

**Minutes**  
**NVRHA Board Mtg. 6 Dec. 2009**

**1.Minutes Approval:** The Mod 2 Version of the Rules and Regulations recorded most of the actions in the fall Cactus Creek Board Meeting. The document has been reviewed by all Board Members present and was accepted/approved. It was noted that the approval to proceed with the 501C3 Non-Profit status was also approved at Cactus Creek Mod2 version of Rules and Regs provided at Board meeting.

**2.Treasurers Report:** Treasurer Tim Rose provided a rundown of current financial status. Although the financial health was not as good as in previous years, the primary difference was as follows:

- a. \$1600 for Championship Videos
- b. A near \$2000 loss at the San Cristobal event
- c. \$1700 loss at the Championship Event

This accounts for the \$6000.00 +/- difference between 2008 and 2009. Bill White indicated that accounting closeout was not complete for San Cristobal and that a profit instead of loss was projected. This correction could pull us into a cash flow condition which added with membership receipts expected in early 2010 could cover projected major expenses which are as follows:

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| a. Winter Rundown | \$2700.00 |
| b.501C3 Fee       | 700.00    |
| c. Insurance      | 1200.00   |

A letter should be sent to members in early January to encourage early dues payment.

**3.Magazine Report:** The Winter Issue of the Rundown is essentially complete. The major missing article is one on the Board Mtgs. Final action on pending Rule Changes. With recent receipt of Affiliate 2010 Programs, a 2010 Tentative Schedule can also be completed for inclusion in the Winter Issue. The Magazine will be published in late December.

The Board discussed the need for three issues a year and voted to continue the current three issue format. The need for an advertisement manager was emphasized and Deb Black of Rapid City, S. D. will be contacted as a possible candidate.

**4. Registration and Resource Management:** The Board approved a motion to reorganize the office in the following format:

- (1) Carol Thomas will manage event registration, NVRHA banking, and association membership for a fee of \$15 per event registration.

(2) Connie Horn will calculate and input Championship and Placement points into the NVRHA Computer Program providing file updates to the Web Site Manager twice monthly between April and September and once every other month from Oct. through March. Connie will manage the Horse Identification Record for Horse/Rider teams. A fee of \$5.00 per event participant will be provided for this service.

(3) A telephone service will handle incoming telephone calls and Faxes which will be forwarded via e-mail to the appropriate NVRHA representative for response.

(4) We are currently working a simple way to handle E-mails but have not settled on the best procedure.

**5. 2010 NVRHA Affiliates:** Affiliation renewal was received by New Mexico and requests from Arizona, California, and Northern Lights ( Minnesota, Wisconsin, and N&S Dakota) which were presented to the Board (copies attached). The Board established an Affiliate Committee ( Bill Hauschild (Chair), Tim Rose and Dave Currin) to review the requests, resolve issues and present a recommendation for final approval ( with all documents complete) at a Board Meeting on 23 Jan.2010.

The Board resolved to established a Colorado Affiliate under the leadership of Brian Thomas (with Debbie Raymond as possible co-chair) to manage the NVRHA 2010 program with organization complete for Jan. 23 Board Approval.

Additionally, the Board resolved to establish a Collegiate Affiliate under the leadership of Channing Hawks and Charlie Stewart, using the October 2009 Dodge City, Kansas model for events in 2010. An Affiliation Request will be prepared, reviewed by the Affiliate Committee and presented to the Board at the Jan. 23 meeting.

**6. VRHA Organization:** The following Board Members will not continue into 2010 :

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| Pete Geers | Al Munson    |
| Tom Cobb   | Herman Zueck |

The Board thanks them for their service on the Board and their continuing pledged support as Event Managers, participants and active members.

The Organizational Chart attached outlines the current NVRHA Organization with the leaders identified for each functional area.

Asterisks identify proposed Board Members. Bill Cantrell was tasked to develop a plan for expansion of the Board from 15 to 20 members and present at the 23 Jan. meeting.

**7. Judge Certification:** The program defined in Mod 2 of Rules and Regulations was reviewed and motion to accept was passed. The Board approved the NVRHA

Clinician/Judge Committee chaired by Jay Henson with J.J. Rydberg, Bob Grant, and Dave Currin as members. The Committee was asked to execute program initiation in 2010.

**8. Logo Wear:** A motion was approved to give the Northern Lights Affiliate sole proprietary rights to the sale of Logo Wear within NVRHA using the NVRHA Logo for two years (2010-2011) with 10% of profits returned to the NVRHA National Organization. The NVRHA agrees to advertise the logo wear on the NVRHA Web Site and in the Rundown in exchange for the 10% fee. All profits of sales ( other than the 10% fee returned to Nationals) will be used to support the NVRHA program within the Northern Lights Affiliate. The New Mexico Affiliate will be permitted to complete the initiative already underway for use of the logo on award jackets using the logo. A copy of the Northern Lights 2010 Catalog was provided at the Board meeting.

**9. Promotion Video:** Video footage was taken at the 2009 National Championship for future use in the development of an NVRHA Promotional Video and for use in the Judge Certification Program. A proposal was presented by Thomas Como to NVRHA for program accomplishment which is attached. A Ranch Sponsorship endorsement will be pursued to offset a portion of the cost of the program. The New Mexico Affiliate has agreed to pursue this endorsement with New Mexico based ranches.

**10. 501C3 Tax Exemption Application:** The application was completed by Marty Pickett and Edgell Pyles for submission on Dec. 7, 2009 for consideration by IRS. The Board approved unanimously a motion to accept the Conflict of Interest Resolution with all board members completing the Conflict of Interest Questionnaire to be kept on file at the NVRHA office. Copies of all documents are attached. All Board Members and Committee Chairmen should review the Application and return a completed, signed Conflict of Interest document to the office. A pledge of \$10,000 by a Sponsor is being pursued by Tim Rose to enhance approval by IRS.

**11. Rules and Regulation Refinements:** After the Cactus Board Meeting, all Rules and Regulation changes approved were inserted in the Handbook of Rules and Regulations, forming the Mod2 version and circulated to the Directors and National Advisors. Numerous extremely good suggestions were received and considered by the Board with the following approved changes:

**A. Placement Points:** Purpose—to provide more equity for varying class sizes. New Rule—50% of class participants will receive placement points. If an odd number size class, round up to the next even number to determine the number of participants to receive points.

Example: Class size of 6 horses – top three horses receive points: 1<sup>st</sup> place- 3pts, 2<sup>nd</sup> place- 2pts, 3<sup>rd</sup> place-1pt.

Class size of 13 horses- top 7 horses receive points: (As odd number in class, rounded up to 14) 1<sup>st</sup> place- 7pts, 2<sup>nd</sup> place-6pts and on to 7<sup>th</sup> place which receives 1 point.

B.

Affiliates inability to compete for year – end awards due to class size: No change in current rules. The trend has been that new Affiliates have larger Novice classes and smaller Advanced Classes where more mature Affiliates have larger Advance/Intermediate classes and smaller Novice Classes. To some extent, it evens out the opportunity for year end awards although for opposite groups. The best solution is to increase participation in smaller classes by growing the event size.

C. Roping Judging: Purpose- Make roping equal to working cowhorse and reining and score over the full range of points. New Rule- Working Ranch Horse Score sheet changed so that each of the three components (Reining, Working Cow Horse and Roping) receive the same number of points. A penalty of -5 is received when the cow is not stopped. No penalty is received for using a break-a-way rope (as the rider cannot stop the cow, the rider will receive a -3 maneuver score for “Stop Cow” and a -5 penalty for “did not stop cow” )

Example of score range follows incorporating these modifications:

| Roping Run Description   | Score Using Current Score Sheet |
|--|---------------------------------|
| 1. Excellent tracking, excellent rope handling and catch with an excellent stop                      | 33.0                            |
| 2. Very good tracking, excellent rope handling and a catch with a very good stop                     | 30.8                            |
| 3. Correct tracking, good rope handling and a correct stop   | 24.2                            |
| 4. Correct tracking, good rope handling, a catch with front leg in the loop and a correct stop       | 19.2                            |
| 5. Correct tracking, good rope handling, catch with a break-a-way                                    | 15.9                            |
| 6. Correct tracking, correct rope handling, catch but rope pulled out of hand during attempted dally | 11.8                            |
| 7. Correct tracking, rope handling needing improvement, did not catch                                | 8.7                             |
| 8. Poor tracking, rope handling needs improvement, no  |                                 |

D. Intermediate "Box Only"/ Limited Class: Affiliates may hold Intermediate "Box Only" Limited Classes. The NVRHA Score Sheets will be used with appropriate scores/penalties recorded for maneuvers not completed. Participants will be eligible for the NVRHA Intermediate Amateur Division Year End Awards. NVRHA will not offer a special class year end award for the "Box Only"/ Limited Class; however, Affiliates may if they choose offer these awards.

E. Open Division Award Program: No change to the current rules except, payback schedule which will be simplified (Bill Cantrell to provide new schedule by Jan. 23 Board Mtg.)

F. Ranch Conformation Feedback: As one of our top two objectives in NVRHA is education, recent focus has been placed on providing feedback to participants on the conformation features on their horse which resulted in the conformation score received. After extensive consideration, the following procedures will be adopted in 2010. In year 2010, a prototype judging procedure will be evaluated at each clinic with the intent of adopting the procedure in the 2011 event year. The judging procedure is as follows:

Each horse is judged separately and scored on each conformation feature to include the fore view ( pectoral, forearm , legs and travel); profile (head, neck and throatlatch, shoulder, withers , heart girth, back, hip and legs); hind view (stifle, gaskin, legs and travel); and movement soundness. These conformation features will be scored individually constituting 60% of the final Ranch Horse Score. The remaining 40% of the score will be 10% of each performance class, which measures athletic ability, cow sense, disposition and trainability. The prototype, Ranch Conformation Score Sheet will presented at the next Board Meeting.

Major hurdles need to be crossed before this procedure is adopted in 2011. The most significant being training our judges. As we are instituting the NVRHA Judge Certification Program in 2010, Conformation scoring will receive much attention. A second hurdle will be interfacing this new procedure with our Schooling Competition and indoctrination of the participant. This will be accomplished by requiring a one hour Conformation Clinic at all 2010 Clinics. This Conformation Clinic will consist of volunteers presenting their horse to the

Clinicians for judging in which the judge explains the scoring assignment of each conformation feature with comparisons made between the conformation features of volunteered horses,

In the 2010 Schooling Competitions, Ranch Horse Coformation judging will be completed using head – to- tail lineups (i.e. no change from 2009). At selected events, dual judging will be completed, with result comparisons and procedure refinements made as required so that transition to the new procedure in 2011 will be smooth.

G. Cutting-- Settling the Herd and adding Herd Holders: In view of the education aspect, the Board voted to keep the current rule with the addition of the following: Add “the Judge should oversee the herd settling process and should intervene if the settling process is not being done in an adequate manner to allow for a reasonable herd for the cutting class. The judge has the latitude to ask another rider to settle the herd or do it himself.”

H. Use Placement Points verses Total Score in National Finals Tabulation: This procedure will be used in 2010 and beyond.

I. Youth Intro Class: NVRHA strongly supports youth programs, yet at this time the number of youth participants does not justify a separate Division. Youth participating in the Amateur program has been very successful. Once the numbers justify a youth program, one may be sanctioned. Affiliates may sponsor such programs within their Affiliates if the numbers are sufficient in their regions and they choose to do so. Should this be done , at the National level , scores will be included in the appropriate Amateur Division ( based on Division assignment) for Year End Awards.

J. Awards Criteria:

1. Year End: A minimum of five schooling competitions having a minimum of five entries in each are required for a year end award to be presented in a Division.

2. National Championship: Inclusion of a Division in the National Championship will be considered if the minimum year end criteria for Awards is met based upon the level of support.

K. Double Schooling Competition: The concept of holding two or more schooling competitions in combination with one clinic does not meet the spirit and intent of the NVRHA goals of down playing a show environment in favor of an educational one and was not supported by the Board.

L. Reruns: The Reruns rules as defined in pp IV, C, is rescinded in favor of pp V. G.7, V.G.2.d, and V.F.10 which allows reruns only based upon the judges discretion.

Attachments:

- 1.NVRHA Org. and Sign. Dates
- 2.Affiliate Applications
- 3.IRS Documents



President



Secretary