

NVRHA Board Meeting

August 7th, 2011 12:00

Dave Currins Home

The Board of Directors Meeting was called to order at 12:00pm by Dave Currin.

Members present: Dave Currin, Tim Rose, Bill Cantrell, Charlie Stewart, Donna Stewart, Channing Hawks, Cindy Rose, Brian Thomas, Deb Raymond, and Bob Schubbe.

Proxies carried by the following members-

Charlie Stewart for Susan Heyvaert

Debbie Raymond for Brian Thomas

Bob Schubbe for Becky Grant

Channing Hawks for Jay Henson and Rich Masoner

1. Minutes Review- Debbie Raymond

Donna Stewart had a question about a Director vote in the minutes from the May BOD meeting. It was decided that it would be clarified in the Director vote at this meeting. Dave asked for a motion to accept the minutes- Cindy Rose 1st and Bill Cantrell 2nd.

2. Treasurers Report- Tim Rose

Tim presented the Board with the financial statement January to June 2011. Tim reported that donations and memberships are down substantially from last year. The causes were felt be from cancellations of events from the EHV virus, the heat wave, and also the economy in general. Tim passed out a Profit/Loss spreadsheet from the Arizona Affiliate. Tim complimented Becky for her work on the spreadsheet.

Tim reported to the Board our cash account balance as of July 31, 2011 was \$ 7,487.00. He also expressed concern that if the trend continues our financial picture would be worrisome. Brian asked if monies were coming in from California and Dave reported that there was a small group working hard to keep it going in that state. Bob Schubbe said he would get with Tom Cobb and see if he could help California with their Affiliate status.

Dave asked for a motion to accept the Treasurers report: Donna Stewart 1st and Brian Thomas 2nd.

NVRHA Total Income/Expenses

January-June 2011

<u>Description</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
Donations	\$	Advertising	\$ 6,519.60
Memberships	\$ 5,895.00	Office	\$ 1,546.93
Clinic Profits	\$ 1,550.02	Insurance	\$ 4,194.83
New Mexico Acct.	\$	Travel	\$ 495.00
Clinician Training fees	\$ 500.00	Awards	\$ 1,522.36
Colorado Affiliate	\$ 45.00	AZ Affiliate	\$
Windy Withers	\$ 511.01		
<u>Total Income</u>	\$ 8,501.03	<u>Total Expenses</u>	\$ 14,278.72
<u>Net Income</u>	\$ (5,777.69)		

3. Event Requirement Reduction_– Brian Thomas

Brian Thomas asked the Board if we could reduce the number of events required to attend Finals from 2 to 1. This is due to the problems with the Virus outbreak and event cancellations due to the heat wave. Charlie Stewart said this would be acceptable to him if the participants already had a permanent division assignment.

Motion as follows:

For the 2011 Finals year only- participant will need to show in one event to meet the requirement to attend the National Finals but participant must have their permanent division assignment in place.

Bob Schubbe 1st and Channing 2nd and the motion passed unanimously.

4. Awards- Bill Cantrell

Bill gave the Board a hand out comparing awards from 2010 to 2011. He reported that he has ordered some awards and is in the process of ordering more as we have just ascertained our Awards requirements.

Bill also told the Board his discussions with artist and who would be receiving the Legend award. They are Jennifer Sadler, Edgell Pyles, and Bill Cantrell.

There was a question about ordering a buckle for the year end award for the high point open rider. Bill will order the buckle. Bill also asked if there was a Worlds Greatest award that needed to be purchased for Finals. Discussion followed and it was determined we need a year end award for top open rider and also for the 'stand alone' event at National Finals. Dave Currin was asked if he had contacted Bob Norris for any kind of sponsorship for the Finals and he reported he had not.

At this time we have only 1 sponsor for 1 of the 3 saddles to be given away Finals.

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Achievement Awards

2011

<u>Item</u>	2010 Actual	2011 Budget	2011 thru 7/26/11
Ranch Horse Champion	9	22	6
Ranch Horse Performance Champion	3	4	0
Ranch Horse Supreme Champion	3	12	3
Superior Ranch Horse	17	9	3
Legend Award	1	2	3

5. Proposed Rule Changes-Dave Currin

Dave compiled all of the responses from the Board of Directors on his questionnaire for proposed rule changes. He then gave the Directors a hand out giving them this data. For any rule change it takes 2/3 vote of the Board members.

1. Proposal # 1- The establishment of an Executive Committee.

Discussion ensued about the need for such a committee and who would be on it. It was felt that our organization was not big enough as yet to warrant this. The advent of e-mail has streamlined communications between parties. Channing expressed concerns on how our answering service was handling their job.

The motion was made with Tim Rose as 1st and Cindy 2nd. Vote was taken and no Executive Committee will be formed.

2. Proposal #2- Legend Award to require 3 Superior Awards with at least one cattle event Superior Award.

Discussion followed about how our award system works and that because the Legend Award was our biggest Award it should be difficult to achieve.

The motion is as follows:

A minimum of 200 points with a minimum of 40 points each in 4 of the 5 classes.

Donna Stewart 1st with Tim Rose as 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Proposal #3- Ground Rules for Board of Directors Rotation

The Board discussed the results of the vote and the motion was made by Donna Stewart Cindy Rose as 2nd to:

Accept the ground rules with the following changes:

- Rotation by Board position not individual names
- Delete #8 and # 9
- Add general to #12

12. A general member may be the Person of Primary Responsibility for a critical Organizational responsibility without being a Board Member these members are encouraged to attend Board Meetings when possible).

The motion passed unanimously.

4. Proposed rule change #5a- Allow Rule Changes During the Year

The Board discussed what could we do if there needed to be a rule change due to security and or safety concerns. After discussion the following motion was made by Bill Cantrell with Charlie Stewart as 2nd:

To change a rule in mid-year it will take a 2/3 vote of the Board of Directors.

Motion passed.

5. Proposed rule change # 5b- Change " Does not perform" maneuver to "Does not attempt"

The Board agreed 100% to adopt this rule change. Bob Schubbe 1st Bill Hauschildt 2nd. Motion Carried.

6. Proposed rule change #5d- Placement Points earned only after Permanent Division Assignment.

The Directors discussed this issue at length and very thoughtfully. Several situations were brought to the Boards attention and after debating the pros and cons, the Board voted to adopt this rule change.

Dave asked for a motion: Bob Schubbe 1st and Bill Hauschildt 2nd

During the division assignment process, placement points that are earned stay in the division earned. (i.e. I earn 12 placement points in Novice, but after the permanent division assignment process, I move up to Intermediate I do not take the placement points with me.

The motion passed.

7. Proposed rule change #5e—Reduce the minimum requirement for Collegiate Finals from 5 Colleges to 3 Colleges.

Dave asked for a motion Charlie Stewart 1st and Cindy Rose 2nd. Motion Carried.

8. Proposed rule change #6a- Adopt criteria for fall of horse.

- Hip and shoulder touch ground
- Rider has fallen and no longer astride
- Score up to fall
- After fall -10 penalty and no attempt maneuver (-7) for remaining maneuvers

Dave asked for a motion Channing Hawks 1st and Bon Schubbe 2nd. Motion carried

9. Proposed rule change # 6b- Adopt a time limit for Box Only Maneuver(50 seconds)-

The Board discussed how this would work, when the time would start, would there need to be 2 timers. After some discussion Dave asked for a motion Channing 1st and Tim Rose 2nd. The motion reads:

The clock starts when the cow enters the arena and the gate closes. The time limit is 50 seconds for Box Only.

Motion carried.

10. Proposed rule change #6c- Clinician/Judge applicant must score at least 70% on an open book test to become certified.

All directors present agreed with this to adopt this proposal.

The motion was passed with Channing Hawks 1st and Cindy Rose 2nd.

11. Proposed rule change #6d- Return the main body of Riding and Trail score sheets to 2010 version.

The motion was made with Bob Schubbe 1st and Cindy Rose 2nd. Motion carried.

12. Proposed rule change #7c- Allow certification as Clinician only- no Judge certification.

After discussion it was decided to this as is and this proposed rule change was withdrawn.

13. Proposed rule change #8a- Establish a minimum score for award of Championship Points.

The Directors discussed the proposed rule change, 2 votes were taken and it did not pass. Tim Rose to review Charlie Stewarts numbers for 2009/2010 to evaluate the effectiveness of the current ROM Rule.

14. Proposed rule change #8c- Missed pattern major penalty can be used only in Pattern Classes.

There was no vote on this item as this is the current rule. The Board did add a penalty for hard and fast of -10 in the roping section. Currently there is no place on the score sheet for this item.

15. Proposed rule change # 5c- Adopt Double Boxing in Novice Amateur and Novice Youth.

The motion died.

16. Proposed rule change #5f- Eliminate ROM Rule.

There will be no changes.

17. Proposed rule change #5g- Adopt a new Division Assignment Structure. Use AQHA, APHA, NRCHA, or NCHA system.

After discussion Dave Currin asked for a motion to table this item and create a committee to study this proposed rule change. Donna Stewart 1st and Cindy Rose 2nd. Passed.

18. Proposed rule change #7b- Standardize penalty for touching horse/saddle to be the same for all classes.

After discussion Bob Schubbe withdrew this proposal.

It was brought to Boards attention that there is a problem with our initial assessment structure. The Board voted for the following proposal for the current 2011 season.

“All placement points earned during the evaluation period will remain in the Division in which they were earned”

Voting for- 9

Voting against-4

Motion passed.

6. 2011 National Championships- Bill Hauschildt

Bill has procured Bonnie Pumper and J.J. Rydberg to be the Judges for the Finals..Donna Stewart will help Bill put together a flyer for the event. They want to get it out 30 days prior to the finals. We need to let participants know as soon as possible if they have qualified and in what division they are in. it will be put on the Website that there is only 1 event needed to qualify if you have your Permanent Division

Assignment. To raise funds it was thought we could charge for the Team/Affiliate challenge. Cindy Rose asked for donations for the Silent Auction. Also we need sponsors for the Social events at the Finals.

Awards Banquet will be on Saturday night. Bill Hauschildt will bring the Logo wear with him to possibly sell at the Finals.

7. Event Participation-

Dave spoke to Board participation at our Events. We have seen a decline in memberships, however we have new areas opening up. He also felt that we are failing to attract new members and spoke about how the Greenhorn Division has been quite successful in Minnesota. They have kept costs down by having this group work used cattle, no ribbons, and giving them score sheets only. Dave also spoke to the Board about the event in New Mexico and they did not lose any money.

Bill Cantrell felt that we are losing volunteer enthusiasm, money is tight, and we are not getting our advertising out soon enough.

Discussion ensued about cost savings at events. In addition if a clinician is not needed what is the protocol for dismissing them. Currently we need to give them a 2 week notice.

Donna Stewart felt we could try a Double-Judged AQHA-NVRHA Event/Events in 2012.

Prior to the BOD meeting Donna Stewart sent a "Summarization of Limited Division Ideas to Date" to all Board Members. Her letter detailed all that has happened since the idea of a "Limited Division" has come up. Dave asked for ideas from the Directors present one suggestion was possibly Ala Carte classes, to let the Novice participants stay there as long as they want, or a Greenhorn Division.

Dave asked if Donna, Debbie, and Cindy could meet again and also invite Channing Hawks, Becky Grant and Susan Heyvaert. He felt that their input would be valuable.

8. New Board Member Elections-

The Board received letters from 5 Candidates. The Election was held and Tim Rose and Debbie Raymond counted the Ballots. Our New Board Members are-

Shane Bangerter

Carol Ackerman

Brian Young

Paulette Marshall

Congratulations and Welcome to our new NVRHA Directors

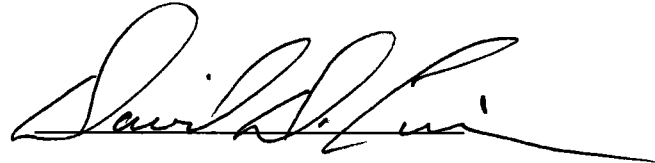
The Meeting was adjourned at 6:00pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie Raymond

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Debbie Raymond", written over a horizontal line.

Secretary

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President