

NVRHA Board Meeting

April 17th, 2012

Colorado Springs, Colorado/ Online

Dave Currin called the meeting to order at 6:10pm. He welcomed the Board and thanked them for their participation.

Members in attendance- Dave Currin, Debbie Raymond, Carol Ackerman, Cindy Rose, Bill Hauschildt, Donna Stewart, and Paulette Marshall.

Members online- Phillip Sadler, Jennifer Sadler, Bob Schubbe, Shane Bangerter, Brian Young, Becky Grant, and Susan Heyvaert

Members absent- Channing Hawks, Jay Henson, and Tom Cobb.

1. Minutes Approval- Debbie Raymond

Dave asked the Board if there were any corrections to Minutes of the February 4th Board Meeting. Paulette Marshall noted that her name was omitted from the attendance list. With that correction being made the minutes were accepted. Cindy Rose made the motion with Donna Stewart as 2nd. Motion carried.

2. Treasurers Report- Carol Ackerman

Carol reported to the Board she had sent the 2012 Budget to the Board Members via e-mail and it was also in the February 4th 2012 minutes. Carol gave the Board a handout with a detailed accounting on Recap for 2011, Profit and Loss- year to date, and Itemized Categories- year to date. She reported that cash on hand as of 4/17/2012 was \$10,596.00. The 2011 NVRHA tax return has been prepared and filed with a copy on hand with Carol Ackerman.

Carol also stated that she would have as much detail as possible for the 2012 Event year. She has also projected to make \$8700.00 by year-end. Carol told the Board she had budgeted \$4000.00 for saddles for this year, but we would need donations to make up the shortfall.

Dave inquired if there were any large expenditures coming up and Bill Hauschildt reported he would need \$3000.00 for National Finals deposit.

Paulette Marshall inquired of Carol if Colorado Affiliate receives donations how would that be handled and if each clinic had their own category in the accounting program. Carol responded that each clinic has their own profit /loss category. Dave also explained that donations for Level 1 are banked and earmarked for that Affiliate. Level 2 Affiliates handle their own donations and do not come into the office.

Susan Heyvaert inquired if the new Limited Division will receive a saddle for year-end awards. Dave replied we would discuss and vote on that later in the meeting. Bill Cantrell had in his awards proposal the major award being a belt buckle for the Limited Division.

Dave Currin asked if the 2012 budget could be put in the minutes and complimented Carol on her refinement of our accounting system.

The motion was made to accept the Treasures Report by Cindy Rose and 2nd by Bill Hauschildt.

3. National Office Update- Channing Hawks

Channing sent an Office update to the Board via e-mail as follows- She reported that things were going well here. As far as communication goes, we had approximately 30 phone calls in March and at least 200 e-mail between the 2 of us. We also have 930 friends on Facebook and about 140 members currently (Lifetime and Annual combined). Horse registrations are coming slow but sure. Our biggest problem at the moment is corresponding with Fred and our website. Also make sure everyone reminds Event Managers to make sure their Judges are current on certifications and dues!!! If you have any questions call the NVRHA phone during the meeting and I will answer what I can.

Dave inquired of the Board what members would be at Rendevous. It was decided that there would be 4 to 6 Board Members present at that Event. Jennifer, Phillip, Donna, Cindy, Jay, and Channing will be at the Hugoton Event. Dave asked if those members if they would meet with Channing and Carrie to inquire what the office may need or how the Board could help them. Jennifer Sadler was asked if she would chair that committee. Dave asked for a written summary from Jennifer on what the problems were and those Board members recommendations on how to rectify the issues. Paulette asked if Jennifer would send her report to the Board for their input.

4. Promotion Report-Cindy Rose

Cindy reported to the Board that initial survey that Danette McGuire did for NVRHA was mid-way and final results will be after April 30th. The results will be compiled and sent to the Board for review. The \$100.00 that Danette charged was for hard costs only (survey monkey website) and her time was free. Information that was gathered will help in determining what NVRHA can take to donors or sponsors. Danette also sent a proposal with her commission structure for review from the Board.

Paulette Marshall has been in contact with Danette and feels she has a good feel for getting donations and has a large database from which to draw. Donna Stewart expressed concern about paying for articles in the "Roundup" as finances were already tight on the publication. Brian Young expressed concerns about her references and costs associated with hiring her.

Shane Bangerter suggested we look very carefully at her proposal and his counsel was the Board make up our own contract, with her, so as to protect NVRHA. Shane also proposed writing a letter to Danette and giving her the go ahead and specific authorization on a limited scope and see how that works. Shane also said that NVRHA would need an exit strategy if it did not work out with Ms. McGuire.

Dave Currin asked for a committee to be formed to formulate a contract that will be sent to Shane for his review, then to the Board for approval. Cindy Rose, Paulette Marshall, and Becky Grant will form that committee.

5. National Championships- Bill Hauschildt

Bill reported to the Board that he was ready to execute the contract with the Penrose Event Center for the National Finals. Banquet room has fallen thru and he was looking to hold the banquet at the Ghost Town facility. Bill also requested that if possible the Finals information could be put on the website by May 1st.

Bill said he had not picked the Judges for Finals and Dave Currin suggested that he could look at a Judge from Arizona. Currently we have not had a Judge from that area at our National Finals and we have used some from the other areas/ Affiliates. He thought Sarah Clifford may be a good choice and she is an approved Judge. Cindy Rose suggested talking to Jay Henson about possible Finals Judges.

Donna Stewart would like to promote the Finals in the next issue of the "Rundown".

6. 2013 Rule Change Procedures- Dave Currin

Dave Currin distributed to the Board his recommendations for rule changes for the 2013 Event Year, they are as follows:

1. June 30- Receive rule change proposals in office- in writing- and submitted to Cindy Rose.
2. Organize and submit to Judges Committee for recommendation by July. Dave will do this task.
3. Receive Judge Committee Recommendations by July.
4. Package and e-mail to Board Members for comment by July.
5. Receive Board Member comments by July.
6. Repackage for August Board Meeting-
 - All recommendations receiving 75% approval rate will be submitted and voted on as a block for approval.
 - Controversial recommendations packaged for Board discussion and vote.
 - Note rule changes require 2/3 vote for approval.
7. Summary of approved rule changes for 2013 to be placed on website in the form of an errata-effective October 1st, 2012.-action: Rose and Currin
8. Rule Book updated and republished in fall.-action: Deb Malco

Dave felt we need to have this done as we have Events that start in October and they need to have in hand the current Rule Book.

Susan Heyvaert, Paulette Marshall, and Becky Grant to put information on each of their Affiliate websites and Facebook for Rule change submissions and deadlines /protocol.

7. Limited Division Awards-

The Board discussed how the award structure would work for the new division. Dave asked Susan and Becky how the Limited Division was working for them. They felt that there were enough competitors for a saddle to be awarded.

Debbie Raymond made the motion for the award structure to be the same as the other divisions for the 2012 Event year and the motion was 2nd by Paulette. Motion was passed unanimously by a hand vote.

Donna Stewart told the Board that Charlie and Donna would like to donate a saddle to the Collegiate Division. Shane congratulated the Stewarts for their donation to this division and wants to help financially. Dave Currin asked the Board if the Board wanted to do the same award structure as the other divisions. The Board agreed. Phillip and Jennifer Sadler would also like to contribute to the Collegiate Division Awards. It was agreed that Donna and Charlie Stewart, Phillip and Jennifer Sadler, and Shane Bangertter will donate and split the costs for the awards for the Collegiate Division to include- 1 saddle, 1 breast collar, and 1 blanket.

Susan Heyvaert said that Doug and she would like to donate ½ the price of a saddle for any of the other divisions.

The Board thanked the Members for their generosity.

8. Approve Awards Package- submitted by Bill Cantrell

The Board discussed the costs for the new Limited and Collegiate Divisions Awards. With the new donations from the Members to help defray those costs Dave Currin asked for a motion to spend approximately what NVRHA did last year, and to approve the Awards structure for this year. Paulette Marshall made the motion and Cindy Rose 2nd. Motion carried. The total costs for all Divisions will be approximately \$20,500.00

9. Rundown- Donna Stewart

Donna reported to the Board that the next edition of the magazine is almost complete. Dave Currin suggested that she price check a different printer to make sure we had the best possible price. Dave also asked her if we could hold up the mailing so as to include the information on the National Finals. Donna and Bill Hauschildt also thought this was a good idea. After more discussion it was decided to combine both issues and save \$800.00 to \$1000.00 on costs.

The motion was made by Bill Hauschildt with Cindy Rose as 2nd to combine the Spring issue with the National Championship issue and publish by June 1st 2012. Motion carried.

10. Double Judged Events- Tom Cobb

The Board discussed the pros and cons of this idea. The Board agreed that if a person felt strongly about this they should submit a rule change to the Board following all protocols.

11. Board of Director Meetings-

Paulette Marshall suggested that the Board meet more frequently through the heavy competition season. She felt that it would keep the Board better informed on any issues that may arise. There was some discussion about the amount of meetings that the Board Members could attend. It was decided that every other month would work into the schedule and to meet on Tuesday evenings.

Brian Young made the motion to hold Board Meetings every other month through the Finals, Susan Heyvaert as 2nd. Motion carried.

The next Board meeting will be June 12th 2012- location/ time to be determined.

12. Affiliate Reports-

- Northern Lights – Susan Heyvaert

Horse Expo coming up April 27- 29, at the coliseum in St. Paul. Susan is presenting once each day and we will have a booth all 3 days. Contact page on NLVRHA website is proving very successful... getting 2-3 hits per week requesting to be added to our mailing list. NLVRHA has held 4 single day clinics as the Heyvaerts this winter and spring, 2 reining and 2 roping, with 2 cutting clinics to be held at Tom Bjorklands barn in May and June. NLVRHA memberships are at 56 so far without the first having been held yet! "The Wrangler" will be adding a section on "Ranch Versatility" in their weekly publication. We are hoping to submit articles/results on a regular basis. Cost is zero and they are sending the publications to all of our members at no charge in 2012. Susan strongly recommended that the other Affiliates use this resource. She also reported that when a participant comes to one of the mini clinics they have to join Northern Lights due to insurance requirements. Dave Currin will put an article promoting NVRHA in the "Wrangler".

- Arizona-Becky Grant

Becky reported that AZVRHA has their third Event coming up and felt they would have up to 45 participants. Becky also said there is an Equine Resource Guide in Arizona. They have put an advertisement for Versatility Ranch Horse in it and they receive 2 to 3 inquiries per week. This guide has the capability to reach up to 200,000 horsemen. Becky said that at their last event they had 12 new participants out of the 35 who attended.

- South Central- Jennifer and Phillip Sadler

Dave Currin and the Board congratulated Jennifer on her win at the AQHA Ranch Horse Finals. Jennifer and Phillip reported that they had a large turn-out of Collegiate competitors at their last event. The next competition they were hoping to have at least 20. Phillip said that NVRHA is new to their area and they were working hard to get the word out. Becky Grant said that marketing is a must to get the word out about our program.

- New Mexico- Brian Young

Brian told the Board that he had cancelled the March Event. He felt that there was a lot of pressure from the SHOT group in New Mexico and that was hurting the turnout for his Events. He said he was working on the events later this year but was having difficulty procuring cattle as quite a lot of ranchers had sold their cattle. Paulette inquired of Becky if her Affiliate had done any joint shows with SHOT so as to give Brian some guidance on how to manage this. Becky said they had not done joint shows but had worked with the schedules of both groups and did have members crossover. Dave thought they could get Piejo on the schedule and work with Judith. Dave said that if we put on good events that NVRHA will grow in those areas.

- Colorado- Paulette Marshall

Paulette reported to the Board Colorado's season kick-off will be in a few weeks. She has 6 Events scheduled and was hoping for 20 participants at each Event. Paulette said she had some fantastic clinicians lined up for each Event, and there was a good variety of Clinicians for each Event. Dave thanked her for her hard work on the Colorado affiliate. Mini clinics had been held at Barnes Ranch and at the Marshall's throughout the winter. Paulette felt that this had brought new people in and increased awareness of our program.

- Collegiate/ Other- Channing Hawks

No report at this time.

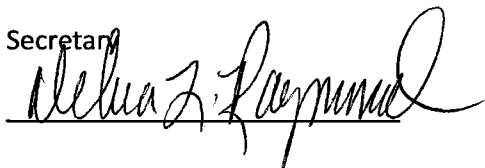
Dave reported to the Board that California was working very hard to get up and running. He said there were several people that were working very hard to put an Affiliate together in California. Dave asked if the Affiliate Chairs could meet for 1 to 2 hours, in the next few weeks, in an online meeting to help them. All agreed that they would be available for this meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie Raymond

Secretary



President

