

National Board of Directors Meeting Denver, CO, July 14, 2012

CALL TO ORDER by Gary Clayton, 8 a.m., July 14, 2012.

ROLL CALL. Dieterich, Ferris, Walls, DeMattei, Pam Galchutt (for Wolgram), Peters, Gould, Cowart, Clayton, JR Kendall (for Lindsey) and Weil present. Laurie DiNatale, Executive Administrator, and Patsy Conner, Sanction Chair and Judges Committee Co-Chair, present. Guest: Louise Vasquez, Judges Committee member.

MINUTES- March 8, 2012. Call for corrections. Page four, after, "Financial concerns when award can no longer be supported," add, "but this was addressed in the proposal". Page one, change "Wall" to "Walls". **Walls moved to accept minutes, DeMattei seconded. Motion approved.**

It was brought up that motions should only list opposing votes and abstentions. NBOD, November 2006, as reflected in the Policies and Procedures.

Webinar meeting on April 24, 2012, included a motion that now needs to be ratified. DiNatale had sent an email with the two options for adding off road vehicle coverage. First option was a flat premium of \$1500 per year. This would need to be billed to rides or absorbed by NATRC. Second option was an increase in the present premium of \$140.50 by \$3.50 per day of competition for a total of \$144.00 per day. **Motion by Swiss, seconded by Ferris, to approve the second option. Motion approved.**

PRESIDENT'S REPORT. Clayton felt that Webinar meeting had worked well. Clayton emphasized that this is a volunteer organization and we must spread out the work. Presently a few people are doing the majority of the work. Dieterich outlined some of her duties. Hoof Print takes a large amount of her time. Bev Roberts spends much time on website and marketing, as does Elaine Swiss on sponsorships. Peters asked to see the job descriptions for the different volunteer positions.

Clayton asked that any BOD members who would like to run for President submit their platforms to the BOD for their consideration before the November meeting.

EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT. DiNatale sent report with membership numbers.

SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT. Swiss reviewed her report. We are presently in a good financial situation. Our revenue is up. Membership and ride fee revenue is up. We have not had the cancellations in 2012 that occurred in 2011 with EHV and weather. Raffle was extremely successful. 2013 raffle is set up to succeed. Membership must be driven by the regions. **Motion by Swiss, seconded by Walls, to move our investment portfolio from aggressive stocks to more income and conservative stocks. Motion approved, with authorization given to Swiss to make those modifications.** Clayton asked for financial projections for 2012. Swiss felt that 2012 will be a breakeven year. She doesn't see any proposed actions that would promote growth. Swiss will have tax returns completed by August 15th.

BY-LAWS & RULES. Lory Walls (Wayne Hyatt). *List of current rule change proposals on website.*

1. Section 2A.5.f. (page 2-2) reads:

f. To maintain sanctioned ride status:

- (1) A ride must be listed in Hoof Print with the correct date at least once.
- (2) Entry forms must be pre-approved by Sanction Chairman before mailing to members.

Change to read:

- (1) A ride must be listed on the NATRC official web site (with the correct ride date) at least 60 days prior to the ride.**

Purpose: To correct an error in the Rule Book. The Hoof Print is no longer published often enough for ride managers to abide by the present wording.

No comments. **Motion by Walls, seconded by Peters, to continue to take this proposal to membership, Motion approved.**

2. Section 5 I.4. (page 5-3) reads:

4. Riders must remain in the saddle when the horse is in forward motion over the course but may dismount and rest themselves and the horse anytime, provided they do not advance. At any location designated by the trailmaster as hazardous, riders may be instructed to dismount and proceed on foot for a specified distance.

Change to read:

4. Riders must remain in the saddle when the horse is in forward motion over the course but may dismount and rest themselves and the horse anytime, provided they do not advance. At any location designated by the trailmaster, **ride manager, or judges** as hazardous, riders may be instructed to dismount and proceed on foot for a specified distance.

Purpose: To correct the Rule Book since this is often presently done on rides.

Motion by Walls, seconded by Swiss, to continue to take this proposal to membership. Discussion on who can give instructions. Consensus that the question of who would give instructions would be decided on by official named in rule.

Motion approved.

3. Section 6 B.1.e. (page 6-2) reads:

e. P&R scoring will be according to the Judges Committee guidelines.

Change to read:

e. P&R **procedures and** scoring will be according to the Judges Committee guidelines.

Purpose: To clarify that both the process of taking P&R and the scoring of P&R must be according to the Judges guidelines.

Motion by Walls, seconded by Peters, to continue to take this proposal to membership. Dieterich felt that this would be detrimental. Swiss stated that it would be problematic if we refer to P&P or manuals in specific rules. It may be better to refer readers to manuals and P&P in the front of the rulebook, but that procedures should not go into the Rule Book.

Motion unanimously opposed.

4. Section 10 B.2.a. (page 10-1) reads:

a. National Championship – In Open Division in heavyweight, lightweight and junior classes a horse shall be declared a National Champion when both of the following requirements are met within any three- year period in which rides are held.

Change to read:

a. National Championship – In Open Division in heavyweight, lightweight and junior classes a horse shall be declared a National Champion when both of the following requirements are met within any **consecutive** three- year period in which rides are held.

Purpose: To clarify that the three-year period must be consecutive. Note- this is only for Region 1A Alaska.

Motion by Walls, seconded by Ferris, to continue to take this proposal to membership. Motion approved.

5. Section 5 B.4. (page 5-1) reads:

4. Stabling Options **Not Allowed** during competition as primary containment:

- a. Hobbling of any kind
- b. Portable pens/corrals
- c. Staking out in any manner

Changed to read:

4. Stabling Options **Not Allowed** during competition as primary containment:

- a. Hobbling of any kind
- b. Portable pens/corrals that are not securely anchored to a trailer or a tree**
- c. Portable pens that are constructed of electric fencing or are flimsy in nature (examples of approved corrals are CarriLite, Preifert or equivalent panels).**
- d. Staking out in any manner.

Purpose: To provide the use of certain types of portable corrals/panels.

Motion by Walls, seconded by Cowart, to continue to take this proposal to membership.

Ferris felt that it is not appropriate to use brand names in rules. Galchutt questioned if managers should have say on size of pen. Dieterich stated that this is already addressed because management has the discretion on allowing the pens and what size. Weil felt that we need to specify that electric fencing is not allowed. Discussion on modifications to the proposal. Peters spoke about the reason she brought the proposal forward. It gives another option for riders to choose. Peters felt that riders need to be able to make the horsemanship decisions that they feel are right for their horses. **Walls amended motion to change the proposal from “pens/corrals” to “panels”, and to strike all of c. and add “electric fencing” instead.** Dieterich pointed out that the difference between the area of a high tie system and a 12X12 pen is one square foot. Discussion on how horses will be judged when kept in panels. Consensus that rider would have to be in attendance when judge came to trailer. **Motion approved as amended.**

6. Section 6. B.1. (page 6-1) reads:

1. Condition 40%: The evaluation of condition shall include, but not be limited to, the following: fatigue, P&R recovery, attitude and willingness, muscle soreness, mucous membrane, azoturia, thumps, hydration and capillary refill, bowel sounds, colic, respiration character, sweat and salivation, coordination, eating and drinking, etc.

Change to read:

1. Condition 40%: The evaluation of condition shall include, but not be limited to, the following: fatigue, P&R recovery, **CRI (cardiac recovery index)**, attitude and willingness, muscle soreness, mucous membrane, **myoglobinuria**, thumps, hydration and capillary refill, bowel sounds, colic, respiration character, sweat and salivation, coordination, eating and drinking, etc.

Purpose: To clarify that the CRI (cardiac recovery index) may be used in the evaluation of condition and to use correct

terminology (myoglobinuria instead of azoturia).

Motion by Walls, seconded by Ferris, to continue to take this proposal to membership.

Discussion on how CRI's are scored. Most felt that it is at the judge's discretion. **Motion approved, with Gould opposed.**

Walls stated that there has been some discussion on splitting CP into weight classes, and/or combining Open Lightweight and Heavyweight. Rule change proposals regarding these issues may be brought forth in 2013.

Rule Change proposal submitted by Beverly Roberts.

One of the aspects of competitive trail riding that separates NATRC from all other CTR organizations is our judging of, and recognition of, the importance of horsemanship in competing, caring for and building partnerships with our horses.

We currently have the following national awards:

Horse Awards	Horsemanship Awards
Presidents Cup	-
Jim Menefee Memorial (combined Horse & Horsemanship)	
Bev Tibbitts Grand Champion Horse (High Avg.)	Polly Bridges Memorial (High Avg. Horsemanship)
Junior Grand Champion Horse	Junior High Average Horsemanship
National Champion	-
Junior National Champion	-
High Point Open Horse	High Point Open Horsemanship
High Average Competitive Pleasure Horse	High Average Competitive Pleasure Horsemanship
Hall of Fame	-
Mileage Medallions	Mileage Medallions
1000 Mile Horse	Mileage Chevrons

Looking at the table above, when it comes to horsemanship, we have a shortage of awards comparable to horse awards. Although this is a team sport, half of the team is being left out on three awards! The same horse can be ridden by a number of different people and still earn a National Championship (Adult or Junior) and be inducted into the Hall of Fame. More than likely only one person will achieve any sort of recognition for the horse's accomplishments, probably the owner (which most of the time is also the rider).

This came to my attention when I found out that the Walk of Fame for the 50th Anniversary convention would include horses with five or more National Championships. Most of these horses are ridden by the same rider. They have formed a partnership that has worked time and again to achieve multiple national championships for the horse. The rider enjoys recognition along with their horse.

What about the rider whose horsemanship shines by forming partnerships with multiple horses and obtains at least one national championship with EACH horse? As it is now, the rider has multiple national championships on horses that do not have multiple national championships and therefore receives absolutely NO recognition. Sadly, these very accomplished horsewomen and horsemen are overlooked.

We do honor riders with High Average and High Point Horsemanship and separate mileage medallions and chevrons. So, we already have split of awards for both members of a team. This just helps to balance the awards out and honors horsemanship.

To recognize these very accomplished horsewomen and men for their outstanding horsemanship, I propose and wish to sponsor the following rule addition to SECTION 9 - AWARDS:

Section 9.B.2.h. BEV ROBERTS NATIONAL HORSEMANSHIP CHAMPION (5 Different National Champion Horses): In the Open Division, a rider shall be declared a Bev Roberts National Horsemanship Champion upon achieving five (5) National Championships with five (5) different horses.

- 1) In 2014, all previous riders (from NATRC's inception) who have qualified for this award and subsequent winners will be named and recognized in various NATRC media in the same manner as all other national awards (Rule Book, website, magazine articles, and so forth).
- 2) The year the fifth national championship is earned will be labeled as the award year.
- 3) No physical awards will be given to retroactive winners.
- 4) In and after 2014, when a rider qualifies with their fifth national championship with their fifth horse, the rider will be named and given an award at the National Convention.
- 5) More than one rider may receive this award in any year.
- 6) There will be years when no award is given.

- 7) The award will be given in increments of five; i.e. another five national championships on another five different horses.
- 8) A recipient who receives the award twice is thus recognized as having achieved 10 national championships on 10 different horses.
- 9) A three time recipient is thus recognized as having achieved 15 national championships on 15 different horses; likewise four times is 20 national championships; five times = 25 and so on.
- 10) In instances where a recipient receives the award more than once, none of the five horses may be horses ridden to achieve the previous award(s).

The remaining paragraphs in Section 9.B.2 will change from h. through k. to i. through l.

To pay for the award cost, I will commit to furnishing the award from 2014 forward until my death and will set up a trust fund to carry forward the cost after my death. The trust fund will cease when NATRC ceases and revert to my heirs.

Motion by Walls, seconded by Swiss, to continue to take this proposal to membership. BOD was given a spreadsheet of past National Champions. Four people would qualify for this award under the proposal. Discussion on whether this should be in the Rule Book under annual awards. Some were concerned about adding to the number of special awards. **Motion tabled.** Swiss will contact Roberts to ask her if she would consider this proposal, not as an addition to the Rule Book in special awards section, but as a listing in the front of the Rule Book with the listings of other special award winners.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES. Dieterich. Discussion on Jim Menefee Honorary Lifetime Award. Betty Menefee, the sponsor of the plaque for this award, has recently passed away. Weil suggested that giving a Lifetime Membership is not a sound financial practice any longer. Cowart suggested a NATRC Lifetime Achievement Award instead of the Lifetime Membership. Discussion on whether an achievement award and Worker Hall of Fame award should be combined. Cowart felt that a lifetime achievement award would be a culmination of a lifetime of dedication to NATRC. Patsy Conner offered to sponsor that award plaque with the shift to a Lifetime Achievement Award. Weil offered to take over sponsorship if Conner can no longer sponsor the plaque. Conner also asked that criteria be created for the award, similar to the Horse Hall of Fame criteria. **Motion by Walls, seconded by Ferris, to take the idea to the regions of renaming the Jim Menefee Honorary Lifetime Membership, to the Jim Menefee NATRC Lifetime Achievement Award. Amended by Walls, seconded by Ferris, to state that no lifetime membership will be given with the award. Motion approved.**

PROTEST-Cowart. No current Protests.

PLANNED GIVING-Cowart. Hopes to have framework for the program in place by 2013. Cowart would like to see money targeted towards specific areas of NATRC. Suggested area was Marketing, especially on individual rides. Swiss-donors are more likely to give if they know where their money is going. Swiss will write an article for Hoof Print on donations through estate planning.

RIDE SANCTION-Patsy Conner distributed and reviewed report. Some regions are struggling with rider numbers. There will be three rides in the winter/spring of 2013 in AZ. Possible buckle series, as is done in Region 4.

There were sixty-six riders at the Air Force Academy ride, with twenty-seven of them first-time riders. Peters attended several local speaking engagements and a 4-H clinic before the ride to enlist riders and volunteers. Peters reported that this was a one-day ride with two clinics offered the day before. One clinic was on riding with a GPS. Conner needs to know when the Regional Ride Coordinators change. She relies on those coordinators in the sanctioning process. Conner also pointed out that people who agree to mentor new ride managers need to take a hands-on approach, not just tell them what they should do.

CLINIC SANCTION- Linda Clayton. Report filed. Two clinics sanctioned since last report.

MANAGEMENT- Jean Green. Report filed. Swiss is working on recruitment of new ride management for some Region Four rides.

RULES INTERPRETER- Liz Scott. Sent spreadsheet of RI reports received and comments.

INSURANCE- DiNatale. Nothing to report.

SAFETY-Gould. Has only received one accident report. Indian Territory, a rider marking trail went off her horse and went to the hospital. Gould emphasized safety in the check-in and check-out areas. Gould feels that Horsemanship Judge should stress safety for riders waiting in lines. Discussion on when does an accident report need to be completed. Consensus that anytime someone is hurt, an accident report should be completed.

MARKETING/ PUBLICITY-Bev Roberts. Report sent. ENews has been very successful. Roberts will design and send an ENews for any ride. Roberts has been working on redesigning the website.

BUSINESS MODEL AND MEASUREMENTS-Swiss reviewed performance scorecard and budget. Swiss raised ride fee increase question. While some of the urgency of raising fees may have subsided, it will still be needed in the future. An increase of \$5 to member rider fees would bring a projected \$8,000 to the organization. **Motion by Gould, seconded by**

Cowart, to raise the member rider fee by \$5 starting in 2013. Discussion. Cowart would like to see a more steady income source so that we won't have to depend on raffles, sponsorships, and/or donations that fluctuate. Walls feels that managers are already struggling to meet expenses. Peters pointed out that managers need to pass the increase on to riders. Question called. **Motion approved, Dieterich, Ferris, Walls and DeMattei opposed.**

SPONSORSHIPS – Swiss submitted a report. We have \$8750 under contract for 2012 sponsorships. Raffle plans are in progress. Jim Ward is organizing the 2013 raffle and has already received donations from ranches in two regions. He will be working on donations from ranches in the other regions. There will be a limited number of tickets for the 2013 raffle. For the remainder of 2012, raffle will be held with winner choosing a large prize. Ideas for prizes were discussed. **Motion by Swiss, seconded by Weil, to raffle a choice of three prizes for 2012. Cost will be no more than \$1500 to NATRC for the selected prize. Motion approved.**

Dieterich revisited the RI Committee. She gave a summary of events at Mt. Diablo ride as RI. Walls asked if any followup action was necessary. Consensus that none is needed.

At Uwharrie a rider was allowed to take her horse off site during a storm when no shelter was provided. Horsemanship Judge was not consulted. Ride Manager, RI, and Vet Judge made the decision. BOD felt no action was needed.

At Cowboy Camp a competitor was leading a non-competitor on her horse. BOD felt no action was needed but agreed it could be a liability issue.

ENews will be sent reminding ride managers that people cannot ride in the back of pickup trucks and that, if ATVs are used, state laws must be followed.

MEDIA ADVISORY- Dieterich. Report filed. Swiss reviewed contracts for Hoof Print and website. We have software license for Constant Contact. Dieterich reviewed the different roles in the production of Hoof Print. Dieterich is looking for content for Hoof Print.

JUNIORS-Peters. Full class of Juniors at AFA ride. Region 3 gives a \$30 discount at the first three rides that a Junior member does for the year. Clayton stated that an anonymous donor gives Juniors in Region 5 a \$50 reimbursement for rides, if they are members.

FOUNDATION- Foundation will meet immediately following this meeting.

DRUG TESTING-Jerry Weil, DVM. Four rides have been tested with no positives reported. Discussion on testing. Consensus that a total of seven or eight rides should be tested for 2012.

VETERINARY DRUG COMMITTEE-Michael Peralez, DVM. Dieterich reported that Drug Appendices are posted and kept current on the website.

TRAIL ADVOCACY & GRANTS-Report filed by Erin Glassman. Attended AERC Trails Committee meeting at Reno convention. The importance of having a representative at the SETC, from both AERC and NATRC, was discussed at this meeting. Glassman will attend the SETC. Has attended two phone conferences for the ELCR. Has written an article for Endurance News and Hoof Print on Recreational Trails Program. Sends alerts when support is needed on legislative issues regarding trails.

EDUCATION-Jamie Dieterich. Judges Manual has been revised and printed. All Judges and BOD have received one. P&R instructions have been revised with easy directions for P&R Chair and teams.

MEMBERSHIP- Betty Wolgram. Sent report. Wolgram suggested that national and Regional memberships be separated. Swiss strongly disagreed with this idea, stating that it would make a National membership irrelevant for many people. She did agree with an affiliate membership.

JUDGES-M. Peralez/P. Conner.

Dieterich reviewed Apprentice and Provisional Vet Judges. Kate Jacobs has completed her Apprenticeship. **Motion by Weil, seconded by Ferris, to approve Kate Jacobs as a NATRC Vet Judge. Motion approved.**

Natalie Goldberger will judge provisionally next weekend in CO. Carrie Porter apprenticed at the Region 5 Benefit ride.

Horsemanship Judges-Conner reviewed report.

The meeting was closed to discuss the Judges Committee's decision to deny the reactivation of a Horsemanship Judge application.

Jerry Sims is in Provisional status. Becky Rogers is in Apprentice status. Mentoring program is working well. A "What Judges Look For" document is on the website.

Discussion on a stipend for Apprentice Vet Judges. They do receive \$200 for their first ride. DiNatale suggested that the Regions may want to help support the Apprentice Vets in their Regions to encourage more judges.

HALL OF FAME-Jackie Coleman. No report.

STUDENT LOAN/SCHOLARSHIPS-DeMattei. No applications received for loans or scholarships.

New applications for both loans or scholarships have been branded. Some discussion on the possibility of using some of the money in Scholarship account to help Vet Judge Apprentices with stipends.

BREED & ORGANIZATION LIAISONS.

A.H.A-Bob Insko. No report.

BREED LIAISON- Priscilla Lindsey- no report.

Swiss explained the different areas of the breed association committee. Terry Silver works on year- end breed awards. Priscilla Lindsey is the liaison with all breed organizations except AHA. Bob Insko works with the AHA. Bev Roberts designs ads to be featured in Hoof Print for the breed associations. AHA purchased a full page ad for Hoof Print featuring the AHA Championships at the Biltmore Estate.

HONORARY & APPRECIATION-Ruth Mesimer sent report. Mesimer reminded BOD that nominations for appreciation awards are due to her by October 15th. She also asked if the BOD had changes in the criteria for the various awards.

Rule Committee revisited. **Motion by Walls, seconded by Peters, to include a section in the front of Rule Book with the Special Awards, listing winners of the Bev Roberts Horsemanship Award, with criteria for award included in the Policies and Procedures. Although it will not be a rule, the criteria used will be that included in the Rule Change Proposal for the award. Motion approved.**

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

WEBINAR- Ferris. Ferris will send detailed information on connecting before the meeting.

NATIONAL RECOGNITION-Becker/DiNatale. Consensus that National Recognition will be combined with Annual Points and Data.

CONVENTION 2012-Walls presented a check for \$3882.75 as the national portion of profit from convention.

CONVENTION 2013- Region 3. Location will be the Hilton Doubletree Denver. February 21-23. BOD meeting on the 21st. Room rates of \$92 which includes breakfast.

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

Regional Reports

R1-Dieterich. Average of thirty-two riders per ride. Four more rides scheduled. New ride managers. Excellent website and newsletter. Local marketing has been effective.

R2-Walls. Region was busy with convention. Six rides for 2012. Three rides in AZ for 2013.

R3-Peters. Rider numbers are up. Two NM rides.

R4-Swiss. Eight rides already, five more on schedule. Rider numbers are in the forties. A ride in a new location. Working on new manager for Scamper. Excellent newsletter. Working on renewals. 2014 Convention in Tulsa.

R5-Clayton. Six rides so far, four more on schedule. One ride had less than twenty riders. Some have had over forty riders. Benefit Ride was successful with formal dinner.

R6-Kendall. 2011 was tough year for region with EHV and bad weather conditions. Six rides sanctioned, plus clinics. Region will host National Convention in 2015.

Shared BOD amount \$310.38.

Old Business:

1. Electronic Scorecard. Peters stated that a trial of electronic scorecards did not occur at AFA ride. Discussion on the use of electronic scorecards at Robbers Route in 2011. Need volunteer to take over project.
2. Planned giving. Cowart covered earlier.
3. RMS Status. Linda Clayton reported that Peter Yovich of Region 4 is working with Janis Baldwin to learn the system. Peters wondered if there is a way to submit changes to RMS. Gary Clayton asked BOD to make a list of needed changes and he will submit via Linda Clayton.

New Business:

1. Nominations Committee. Ferris asked if there is a conflict if the Chair of Nomination Committee runs for a BOD position. Walls felt that since the regions are handling the election process, there is really no need for a Nominations Chair. Weil thought we may need a Nominations Chair to remind Regions to do the election. Consensus that "Elections Chair" may be a more appropriate name for position.

Weil has moved to AZ but is representing Region 6 through 2012. Weil maintains a legal address in KS. He will attend November BOD meeting, then a replacement will need to be elected for Region 6.

Peters reminded BOD that Ride Chairs are volunteers, but Judges and BOD are employees and ambassadors of NATRC.

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

Minutes on file at National Office.

Next meeting to be held evening of November 9th (informal discussion) and all day November 10, 2012, at The Renaissance Hotel, 3801 Quebec Street, Denver, Colorado.