that show how fun and close the family of Distance Riding really is, for all types of riders and volunteers whether they ride or not - they share a love of horses and their riders.

We even had an ribbon presented to Bev Elliott and her Count from the Amherst CTR held in late 80s/early 90s! There is a story there, to be sure! Lots of laughter over that one.

It seems Garnet and his crew of helpers thought of everything - delicious food was plentiful, a moving list of late members who are remembered fondly by many, delightful music breaks, - I was lucky to be sitting next to Pam Thornton when she couldn't resist jumping up and joining them! - the beautiful setting of the First Baptist Church in Amherst was perfectly central which welcomed NB, NS and PEI guests. We were treated to a tour of the building and were impressed with how lovely the historic church is, some of us intend to visit again when they host a Living Christmas Tree performance in which our own Bertha Harrison takes part. While enjoying the huge pipe organ and carved woodwork, Pam again couldn't resist singing - she went up to the balcony to sing, how cool that was!

Other interesting items: Equistars CollectaCards - the Distance Riding section of cards had familiar names aside from Garnet, we saw Julie Suhr and other famous-to-us names that we recognized. The book Horse of a Lifetime by Dr. Helen Douglas was so cool, I bought a copy. Newspaper clippings, Treasurer receipts, ribbons, coolers, SO many items that I wish we had a museum.

I think we truly could have gone on to enjoy a whole weekend of stories! It was wonderful to look at familiar names on the trophies as well as names I'd only heard of, to see an entry form from the Amherst Centennial 100, and to hear challenges and triumphs riders experienced over 40+ years of trail riding adventures!

I wish I could recount all of the stories told at this event, I hope you hear many of them around a campfire or in a hall, if it's raining. Ask for them! Take a look at the album in our website Gallery and ask those people to talk!

You will laugh, you will learn, you will be surprised and you will feel a part of this community.

[ACTRA Gallery](#) Please take a look at the pictures on our website as we work on captions for each pic.

Smiling,  
Carrilee Eddy  
ACTRA Secretary and grateful fan of Distance Riding



## **SPRING INTO STANLEY – JUDGED PLEASURE MAY 19, 2019**

Elwood and Lucy have been out checking the trail and it is looking good! The Ride Committee (Lucy, Elwood, Jacqui, Carrilee, Bev) would like to invite everyone to ACTRA's first ride of the season! We are hoping the weather co-operates with us this year and we have sunshine....a reminder thou...if there is sun there is blackflies and mosquitoes, so bring your bug spray!

The deadline of May 15<sup>th</sup> is coming up quickly, so get your entries in. Please check out ACTRA's website ([atlanticriders.ca](http://atlanticriders.ca)) under the Calendar tab for more information on the ride and where to send/mail the entry form and e-transfers.

Any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me (Bev Elliott) via FB or my email [mtndodge@gmail.com](mailto:mtndodge@gmail.com)

See you in Stanley!





## Northville Heritage Challenge 2019

June 29<sup>th</sup> IDR – 18 Miles  
CTR – 25 Miles

June 30<sup>th</sup> JP – 18 Miles  
CTR – 25 Miles

It has been a few years, but we're super excited to be hosting at this ride site again!

The Heritage Rides are a two loop ride with the mandatory hold at base camp. One loop will be along the valley floor and the other loop will be along the North Mountain. Water for your horse is available along the trail.

Loads of field room at base camp for trailers and pens at the Northville Heritage Centre. Running water and washroom facility available. Sorry, no hook ups. We will have a spot for a bonfire Friday and Saturday night.

Entry Fees are as follows:

CTR = \$60

IDR = \$45

JP = \$45

A discount of \$10 for those who register for both days AND enter before the deadline date of June 15<sup>th</sup>. A full refund minus \$20 for Administration Fees, if we receive your cancellation notice by June 25<sup>th</sup>.

Entry Fees include:

Breakfast (Sat & Sun): Coffee/Tea/Juice and something to go.

Supper – Sat: TBD

Sun: Pizza Party

Extra meals available \$8.00 (Please reserve ahead)

The Northville Heritage Centre canteen will be available on Saturday during the day. Canteen purchases are on your own.

Please note that LUNCHES will not be provided to the riders.

Ride Managers:

Niki Petrie – Cell: 902-300-6444; email at [nikifpetrie@gmail.com](mailto:nikifpetrie@gmail.com) or Facebook Messenger

Bev Elliott – Cell: 902-300-1880; email at [mtndodge@gmail.com](mailto:mtndodge@gmail.com) or Facebook Messenger

For more information and Entry Forms, please go to the ACTRA website ([atlanticriders.ca](http://atlanticriders.ca)) under the Calendar Tab and click on the Northville Heritage Challenge. ACTRA's Rule Book is also on the website if you require them.

Registration forms and payment (e-transfer) can be emailed to Carrilee Eddy at [carrileeb@hotmail.com](mailto:carrileeb@hotmail.com) If you prefer to do snail mail, send Carrilee a message for her mailing address.

**INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS:** All competitors in ACTRA sanctioned events must be a member of their Provincial Equestrian Association.

The Northville Heritage Center is excited to be showcasing the versatility of horses on this weekend. We will be sharing the space with the local heavy horse competitors on Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup>. They will be using the pull ring. When they are pulling the teams must be inside the fenced area. Please see the pic below on where everyone is parking.

The Heritage Centre is located in an agriculture area, so there may be activities such as irrigation, farming equipment and livestock.



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## The Annapolis Valley Challenge

Everyone loves a challenge right? Who would like to tackle back to back 25 mile Competitive Trail Rides? Or 15-18 mile IDR/JP? One in the summer in the Valley's greenery and then in the fall when the leaves are starting to change their colour. Throw in some mountain climbs, wood trails, picturesque back roads and some spectacular views.

If I have caught your attention, then the Valley Ride Committee would like to offer the following:

- The Valley Challenge is for the individual rider and same mount for all rides. Hereafter referred to as the "team".
- The team must compete both days in the CTR at the Northville Heritage Centre in June and then both days in the CTR at the Ride with Skye in September.
- OR
- The team must compete both days in the IDR and JP at the Northville Heritage Centre in June and then both days in the IDR at the Ride with Skye in September.
- The four rides in each category will be used to determine the top rider/mount. Point calculations will be determined by placings in the rides. (ie 1<sup>st</sup> = 7points, 2<sup>nd</sup> = 6points, 3<sup>rd</sup> = 5points, etc and a point for finishing)
- There will be a High Point Cooler awarded in the CTR and the IDR categories.
- Please send Bev Elliott a message via FB or [mtndodge@gmail.com](mailto:mtndodge@gmail.com) if you are interested in this Challenge!