

## NATRC National BOD Minutes, June 2, 2026

**Call To Order** by President John Zeliff, 6:31 pm CDT June 2, 2026.

**Roll Call.** Angie Meroshnekoff, Maria Pilgrim, Bob Insko, Kandace French-Contreras, Linda Johnson-Conne, Dayna Morgan, Fran Muench, Mollie Kelley, Sherry Games, Kris Gray, John Zeliff, Marilyn Marston, Sarah Smith, Executive Director and Ruth Mesimer, Data and Management Chair in attendance.

**Convention.** We have a hotel at Margaritaville in Kansas City. 20 miles from the airport and its right across the road from where they building a new equine event center. Room rates are approximately \$165 a night.

**Memberships.** Kelly. Reached out to region representatives and had trouble with the R2 rep contact. We are running a little bit ahead on member renewals for spring which is good.

**Breed Organizations.** Pilgrim. Needs to get with Sarah on breed association information.

### New Business

1. R1 Proposal for 2-year allowance for interference boots. Meroshnekoff addressed the proposal being suggested by a R1 member. R1 would like to pilot the use of interference boots similar to how we piloted LeD as a "C Ride". Discussion about the definition of interference versus splint boots. Several agreed the pilot should be conducted across all regions for uniformity. A committee will be formed chaired by Erin McChesney with Meroshnekoff, Morgan, Contreras and Smith to format the pilot proposal.
2. Posting of ride results with scores. It is great to post ride results just make sure actual horse and rider scores are not being publicly posted.
3. NBOD Region 2 board approval. Alternate position was filled by Lory Walls when Bob Insko was moved into board position at the resignation of Catherine McCord. **Motion by Contreras to appoint Lory Walls as board member and Bob Insko as alternate representing Region 2, second by Meroshnekoff. Motion carried.**
4. Smith shared information about a new potential partner for a member benefit service called BLISTER+ which offers accident insurance for equestrians.

Region Reports. R1. Meroshnekoff. Three rides so far, weather and trail challenges with them. R2. Contreras. First ride is complete. Some unexpected weather. Very successful raffle with a good number of entries. Sending a survey to all riders to understand what they liked and what they didn't to make positive changes for next year. R3. Johnson-Conne. Did a year of the horse in R3 so fundraiser shirts are being sold starting in three weeks. Navajo Lake was very successful with 20 plus riders a day. Greenland ride went well and also had a clinic. R4. Muench. Completed last ride of the summer. Had to cancel LeD due to judge backing out at the last minute and not able to find a replacement. Did a clinic for the riders instead. Kelly is going to put out a promotional post for remaining R4 rides. R5. Gray. VA Highlands was completed last weekend. About to slow down for summer due to heat but will gear up for fall. R6. Zeliff. Ready for third ride of the season. Had a waiting list at our first ride. Did regional awards at the last ride and attendance was good.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m. Next meeting will be Tuesday, July 7, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.