

NATRC National BOD Minutes, August 4, 2026

Call To Order by President John Zeliff, 6:31 pm CDT August 4, 2026.

Roll Call. Angie Meroshnekoff, Maria Pilgrim, Kandace French-Contreras, Lory Walls, Linda Johnson-Conne, Dayna Morgan, Mollie Kelley, Sherry Garnes, Kris Gray, John Zeliff, Marilyn Marston, MaryAlice Braun, R6 Alternate, Sarah Hays, Executive Director and Ruth Mesimer, Data and Management Chair, Catherine Gast 2027 Convention Co-Chair in attendance. Gray left the meeting at 6:42 pm.

Old Business

LeD Rule Proposal. Zeliff discussed the board survey conducted by MaryAlice Braun. **Motion by Contreras to rescind motion 1c, Leisure Division national champion vote from July 2026 NBOD meeting, seconded by Morgan.** Contreras discussed the number of rides possibly being too low and that twelve would be better. Morgan countered that stating eight is better. Catherine Gast spoke on her experience getting started with LeD in NATRC. Braun pointed out the difficulties in achieving the points and placings. Pilgrim inquired about the cost of awards. Hays stated most national convention awards end up sponsored. Braun stated we should worry less about cost and think more about the overall revenue that additional LeD will generate throughout the season. **Motion to rescind 1c called to vote. Motion carried.**

Motion to approve 1c with the amended wording to National Champion Leisure Team by Johnson-Conne. Seconded by Morgan. Motion carried.

New Business

1. Leg Protection Pilot. **Motion to accept Leg Protection pilot beginning in 2027 by Walls, second by Marston. Motion carried.**
2. Vice President. **Nomination for Linda Johnson-Conne by Morgan. Nomination for Kandace French-Contreras by Meroshnekoff. Contreras declined nomination. Johnson-Conne nominated by acclimation. Pilgrim abstained.**
3. Judges Committee. Horsemanship Co-Chair Priscilla Lindsey requested someone to stand in. Lory Walls agreed to take on the position. **Motion by Contreras to approve Lory Walls as Co-Chair, seconded by Pilgrim. Motion carried.**

Region Reports. R1. Meroshnekoff. No rides since the last meeting. Jackson Forest is coming up and not many ride entries yet. R2. Contreras. Moved some rides around and have a ride and clinic coming up. R3. Johnson-Conne. Three more rides and a clinic coming up. R4. Kelly. Three rides in the fall. September ride cancelled due to land owner issues. Clinic coming up the first weekend in October and the September ride may be replaced with a clinic. R5. Garnes. Four rides for the fall and three A/B ride combos. R6. Zeliff. Four rides left with the next ride being the third of three buckle series rides.

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m. Next meeting will be Tuesday, September 1, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.