

**NVRHA Board Meeting**

**May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

**Dave Currins Home**

Dave called the meeting to order at 12:55pm.

Board Members Present: Tim Rose, Cindy Rose, Donna Stewart, Charlie Stewart, Bob Schubbe, Bill Cantrell, Dave Currin, and Debbie Raymond.

Board Members Absent: Bill Hauschildt, Brian Thomas, Susan Heyvaert, Jay Henson, Channing Hawks, Bill White, Becky Grant, Rich Masoner,

Dave welcomed the Board and thanked everyone for coming.

EHV-1 was discussed and the impact it is having on the NVRHA schedule. To date four of our events have been cancelled. Camp Verde, Mount Vernon, Cactus Creek, and Watrous. Watrous has been changed to July 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> with no other events being rescheduled at this time. Discussion followed on how this could possibly affect the National Finals.

**Old Business-**

**1. Minutes Review- Debbie Raymond**

The first order of business was the approval of the minutes from the February 19, 2011 Board meeting. Cindy Rose made the motion with Donna Stewart as 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion Carried.

**2. Treasurers Report- Tim Rose**

Tim Rose then presented the Board with the 2011 Budget and the Total Income and Expense statement for the period January-April 2011.

NVRHA Income/Expenses

2011 Budget

<u>Description</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Estimate</u>
	<u>Nov-Dec 2010</u>	<u>2011</u>
Donations	\$ 11,503.34	\$ 10,000.00
Memberships	\$ 12,040.00	\$ 12,000.00
Clinic Profits	\$ 30,552.24	\$ 5,000.00
New Mexico account	\$ 47.17	\$ -
Clinician Training fees	\$ 1,150.00	\$ -
Northern Lights Affiliate	\$ 272.04	\$ 4,000.00
Arizona Affiliate	\$ -	\$ 3,200.00
<u>Description</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Estimate</u>
	<u>Nov-Dec 2010</u>	<u>2011</u>
Advertising	\$ 8,749.94	\$ 8,000.00
Office	\$ 3,517.27	\$ 3,500.00
Insurance	\$ 6,846.06	\$ 7,000.00
Travel	\$ 465.00	\$ 1,000.00
Awards	\$ 13,030.97	\$ 15,000.00
Arizona Affiliate	\$ 6,250.87	\$ -
<b><u>Total Income 2010</u></b>	\$ 55,470.45	\$ 34,200.00
<b><u>Net Income 2010</u></b>	\$ 16,610.34	
<b><u>Total Expenses 2010</u></b>	\$ 38,860.11	\$ 34,500.00
<b><u>2011 Estimated Loss:</u></b>	\$ (300.00)	

**NVRHA Total Income/Expenses**

Jan-Apr 2011

<u>Description</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
Donations	\$ 000.00	Advertising	\$ 5,759.60
Memberships	\$ 4,575.00	Office	\$ 844.65
Clinic Profits	\$ 639.72	Insurance	\$ 3,295.63
New Mexico Acct.	\$ -	Travel	\$ 560.00
Clinician Training Fees	\$ 400.00	Awards	\$ 1,522.36
Colorado Affiliate	\$ 45.00	Arizona Affiliate	\$ -
<b><u>Total Income</u></b>	<b>\$ 5,659.72</b>		
<b><u>Net Income</u></b>	<b>\$ (6,322.52)</b>		
		<b><u>Total Expenses</u></b>	<b>\$ 11,982.24</b>

Tim Rose reported that we have \$ 11,362.76 cash on hand. Tim also has the IRS Form 990 for our 501 C3 organization on file. This is a document that any one can have access to.

Dave Currin inquired how new/renewal memberships are looking and Tim reported that we were the same or slightly ahead of last year. Tim also spoke about the need for data on membership renewals and that we need to make sure that after 2 events participant becomes a member.

Bill Cantrell made the motion to accept the Treasurers report with Cindy as 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

**4. Parrelli/NVRHA Activity- Dave Currin**

Dave Currin reported to the Board that in time he felt that a Florida Affiliate was a real possibility. Our NVRHA group was encouraged that 12 people approached them to put on events in their areas. All of these areas were east of the Mississippi. There was also interest from England, Ireland, and Canada.

Dave felt he had good cooperation from the Parrelli office and that the promotion capabilities of their program could be of benefit to the NVRHA organization. Dave is going to put together a package for the

12 Parelli persons interested in putting on an event. He felt that Kentucky would probably be the first of the group to hold an event. Charlie Stewart spoke to the Board on his thoughts that the Parelli organization needs to evolve, and that cattle work would be a good area to expand into. Dave felt we should insist that all Parelli events be open to the public. It was also reported that there were quite a few spectators at the Florida events and they were very interested in NVRHA.

If Dave Currin is to be a clinician for a Parelli event they could pay his expenses.

Dave thanked Charlie Stewart and Tim & Cindy Rose for all their work on the Parelli/NVRHA program.

#### 5. Affiliate Agreements- Debbie Raymond

Debbie Raymond reported that we have one signed Affiliate Agreement with Colorado. She sent letters to Northern Lights and Arizona to get these finalized and filed. Bob Schubbe agreed to help in this area.

Discussion followed about procedure on how Affiliate Agreements would be handled. It was decided that the Board of Directors would approve any changes to the agreements.

Bill Cantrell spoke to the Board about the challenges they are facing with the New Mexico Affiliate. We have treated them as if they are an Affiliate but we have no agreement in place. Dave Currin sent a mailer to the 40 to 50 competitors that are in New Mexico asking them if they had an interest in continuing with the NVRHA. To put on event it takes approximately 15 people. The Board felt that effort should be made to start over in New Mexico.

Charlie Stewart felt we should have the signed agreements by the first event of the year, ideally by October, as the new event year starts.

#### 6. Virtual Data Base- Charlie Stewart

Charlie Stewart reported he felt he was a bit behind the schedule he was trying to keep. He has built the Membership table and the Horse ID table, and thought within 4 more weeks he would have it up far enough to take to Carol Thomas to work with.

Charlie has access to a Server/Database we could start with for a minimal dollar amount. The point system is challenging and will be the hardest to input. Charlie asked the Board if we could possibly do something for Pauline, who is helping him get the system going.

#### 7. Worlds' Greatest Competition- Tim Rose

It was decided not to hold the Worlds' Greatest at the finals. We are currently waiting on Arizona's proposal for it to be held at West World Center October 28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>. Dave felt we could not get a donation from Mr. Norris for an event held in Arizona but we could approach him for the National Finals.

Bob Schubbe expressed a concern if we could put together the monies or advertising in time for an October event.

The Board felt we would continue with a 2 day Event at the Finals with a possible purse for the Open riders. Dave Currin will approach Mr. Norris.

#### 8. Achievement Award Criteria- Charlie Stewart

Charlie Stewart distributed to the Board two hand-outs showing how the Awards are being earned and his ideas on how to correct this.

Hand-out #1:

Problem:

Awards are being earned too quickly; this cheapens the intent of the awards and places a budgetary strain on the organization.

Solutions:

1. ROMs review-
  - a. Change the point requirements for an ROM.
  - b. Remove the ROM rule that cascades points to next highest score. Simplifies our scoring and make it easier to automate.
  - c. Require a minimum score level to be eligible for the cascading ROM rule. 70 is considered an average score, require a 65 score for eligibility.
  - d. Remove doubling of Championship points at the National Finals.

Desired affect: Because so many of our Awards are based on the ROM a change here will have impacts to the RHC, RHPC, RHSC it will also slow the speed with which some of these awards are being earned.

#### 2. Address Legend Award

- a. Because we are a Versatility organization it would make sense to require a minimum level of achievement in each event to obtain the Legend Award. Currently 5 Superior awards = the 200 points required. I would recommend that we require 40 Championship points in 4 of the 5 events to qualify for the Legend Award.
- b. May be partially improved by the correction to ROM/Championship points.

The second hand out is a graph showing the cascading affect on awards- see attachment.

Charlie felt the Board of Directors should consider some of the options he has outlined. The Board discussed how the points work and how they are calculated. Dave Currin suggested that:

1. Total score is the tie breaker.

2. There must be minimum level of achievement.

The Board felt that we needed to make an emergency clarification on the score tabulation for Championship Points.

Dave Currin made the following motion:

When 2 interpretations are possible, to clarify score tabulation for Championship Points, the Total Score shall be used to break ties when applying the ROM rule.

Bob Schubbe 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed. The vote was not unanimous.

#### 9. Board Member Rotation- Bill Cantrell

Bill Cantrell inquired how many Board Members needed to be replaced / rotated out. Bill Cantrell also asked if we should pursue future Board members that can bring special services to the NVRHA.

Bill felt that current Board Members who submit names must:

1. First clear it with the person you are nominating that it is fine with them.
2. Submit to Bill Cantrell prospective Board Member name and a biography.

NVRHA currently has 18 Board positions and 6 need to be filled. Charlie Stewart proposed documenting/ identifying all of the positions based on a 4 year rotation schedule.

Currently Dave Currin, Marty Pickett, Edgell Pyles, Tim Rose, and Cindy Rose are Board members who have served on the Board since 2007.

Bill Cantrell will develop a ballot to be filled out independently.

Dave Currin and Debbie Raymond will:

1. Identify positions vacant.
2. Identify positions that are non-performing.

The Board Member Rotation process established will be published in the Rulebook in 2012.

The Board agreed to adopt Bill Cantrell's proposal for Board Member election. Please see attachment.

#### 10. Limited Division – Donna Stewart, Cindy Rose, Debbie Raymond

Donna Stewart spoke to the Board that we are seeing affiliates doing some limited divisions on their own. Cindy Rose and Donna both felt that if we adopt this that there would need to be uniformity throughout the NVRHA. To clarify -if a person competed in Minnesota or California the rules and regulations would be the same.

Bill Cantrell's was concerned we would water down the event or move away from the Ranch Horse ideals.

Charlie Stewart's thoughts on a possible NVRHA limited division

1. Novices who are afraid to go down the fence.
2. People with physical limitations.
3. Limited division in California does it so as not to interfere with other organizations.
4. The possible relationship with the Parelli organization.

Dave Currin felt that this would break down into 2 possibilities. NVRHA could add a new division or we could change a current division. He also said he felt support of the National Board supporting a structure to aid in helping the Affiliates with this idea.

Donna, Cindy, and Debbie to meet soon and prepare options to present to the BOD. All rule changes need to be in to the Board by June 30<sup>th</sup>.

#### 11. National Finals- Bill Hauschildt

Bill has all the necessary paperwork done and the dates for the Finals are September 24 and 25. The banquet room has been reserved. J.J. Rydberg and Gary Campbell have been asked to be the Judges.

#### 12. Awards-Bill Cantrell

Bill reported to the board he not yet ordered the awards and Charlie will give him a list of the needed awards. We will still get the buckles from Clint Mortenson, Big Bend Saddlery will have the breast collars and blankets. Pierre will give us one saddle and we need to find sponsors for the other 2 saddles.

Dave thought we would have 2 Legend awards and he also felt we should have something to honor past/retiring Board Members

### **New Business**

#### 1. Rules and Rule Changes- Bill Cantrell

Rule changes need to be sent in by June 30<sup>th</sup>. The Board felt we need a procedure for rule change or review.

Dave Currin proposed sending all rule changes to him by 6/30/11. He will then review, compile and submit to all Board Members and ask for comments. Board Members will return their comments to Dave. He will review them and resubmit to the Board. They will then be voted on at the next BOD meeting.

The goal is to have the Rulebook done and printed by the National Finals.

Bill Cantrell spoke to the Board about the rule that states once you have moved up you cannot move back down. If there was a competitor whose scores/physical limitations were such that they could not compete at that higher level. No decision was made on this.

## 2. Grievance- Bill Cantrell

Bill reported that we had received 2 written grievances. The first was from a rider who felt they were not ready to move up to the Intermediate division from the Novice division. All scores were looked at and the scores warranted the move of divisions. A letter was sent out explaining our system and how the scores warranted the change.

The second grievance was from a clinician who was only allowed to judge Ranch Riding and Ranch Trail. The card was corrected and the clinician can now judge all NVRHA classes.

## 3. Spring Edition "Rundown"- Donna Stewart

The spring edition of the Rundown is now hot off the presses. Donna reported that \$2750.00 of ads was sold and we currently have 441 people on our mailing list and 250 current members.

750 copies were ordered these extras to be handed out at events. Donna increased the advertising prices slightly to cover the increased costs. The next issue of the Rundown will hit the shelves in August.

The Board thanked Donna for a great job on the magazine.

## 4. Logo Wear- Bill Hauschildt

Bill has the inventory and we are looking for someone to take over the sales of the merchandise. An advertisement may be placed in the magazine.

## 5. Improvement Program Comments- Bob Schubbe

Bob will receive the data from Charlie after each event. He will analyze the data and present to the Board so we can track problems or issues that may arise.

We would also like to track scores the clinicians are giving so as to track judging consistency.

The next Board of Directors meeting will be August 7, 2011 @ 12:00 at Dave Currins home.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Secretary

  
President