

National Board of Directors Meeting Summary, Denver, CO, November 14, 2015

CALL TO ORDER by Kim Cowart, 8:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL. Dieterich, Meroshnekoff, Malone, DeMattei, Sims, Horne, Yovich, Gould, Cowart, Rand, Rinne, and Parys present. Laurie DiNatale, Executive Administrator. Patsy Conner as Sanction Committee Chair.

MINUTES. July 11, 2015. Call for corrections. Correction to National Convention date, from 2015 to 2016. **Horne moved to accept minutes with correction, Sims seconded. Motion approved.**

PRESIDENT'S REPORT. Cowart thanked DeMattei, Sims and Gould for their service on the BOD. Cowart announced the election results. Angie Meroshnekoff, R1, was re-elected. Bob Insko, R2, Kay Gunckel, R3, and Gayle Muench, R4 were elected as new directors. Sallie Kudra, R5, and Erin Glassman, R6, were re-elected as alternate directors. Conner has been asked to become our new historian and has accepted that position.

<Note: The appointment of Beni DeMattei as alternate director for R2, replacing Bob Insko, was not confirmed.>

EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT. DiNatale. Has started renewal process.

SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT. Malone reviewed reports. Income is down. Drug testing, student loan/scholarships and marketing expenses were up. Raffle income is down. Sponsorship income is our largest deficit. Questions came up regarding the Ride Manager Support Fund. Rand questioned if a budget report is required if ride is cancelled. The wording in application states, "Within 30 days upon completion of the event, grant recipients must submit a financial statement (profit and loss report) in order to be eligible to receive funds in succeeding years." R5 has had someone state that it would be possible to receive the grant, cancel the ride, and retain the funds. Consensus by the BOD that an accounting of funds spent before ride was cancelled should be submitted and reviewed by the RMSF Committee.

Cowart raised the question of committee chair expense reimbursements to attend BOD meetings. Should we reimburse committee chairs, and if so, which ones. Options offered were to not fund any committee chairs, fund as needed, or rotate the chairs that are funded. John Horne will check into using Skype or other face timing programs for committee chairs to attend the meetings. **Motion by Dieterich, seconded by Malone, to no longer fund the sanction chair travel expense to the BOD meetings. Motion approved.**

BY-LAWS & RULES. Sarah Rinne (Wayne Hyatt). See Rules Report in this issue of *Hoof Print*.

Cowart would like to see a rule change limitation. Gould asked if rule clarifications would be allowed. Dieterich stated that we already have one rule change proposal and a clarification. Discussion on limiting rule change proposals and how many would be allowed. Consensus to target the limit to three rule change proposals and two clarifications to come out of the February meeting.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES. Dieterich and Green. Discussion on the time frame for sending ride reports in. Rule Book says 7 days. P&P should refer to Rule Book.

PROTEST. Meroshnekoff. Protests have been issued on two rides, Without a Trace, R4, and Rabbit Valley, R3. A summary of the Protests and the committee's judgement will be printed in *Hoof Print*.

Two Complaints and one Concern were issued on the Rocky Mountain Dream Ride. Those were referred to the Judges Committee. An appeal to the Judges Committee's decision was made, and the BOD will discuss that appeal later in the meeting.

PLANNED AND CHARITABLE GIVING. Cowart. No report

RIDE SANCTION. Patsy Conner reviewed her report.

CLINIC SANCTION. Linda Clayton. Report filed. No activity since July meeting. **Motion by Gould, seconded by Sims, to continue the practice of reimbursing the first two clinics to sanction, in each region, for insurance costs at \$100 per clinic. Motion approved.**

MANAGEMENT. Kim Murphy. No report filed. Discussion on the question of who is in charge of a ride. Cowart felt that the ride chair is the one in charge with the understanding that they need to try to accommodate the judges as much as possible to achieve a successful evaluation of the horses and riders. Dieterich stated that the Rule Book says that the ride chair is the chief executive of the ride.

Parys reported that a standardized weight card has been created, and a template has been posted to the website. All regions should be using the standardized weight card.

RULES INTERPRETER. DeMattei reported that time delays still seem to be a problem across the regions with hold ups at obstacles being the main reason.

INSURANCE. DiNatale. No changes to insurance.

SAFETY. Gould. Reviewed accident reports.

MARKETING/ PUBLICITY/WEBSITE/E-NEWS. Bev Roberts. Report filed. Jean Green sent report on E-News. MaryAshley McGibbon has resigned as publicity chair. We need to find someone to fill that position.

Dieterich asked the BOD to give her five basic facts about NATRC for an informational sheet that can be used when people are asked or interviewed about NATRC. Dieterich, Bev Roberts and Laurie Knuutila continue to work on the revision of the Riders Manual. Dieterich asked if we need a large spiral bound manual and a smaller guide to CTR? Rand and Dieterich will work on a smaller version of a manual to be presented in February.

Motion by Rinne, seconded by Parys, to allow a budget of \$1500 for a "Booth in a Box" which would include wall and single banners. Motion approved. Consensus that the regions will pay for the shipping of the booth to their events. Rand will coordinate the housing and shipping of the booth.

NATIONAL AWARDS PRESENTATION. Region 1 will handle awards presentation at the convention as hosting region.

SOCIAL MEDIA. Rinne. Over 1,464 Facebook members. Has created a YouTube Channel for NATRC. Patsy Conner, Priscilla Lindsey and Angie Meroshnekoff are working on a video on uphill position. Rand will do one on stabling and one on tying a rope halter. Meroshnekoff will also produce a video on in-hand presentation.

MEMBER LOYALTY. Rinne and Parys are researching awards. Donations could be earmarked for this program.

SPONSORSHIPS. Elaine Swiss chair. Dieterich asked all Board members to check their regional websites to make sure that all sponsors are being recognized.

RAFFLE. Cowart will talk with Jim Ward to see if we can come up with a raffle with prizes that are appealing to both horse people and non-horse people, which might make tickets easier to sell.

MEDIA ADVISORY. Dieterich. **Motion by Dieterich, seconded by Meroshnekoff, to renew Laurie Knuutila's contract as Hoof Print Editor. Motion approved.**

RIDERS AND JUNIORS. Meroshnekoff. No report.

FOUNDATION. Conner. Meeting scheduled for February 2016 at National Convention.

DRUG TESTING. **Motion by Dieterich, seconded by Rand, to test at least one ride per region, testing five horses per ride, and including CA. Motion approved.**

VETERINARY DRUG COMMITTEE. Michael Peralez, DVM. No report.

TRAIL ADVOCACY. Need a new chair of the committee.

EDUCATION. Dieterich. Report filed. Very important to bust the "myths" out there.

MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT. Jerry Sims. Sims reported on the new and rejoining members. There were 175 non-member competitors in 2015.

MEMBERSHIP RETENTION. Betty Wolgram would like to have survey questions developed. Cowart suggested a free 2016 membership for all of the people who rode as a non-member in 2015. **Motion by Sims, seconded by Rand, to give all competitors that rode as a non-member in 2015 a free 2016 membership.** Discussion. **Sims amended his motion to give a free 2016 membership to anyone that has never been an NATRC member before. Rand seconded. Motion approved.** The program will start January 1, 2016.

JUDGES. Mike Bridges DVM/Priscilla Lindsey. Lindsey filed report. The Committee recommends that Patti Hicks be approved as an NATRC Judge. **Motion by Rinne, seconded by Gould, to approve Patti Hicks as an NATRC judge. Motion approved.**

Discussion on the judging of disabled riders. It was recommended that if someone cannot run their horse, they should go to the middle of the circle to lunge their horse and have someone else run the horse out and back.

Two Letters of Complaint and a Letter of Concern were lodged against the Rocky Mountain Dream Ride, R3, specifically the CRI that was done at the ride. The Judges Committee found that the CRI was not done properly, and that point deductions from that CRI should not be allowed. The vet judge, appealed that decision, and now the BOD will need to decide if points deducted were valid. The BOD was supplied with all documentation before the meeting. **Motion by Horne, seconded by Rand that the BOD will support and confirm the decision by the Judges Committee to disallow the CRI point deductions at the Rocky Mountain Dream Ride.** Discussion. Meroshnekoff emphasized that it was the CRI process that was faulty, and the vet judge was not at fault. The BOD recognizes the vet judge's positive contributions to the process of formulating an improved protocol for the CRI. Question called. **Vote taken, Parys, Gould, Yovich and Rinne opposed. Horne and Cowart abstained. Motion approved.**

HALL OF FAME. Jackie Coleman. An application for Windstorm Sienna has been submitted and verified. **Motion by Rinne, seconded by Rand, to accept and induct Windstorm Sienna into the NATRC Horse Hall of Fame. Motion approved.**

STUDENT LOAN/SCHOLARSHIPS. DeMattei filed the following report. The monies for approved Bev Tibbitts Memorial Scholarships, Taylor McNeel and Jason Klamm, and the Jason Klamm student loan have been sent to the universities.

BREEDS & ORGANIZATIONS.

- BREED LIAISON. Terry Silver. No report.
- AHA LIAISON. Bob Insko. No report.

HONORARY & APPRECIATION. Ruth Mesimer. Report filed. JR Kendall was nominated for the Jim Menefee Lifetime Achievement Award. **Motion by Meroshnekoff, seconded by Rinne, to accept JR Kendall as the recipient of the Jim Menefee Lifetime Achievement Award. Motion approved.**

- The three nominees for Worker Hall of Fame Award are Jamie Dieterich, Beni DeMattei and Chuck Edwards. Consensus by the BOD to vote for two. By paper ballot, the inductees into the Worker Hall of Fame will be Jamie Dieterich and Beni DeMattei.
- The nominees for National Appreciation Award are Mary Jo Malone, Debbie Jones and Vickie Moore and Sarah Rinne. **Motion by DeMattei, seconded by Sims, to approve the nominees for the National Appreciation Award. Motion approved.**
- Regional Appreciation recipients reported as; R1 – Darlene and Brian Schlerf, R2 – Audrey Pavia, R3 – Greg Feazell, R3 – Sonny Mills, R3 – Bill Wingle, R4 – Patty Lampley, R4 – Becky Lucht, R4 – Debby Starr, R5 – Terry Riley, R5 – Andrea Rogers, R6 – Liz Klamm, R6 – Gary & Mary McCoy and R6 – Shari Parys.

ANNUAL POINTS/NATRC DATA/ NATIONAL RECOGNITION. Cheri Jeffcoat/Laurie DiNatale. No report.

ELECTRONIC MEETING COORDINATOR. Sallie Kudra. Please contact Kudra to set up conference calls.

CONVENTION 2016. Region 1. Registration and hotel information will be in the *Winter Hoof Print*.

Regional Reports were skipped due to time.

BUSINESS MODELS AND MEASUREMENTS. Swiss. Regions need to get their goals to Malone.

Shared BOD amount for July 11th meeting is \$322.31.

Old Business:

- Electronic Scorecards. No action.
- Riders Manual. Dieterich is working on revision.
- Strategic planning. Discussion will continue.

New Business:

- RMS. Peter Yovich will maintain the RMS.
- NATRC Historian. Patsy Conner has accepted the position and will formulate a plan on archiving materials in various locations. Conner asked the BOD to inform her of historic documents and oral or written biographies of long-time members.

Elections:

- **Motion by Dieterich, seconded by Gould, to nominate Mary Jo Malone as treasurer. No other nominations. Motion approved.**
- **Motion by DeMattei, seconded by Horne, to nominate Sarah Rinne as Vice President. No other nominations. Motion approved.**
- **Motion by Gould, seconded by Rinne, to nominate Kim Cowart as President. No other nominations. Motion approved.**

Motion by Rinne, seconded by Sims, to adjourn. Motion approved.

Full Minutes on file at National Office.

Next meeting to be held February 18, 2016, at the Grand Sierra Resort in Reno, NV. Hotel information to appear in the *Winter Hoof Print*.