

## Summary - National Board of Directors Meeting, Reno, NV, March 8, 2012.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL. All BOD members, except Elaine Swiss, present. Dieterich, Ferris, Walls, DeMattei, Wolgram, Peters, Gould, Cowart, Clayton, Lindsey and Weil. Laurie DiNatale, Executive Administrator, and Patsy Conner, Sanction Chair, present. Guests: Sherry Lindley-Ferris, Bob Insko. Clayton submitted JR Kendall as replacement for Region Six Alternate BOD member. **Clayton moved and Gould seconded the appointment. Motion approved.** Walls welcomed the BOD and guests to the 2012 Convention.

MINUTES November 12, 2011. Call for corrections. **Cowart moved to accept minutes, Peters seconded. Motion approved.**

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

PRESIDENT'S REPORT. Clayton stated that there could be some challenges facing NATRC this year with the economy and higher gas prices. He noted that clinics are important in our efforts to introduce NATRC to new riders, especially local ones. We need to make sure that riders are having a good time and feel supported. Clayton stated that Janis Baldwin would like to find someone to take over the RMS. Region Five is working on a plan to accomplish that.

EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT, DiNatale. No firm membership numbers with renewal process still in process. DiNatale sent the BOD a list of members who need to renew.

SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT. Swiss by webinar and phone. Did much better financially in 2011 than anticipated. Loss was held at \$600. Revenue was up and expenses were down. Income exceeded budget. Reviewed balance sheet. **Motion by Swiss, seconded by Wall, to move Invesco Money Market funds to Fidelity Money Market account. Motion approved.**

The Committee for 2011 raffle was Swiss, Walls, Bev Roberts and DiNatale.

BUSINESS MODEL & MEASUREMENTS, Swiss. Reviewed report. Recommends 1% increase as a goal for 2012. Since the number of rides is already fairly firm for the year, the only areas we can work on are the average number of competitors per ride and increasing membership. B rides are most successful when they draw local riders. Wolgram suggested back to back B rides.

INSURANCE, DiNatale. Diane Leshner, CEO of Equisure, was present to answer questions. Leshner offered to review our history of accident reports. Biggest safety issues are dogs, golf carts, and off road vehicles. Our policy does not have off road vehicle coverage. An off road vehicle is defined as a vehicle that you don't need a driver's license for. If a ride manager knows that an off road vehicle is being used at the ride, then the additional off road vehicle insurance needs to be added to the policy. Leshner talked about "buddy" riders who want to ride along, but not be a volunteer or competitor. A Buddy Rider would not be a participant. Our policy only covers participants. Leshner felt that if managers know that someone is riding with our group, they need to be an official participant, either as a volunteer or competitor, and they must sign a waiver. All participants must sign a waiver. Weil pointed out that DO riders must follow our rules or be disqualified. Leshner cautioned ride managers to read contracts for facilities carefully. If managers have any questions on the contract, Equisure can review. Leshner also cautioned managers to strictly follow park or facility rules on dogs. Leshner reviewed the Platinum equine excess liability insurance.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF SHARED BOD AMOUNT: -\$402.79

BUDGET, Swiss. Reviewed proposed budget. **Motion by Dieterich, seconded by Lindsey, to accept budget. Motion approved.** Swiss would like to discuss raising rider fees in July. She would also like to discuss a "Friend of NATRC" membership category, for non-competing members, in July. **Motion by Lindsey, seconded by Wolgram, to approve Financial Report. Motion approved.**

BY-LAWS & RULES, Lory Walls. See Rules Report in this issue of Hoof Print.

REGION 1A REPORT. Laurie Knuutila gave report. NATRC is alive and well in Alaska. 35 members in 2011. Forty-one riders at the 2011 ride. CTR Alaska has a Facebook page.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES, Dieterich.

Sanction Denial or Revocation – Proposed Change

The BOD or Executive Committee and Sanction Chairperson have the discretion to deny or withdraw the sanction to any ride that has substantial problems resulting from poor management.

Discussion on why a sanction might be denied or revoked. **Motion by Peters, seconded by Lindsey, to accept proposed wording regarding Sanction Denial or Revocation. Motion approved.**

Procedure for comped Membership and payment for first ride for Apprentice/ Provisional Veterinary judges. Dieterich suggested that this procedure be documented in the Policies and Procedures. **Motion by Walls, seconded by Lindsey, to approve wording outlining the present procedure. Motion approved.**

4-H Special/ Year-End Award. **Motion by Peters, seconded by Wolgram, to approve changes to 4H Award wording in P&P. Motion approved.** See notice in this issue of *Hoof Print*.

PROTEST, Cowart. See report in this issue of *Hoof Print*.

RIDE SANCTION. Patsy Conner distributed and reviewed report. Conner reviewed historical changes to sanction process. Electronic methods of communication are now the norm. Dieterich, Jean Green, and Bev Roberts have spent countless hours reviewing and revising forms and posting on the website.

CLINIC SANCTION, Linda Clayton. Report filed.

MANAGEMENT, Jean Green. Report filed.

RULES INTERPRETER, Liz Scott. No Report.

Guests: Jonni Jewell and Gene Boicelli.

SAFETY, Gould. Regions 4 & 5 presented Safety PowerPoint during their Regional Conventions. Patti Hicks is working with Gould on Safety Committee.

MARKETING/ PUBLICITY, Bev Roberts. Report received and read by Dieterich later in meeting. Roberts listed various publicity exposures that NATRC has received. Website transition from Paddock to Roberts is progressing well.

JUNIORS, Peters. Peters will write an article focused on juniors in 4H for the next *Hoof Print*.

FOUNDATION, No report. Foundation will meet in July.

MEDIA ADVISORY, Dieterich. Website updated. Jonni Jewell suggested that everyone use "NATRC" as much as possible on Facebook. Jewell will be national Facebook Coordinator for NATRC.

DRUG TESTING, Jerry Weil DVM. Reported that there were no positives in 2011. Discussion on testing.

VETERINARY DRUG COMMITTEE, Michael Peralez, DVM. Dieterich reported that Drug Appendices will be posted on the website.

TRAIL ADVOCACY & GRANTS. Report filed by Erin Glassman.

EDUCATION, Jamie Dieterich. AERC offers excellent CE program for Veterinarians at the Convention. Mike Peralez, DVM, is working on an information sheet regarding the proper method of taking P&R's. Judges Committee is working on the revision of the Judges Manual. Judges Committee would like to add section on Mentoring of Apprentice Judges to the Judges Manual. There is wording on the CRI procedure. Discussion on the value of comments on horsemanship cards. **Motion by Walls, seconded by Lindsey, to approve the publishing of revised Judges Manual with changes and the inclusion of section regarding Mentoring Program. Motion approved.** Manual will be reviewed by Walls, Weil, Cowart, Jonni Jewell, and Lindsey.

Clayton submitted his recommendation for 2012 Judges Committee. Patsy Conner, Jamie Dieterich, Mike Peralez, DVM, Jonni Jewell, Kim Weil, Sallie Kudra, Louise Vasquez, Priscilla Lindsey, Liz Grogan, Kay Gunckel, DVM, Stephanie Ostrowski, DVM, and Bob Goulding, DVM. **Motion by DeMattei, seconded by Peters to accept Committee. Dieterich and Walls abstained. Motion approved.**

JUDGES, M. Peralez/P. Conner.

*Horsemanship Judges Committee.* Conner reviewed report. Pam Hess, DVM, has asked to be reinstated as NATRC Vet Judge. **Motion by Weil, seconded by Lindsey, to reinstate Pam Hess, DVM, as a NATRC Vet Judge. Motion approved.**

Jerry Sims will work with Cowart and maybe Conner, before judging as a Provisional at Rabbit Valley. Horsemanship Judge Application submitted by Steve Lindsey.

Carrie Porter, DVM, new Vet Judge applicant. Natalie Morris, DVM, will be applying. Becky Rogers has applied as a Horsemanship Judge. Consensus that observations should always be safe and appropriate.

*Vet Judges Committee,* Peralez. Sent report. Peralez stressed in his report that Vet Judges' main responsibility is to monitor and evaluate the horse's health by using their veterinary skills. Also submitted report with statistics regarding pulled horses at rides.

MEMBERSHIP, Betty Wolgram. A report of all new members will be published in each issue of *Hoof Print*. Consensus that a "Members Only" section of the website would be a good member benefit. Weil stated that Ruth Mesimer has decided to pay her membership fee annually even though she is presently a Lifetime Member. She encouraged others to do the same in support of NATRC.

HALL OF FAME, Jackie Coleman. No report.

STUDENT LOAN/SCHOLARSHIPS, DeMattei. \$309 available for a scholarship award, but we have no applications. She questioned whether the unused money could be rolled over to next year.

BREED & ORGANIZATION LIAISONS.

AHA, Bob Insko. Bob Insko talked about AHA ride sanctioning. AHA is thinking of eliminating some of their recreational riding programs. AHA is looking at allowing hoof boots, but has not yet made that change.

BREED LIAISON, Terry Silver will continue to work on the Breed awards. Priscilla Lindsey will work on marketing with

Breed Associations, with reciprocal ads and links.

HONORARY & APPRECIATION, Ruth Mesimer was just appointed, no report.

ANNUAL POINTS/NATRC DATA, Gloria Becker/Cheri Jeffcoat/Laurie DiNatale. No report.

WEBINAR, Ferris. Consensus that the Webinar meetings could be valuable. Next meeting is set for April 24, 2012.

NATIONAL RECOGNITION, Becker/DiNatale/Abbott. No report.

CONVENTION 2012, Walls reported on convention venue locations.

CONVENTION 2013, Region Three. Location will probably be Denver.

CONVENTION 2014. Location has been set in Tulsa, OK. Lee Ann Dreadfulwater will Chair.

**Motion by Walls, seconded by Weil, to skip Regional Reports. Motion approved.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Electronic Scorecard. Peters stated that a trial of electronic scorecards will occur at AFA ride.
2. Planned giving. Cowart. Committee is formulating a plan. They have set a goal of \$250,000.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Ride fee increase. Discussion. Consensus that if this is a possibility, then it needs to be fully discussed before instituting. With a \$5 increase, a rider that rides 7 rides, would only realize a \$35 increase over the year. Walls would like to see the drug fee increased to \$5 nationwide. CA presently pays \$5.
2. Dieterich would like to see whoever is interested in running for President for 2013 declare their candidacy and present a platform in July.

**Motion by Walls, seconded by DeMattei, to adjourn. Motion approved.**

Minutes on file at National Office.

Next meeting to be held evening of July 13<sup>th</sup> (informal discussion) and all day July 14, 2012, at The Renaissance Hotel, 3801 Quebec Street, Denver, Colorado.