

NVRHA Board Meeting

September 24, 2010

Colorado Springs, Colorado

Dave Currin called the meeting to order at 2:05pm. Dave welcomed the Board and thanked the members who have traveled so far to attend.

The following Board Members were present:

Dave Currin, Debbie Raymond, Cindy Rose, Tim Rose, Bill Cantrell, Bill Hauschildt, Charlie Stewart, Donna Stewart, Jay Henson, Susan Heyvaert, Edgell Pyles, Becky Grant, Diane Clare –for Bill White.

Also in attendance –Brian Thomas-Colorado Affiliate and Channing Hawks-Collegiate Affiliate.

Gena Henson, Bob Grant, and Scott Duke were present.

Members not present- CeCe Chambless, Marty Pickett, Rich Masoner.

Dave Currin opened the meeting with discussion about how the Open Rider award read in the Rule Book. There is a discrepancy in the Rule Book on pages 42 and 49. It was decided that in 2010 the award goes to the Rider earning the most money. This issue for 2011 will be addressed at the next Board Meeting.

The next item for discussion was Division Assignment, and the criteria for moving up from Novice to Intermediate. The Board discussed at length how the scoring system works and how some contestants are forced to move up Divisions because of high scores. Jay Henson felt that there are some members whom are not ready to make the Division change and how could the Board alleviate this. Charlie Stewart gave the numbers for the division breaks and how the numbers worked. Edgell Pyles made a motion to have Charlie Stewart determine the numbers and how placement breaks will work for the Novice Division. Tim Rose and Dave Currin will assist Charlie Stewart. Motion Carried.

1. TREASURERS REPORT-

Tim Rose provided the Board with current financial status:

**NVRHA Income/Expenses
August-September 2010**

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>EXPENSES</u>
Donations	\$ 1010.00	Advertising	\$ 8,383.17
Memberships	\$ 11,060.00	Office	\$ 3,000.00
Clinic Profits	\$ 26,138.29	Insurance	\$ 5,461.92
New Mexico Account	\$ (47.17)	Travel	\$ 378.50
Clinician Training Fees	\$ 1050.00	Awards	\$ 8,098.97
		Northern Lights	\$ 2,252.96
		AZ Sun Country	\$
<u>Total Income</u>	<u>\$ 39,211.12</u>	<u>Total Expenses</u>	<u>\$ 27,056.06</u>
<u>Net Income</u>	<u>\$ 11,635.06</u>		
Cash Balance August 31, 2010		\$ 32,823.81	

Tim Rose explained to the Board what expenses would be for the rest of the year.

2. Minutes Approval-

Minutes were approved from the July 16, 2010 Board Meeting in Rifle, Colorado.

3. 501 C3-

Dave Currin spoke to the Board about how we can use our 501 C3 status to our best advantage.

- Grantor/Donor has assurance that we are a valid non-profit
- Tax deductibility of donations

- States allow deductibility
- Exception for state sales tax on purchases
- Bulk Rate mail discounts

Restrictions-

- Net Earnings cannot unfairly benefit Directors, Officers, or private individuals.
- No lobbying or involvement in Legislative activity.

Compliance-

- Operating within Compliance requirements.
- File Form 990 each year.
- Verify

Dave Currin suggested he would like to have a document to give to potential Donors explaining the benefits of our organization. Edgell Pyles volunteered to work on the first draft of a brochure for the NVRHA. Edgell also spoke about how we can use our 501 C3 status to receive donations from Estates and how NVRHA could establish a Legacy Fund. He also spoke about the responsibility of the NVRHA to educate people about the Ranch Horse and that way of life.

4. Affiliate Agreements-

Level 1-

Dave Currin felt the Level 1 Affiliate Agreement needed just a few changes. These were discussed and the changes were made, voted on and approved by the Board. A copy of the Level 1 Document with the changes is attached.

Level 2-

The changes made to Level 2 agreement are as follows:

- That there will be an organizational structure put in place- Board of Directors.
- That the affiliate must attend at least 2 Board Meetings per year.
- That the Affiliate will strive to maintain at least 20 members.
- Provide accurate competition results within 5 days after each event.
- Affiliate website will be linked to the National website and National website linked to Affiliate websites.
- Will pay ½ price for the one page in each Rundown, then the going rate for more advertising.

- If insuring themselves, the Affiliate must give National a certificate listing National as additional insured.
- The Affiliate will pay \$25.00/participant fee for 2010/2011 then can be adjusted annually.
- Strike Proposed Regional Events.

The Level 2 Affiliate Agreement changes were agreed to and the vote was taken and the motion was approved by the Board. A copy of the Level 2 Affiliate Agreement is attached.

**5. Ranch Conformation Enhancement-
Ranch Horse Committee Results-**

Three Options:

1. Leave as is:

Place the top 20, line up head-to-tail. Top 1/2 of class, award Form Points based on Structural Correctness Score (0-20) and placing of top 20 (40 total points) available at 2 point intervals. Function Points, 10% of score in each of the four performance classes.

2. Individual Judging Form:

Only one horse in the arena at a time being judged, Judge scores individual features on a -3 to a +3 scale. Score totals added to totals function points (10% of score from each of the four performance classes) establish the Ranch Conformation placing. A description of procedure attached.

3. Novice Participation in Conformation Form Judging Optional:

Novice not participating would receive a "0" form score. The Ranch Conformation placing would be based solely on the 10% Function portion (10% of each performance score). No change in the Placement or Championship Point System.

Jay Henson and Dave Currin spoke to Board about using an Individual Conformation Judging program. This would replace the current system of bringing all the horses into the arena and judging them in the Head to Tail line up. Jay and Gena Henson have been evaluating this procedure at several events and found it to be workable. The Board discussed the pro and cons of the new system and after discussion a voice vote was held and the trial vote did not pass. A copy of a paper discussing this concept is attached.

The second part of the Conformation issue was when to hold the Conformation class. Currently we have the Conformation at the beginning of the show day. It was decided to let the Event Manager determine when to have the class at each show.

Dave Currin spoke to BOD about possibly excluding the Novices from Conformation and after some discussion it was decided not to exclude them, but rather to increase education. The Novices need to be educated on the form to function aspect of the horse and how all of the parts work together. Jay and Gena Henson have worked on this at the clinics they have been a part of.

6. Logo Wear-

Tim Rose and Susan Heyvaert had a meeting about the NVRHA clothing line and Windy Withers LLC. Susan reported that 2009 profit was \$963.00 and in 2010 \$1900.00. Susan reported that the current inventory is approximately \$4000.00. The agreement was that there would be a 90%-10% split of the profits. Currently 40% of the profits are going to the IRS and there was discussion about how to alleviate this now that we have the 501 C3 status. If the taxes were less it was felt that the split could be 50%-50%. A committee was formed and the members will be Tim Rose, Marty Pickett, Edgell Pyles, Susan and Doug Heyvaert. The committee conclusions will be presented at the November Board Meeting.

7. Membership Drive Challenge-

Tim and Cindy Rose decided to start a membership drive challenge and put up \$200.00. Edgell Pyles and Marty Pickett also put in \$300.00. The fund will now be \$500.00 for 2010/2011.

NVRHA Membership Drive Challenge

For the 2010-2011 event year, we are challenging All members to get new people to join. There will be a cash prize and currently the pot is \$500.00. The money will be given to one member (who must be a current member at the deadline time) who gets 10 or more new members to join during this event year. This one member can create a team like an affiliate etc., but the membership forms must be signed by ONE designated person/sponsor. This will be tracked thru the office. The deadline will be the 2nd Sunday in September 2011. If there is a tie, the funds will be evenly split. Make sure you sign the bottom of their membership form-CLEARLY. If it not signed upon receipt in the office it will not count.

- Donna Stewart suggested that the NVRHA could possibly pre-sell event vouchers at some discount to raise funds during the winter. This issue was deferred to the November Board Meeting.

8. Administration-

Dave Currin spoke about the need to look at our business administration policies and procedures to see if we could be more efficient. He asked for a committee to be formed and those on the committee will be:

Cindy Rose- Website

Charlie Stewart-Points

Donna Stewart- Rundown

Bill Cantrell- V.P. Administration/Grievence

Brian Thomas-Affiliates

Dave asked this committee to look at these items before the next Board of Directors meeting.

9. General Membership Meeting-

A General Membership meeting was held Friday September 24, 2010. Dave reported on the questions and concerns that were raised at this meeting. He felt that it was a good meeting and that the members got the information they needed.

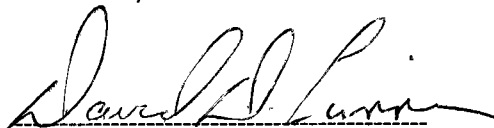
- Edgell Pyles made the suggestion that the World's Greatest/Open event would have better attendance if we could look at the dates for next year and try not to conflict with other large shows that pull from our event.
- Becky Grant offered to let NVRHA hold the finals in Scottsdale, AZ. for 2011. She has the West World facility reservation.

The next Board meeting is tentatively scheduled for the weekend of the 19th of November. Time and location will be announced.

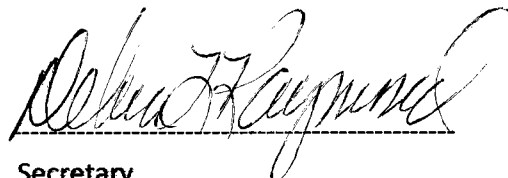
The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie Raymond



President



Secretary

Insert for General Membership Meeting

Subsequent to the Board Meeting Dave Currin developed an overview of the Membership Meeting (attached) and asked the Board to consider basing the 2011 Year End Awards on the highest number of Placement Points achieved at a limited number of competitions. The results of the Directors are as follows:

In Favor -	12	Opposed-	1
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No Votes-	4		
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