

NATRC National BOD Minutes, April 7, 2026

Call To Order by President John Zeliff, 6:31 pm CDT April 7, 2026.

Roll Call. Angie Meroshnekoff, Maria Pilgrim, Kandace French-Contreras, Linda Johnson-Conne, Dayna Morgan, Cara Liebman, Fran Muench, Mollie Kelley, Sherry Garnes, Kris Gray, John Zeliff, Marilyn Marston, and Sarah Smith, Executive Director. Mary Alice Braun, R6 Alternate, Ruth Mesimer, Annual Points/Data, Alex Braun, Technology Chair also in attendance. Patty Lucas, R5 Alternate joined the meeting at 7:00. Bob Insko absent.

Four new national sponsors picked up recently. The goal was two. US Rider, Equiscapes, Renegade Boots.

Technology Phase Two Update. Alex Braun. Met with Shineforth to address next steps for Phase II. We will be meeting again this week. There won't be a lot of visual progress in the coming months as this is the foundational programming but it is in progress. With any website there can be ongoing needs. Shineforth offered a support package of up to four hours per month, at a cost of \$125 per hour. Braun is requesting board preapproval to use the option of the support package to prevent delays in website corrections that are beyond Braun's capabilities. Meroshnekoff stated we expected some overages with the project from the beginning. **Motion by Johnson-Conne to use up to two hours of website support per his discretion, second by Meroshnekoff. Motion carried. Motion by Gray to terminate services with Coreware, second by Johnson-Conne. Motion carried.**

Sanctions. Smith. 31 rides are sanctioned to date with 8 rides complete. Not all rides are processed so full data is not available but at this time ridership appears to be down and averaging 25 riders per ride. The most recent rides did appear to be well attended so this could shift the numbers quite a bit.

Convention. Muench stated the profit/loss information is still not available for the recent convention in February. Still need the final statistics report. The 2027 convention will be chaired by Catherine Gast and Jeff Zeller in Kansas City.

2026 Raffle. Needs options for the raffle should be choose to continue it. Equescapes \$500 voucher is an option for a first prize, second prize a premium US Rider membership, and third donated ride entry fees for each region. Suggested that convention registration reimbursement for 2027 or 2028 be a raffle item. Decided that first prize is \$500 Equescapes voucher, second prize a premium US Rider membership, and third prize 2027 or 2028 national convention registration reimbursement.

Regional Reports, R1-Meroshnekoff. Ride and clinic this weekend with weather concerns. Fuel costs are big concern. Convention made a profit. R2 – French-Contreras. Requesting a one-week extension to the ride season for a ride that will fall the third week of November. The board will discuss next month. R3-Johnson-Conne. Great convention last week. The R3 board approved \$2,000 to go towards the Tech Fund. They are also adding \$10 optional tech fund fee riders can add to entry fees and any fee paid will be matched by the R3 board. R4- Muench. Several rides coming up. R5-Gray. Several rides coming up before the summer. Ride attendance is down and not sure if it is due to fuel prices or other things. A request has been made to the region board to make a donation to the Tech Fund. R6-Zeliff. First ride of the season is coming up. Doing a buckle series for the three stand-alone LeD rides. Doing another combined ride where a clinic is offered followed by an LeD ride and then a Novice, CP, Open ride on Sunday.

Zeliff stated the LeD award proposals will be discussed next month and encouraged the board to review a couple of documents uploaded to Dropbox regarding the history.

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m. Next meeting will be Tuesday, May 5, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.