

**Minutes of the NVRHA Board Meeting
May 23, 2008**

Board members present: Dave Currin, Edgell Pyles, Marty Pickett, Al Munson.

Others in attendance: Bill Cantrell, Pete Giers, Tom Cobb, Ron Pitcock, Herman Zook, Linnea Zeuck, Selena Giers. Board minutes taken by Polly Munson.

Review/correction of Minutes of January 30: Approved.

Treasurer's Report/Membership Status:

1. Cash on hand 4/30/08 was approximately \$39,000, profit as of 4/30/08 was \$3118.15.
2. We now have more than 100 members, 19 of which are lifetime members.
3. Events so far are breaking even, except for Cactus Creek which would have but for \$550 for cost of cow.
4. Two saddles have been donated for the National Finals.
5. Upcoming expenses include two newsletters which cost about \$1500 each and \$7000 in advertising.

Event Schedule Update:

1. Discussion on need to decide a cut off date for points to qualify for the NVRHA Finals. This was referred to a committee including Herm Zeuck, Pete Giers, and Edgell Pyles.
2. Riodoso NM event moved to July 11-13, 2008.
3. Teton Canyon Creek Ranch ID event moved to August 15-17, 2008.
4. 28 events scheduled for 2008, 8 are new out-of-state events.

Points Management:

1. The Board wishes to thank to Charlie Stewart for his hard work on the software program for points management.
2. First-time participants will be placed in a division by the clinicians. This placing can be changed at participant's second event, but will then be fixed for the rest of this year.
3. A motion by Bill Cantrell: **"Participants must have participated at least two competitions to be eligible for the NVRHA Finals."** The motion was seconded, and passed

Event Manager's Manual: Being prepared by Bill Cantrell, Dave Currin, and Tom Cobb.

Summer RUNDOWN Issue: Due out at the end of June.

Futurity Update:

1. We will have a pro and non pro yearling futurity in conjunction with NVRHA Finals.
2. Entry fee will be \$150 due August 1, and \$150 due September 1, or a \$350 single payment due on September 1. Deadlines are postmarked dates. Absolutely no entries will be accepted postmarked after September 1.

Division Awards:

1. 1st place high point champion – Buckle designed by Clint Mortenson - \$350
- 2nd place – Buckle Set designed by Robert Campbell - \$135
- 3rd place – Big Ben Saddle Blanket - \$130
2. It was moved, seconded, and passed to accept these awards.
3. Herman and Linnea Zeuck will donate two 1st place buckles.

Youth Program Update:

1. A motion by Dave Currin: **“There will be a youth class at every event with no minimum number of entries, and awards will be given to 5th place.”** Motion was seconded and passed.
2. First-time youth participants will be placed in a novice or advanced division by the clinicians. Placing can be changed at second event, but is then fixed for the year.
3. Advanced Youth will take cattle down fence and rope with breakaway rope.
4. Novice Youth will not take cattle down fence and will not rope.

Marketing Update:

1. It was moved, seconded, and passed that the NVRHA accept the proposal of Heidi Nyland for marketing services at \$50/hour. She must get approval from Dave Currin to charge for more than 10 hours in any month.

Website Management: will now be managed by Heidi Nyland. See above.

Expansion Update:

1. NVRHA is now in 9 states with events in 8. There are 6 new events in new states. There are currently 6 AQHA approved events.

National Finals Plans:

1. The NVRHA Finals will be held at Norris-Penrose Event Center in Colorado Springs Sept. 25-28, 2008.
2. Friday – Approved breed events (AQHA, etc.) and Yearling Futurity; Dinner at Flying W Ranch.
3. Saturday – Competition for all NVRHA Amateur Divisions; Banquet at Norris-Penrose Center.
4. Sunday – Remaining Amateur Division Competitions and new Jackpot Ranch Versatility Competition open to any horse, any breed, and any rider. Edgell Pyles will work on the details and fundraising for the jackpot.

Sponsorship Program:

1. Edgell Pyles advises we should have a national advisory board. He has put together and sent over 100 sponsorship packets to potential sponsors and donors. It was agreed that cash and non-cash donors be mentioned in the newsletters. It was also suggested that all sponsors receive the NVRHA newsletter.

Added items:

1. Dave Currin recommended that, where it is economically feasible, we allow judges to ride in and coach participants in Novice and Intermediate Division competitions. This was tried successfully in a recent event in Arizona and was well received.
2. Timing of conformation classes will be up to event manager, but should be included in the event flyer.
3. It is the NVRHA policy that fresh cattle should be used for competitions. Event managers should be reminded of this.
4. It was suggested that a feedback form be filled out by all participants before score sheets are handed out, even if those forms say “no comment”.

Respectfully submitted,
Al Munson, Secretary