

NATRC National Board Minutes June 1, 2021, Zoom Monthly Summary

CALL TO ORDER by President Angie Meroshnekoff at 6:33 p.m. CDT.

ROLL CALL. Angie Meroshnekoff, Jamie Dieterich, Bob Insko, Lory Walls, Bill Wingle, Elaine Swiss, Kim Murphy, Esther Diaguila, Kris Gray, Marla Stucky, John Zelif, and Sarah Rinne, Executive Director. Guests, R1 Alternate Donna Stidolph, Honorary and Appreciation Chair Ruth Mesimer, and Judges Committee Co-Chair, Dr. Keri Riddick present. Laurie DiNatale absent.

JUDGES COMMITTEE REPORT. The board unanimously agreed to reject use of standing wraps as presented by Dr. Riddick on behalf of the judges committee. A written report from the committee was sent to the board for study prior to the meeting. Both R3 and R4 board members received unanimous negative feedback. The proposal came from discussion within the veterinary drug committee regarding modernized care, advanced veterinary technology and updated ideology in caring for horses. Much of it that doesn't fit with NATRC philosophy, however. We already have effective means of caring for our horses at rides and shouldn't need the additional aids. The considerations and discussion are always good. The board will continue final discussions next month.

Dr. Susan Dent has met all of the criteria to become an LeD judge, and the judges committee has recommended board approval. **Walls moved to approve Susan Dent as an LeD Judge, Wingle seconded. Motion carried.** The committee has been discussing required mileage to become an LeD judge and whether the 750 mileage has to be a certain type of mileage (Open, CP, Novice, LeD or a combination of them, etc). It has not been decided, but a recommendation will be developed and brought to the board.

DANGEROUS HORSE POLICY. Meroshnekoff. We need to revisit a dangerous horse policy for NATRC as it is a recurring liability. This has been brought up in the past in more than one region on more than one occasion (Denise Farris presented on it several years ago). Disqualification at a ride isn't the issue; refusing entry to subsequent rides is. Question: do we need a rule regarding handling of dangerous horses or a policy? The board could use the three strikes policy, as previously addressed by Farris. Even though an owner should have the ability to rebut the three strikes, having a national policy identifying how the three strikes policy works is essential. Meroshnekoff and Diaguila will be the primary leads on drafting a policy regarding dangerous horses.

RIDER TACK/SADDLES. Meroshnekoff. Discussed a situation at a recent ride with a rider about the definition of a saddle. The rider was using a bareback pad (no stirrups etc.), essentially nothing to identify it as a saddle, so she was not allowed to use it. The rules interpreter felt it wasn't a saddle, however the rider was told prior to the ride that it was. The RI didn't know how to define it. It really should be left on a case by case basis, but the question remains for rules interpreters - what is the definition of the saddle? We could leave it at judging the results and keeping it simple. Use as done before: "How is the item marketed? If it is marketed as a saddle, then it is a saddle."

WEBSITE. Rinne. Progressing on the website and the data project. Rinne and Andrea Rogers have been working together on identifying priority items as well as finding a replacement for Rogers. Confident the website will be able to do what we need it to do with further development. We need to tie certain records together in order for it to work fully.

ONLINE STORE/60TH ANNIVERSARY MERCHANDISE. Gray. The store is done but the supply chain issue still exists. Gray shared her screen and showed the potential design of the shirts and sweat shirts. **Wingle moved to accept the proposed design, Swiss seconded. Rinne suggested lowering the price of the shirts as they were slightly expensive as presented. Motion approved with price changes.**

VIRTUAL CHALLENGES. Wingle. Mileage Challenge standings are posted on the website, and they will be posted to Facebook as well.

RIDE NUMBERS UPDATE. R1 – averaging 20 regular riders, 20 LeD. R2 - one ride with two back-to-back LeD – 35 riders (20 day 1, 15 day 2). R3 – one ride, 25 first day, 15 or 18 on Sunday; clinic scheduled at the end of June. R4 - five rides, averaging 17 N/CP/O and 15 LeD riders, same riders each ride. R5 - four A/B rides – not sure about numbers, but decent ridership. R6, four events, all with rain. 20-25 sign up but only 15 average show up. May clinic and Led events. NE had 9-10 in clinic with 11-12 riders. Last weekend had nine clinic riders, nine riders on Saturday and eight riders on Sunday.

RIDING WAREHOUSE RAFFLE. RW has contributed monetarily to date this year, but there will need to be follow up with Shari Parys to determine whether a raffle is happening or not. They may be doing product contributions as they've done in the past instead.

SPONSORS. Rogue Pet Science is a new sponsor. Nate's information was sent to all NBOD members, with a request to forward to all ride managers. Rogue is offering supplements to rides as awards. Only asking for pictures of the recipients receiving the supplements.

Meeting adjourned.