

NVRHA

General Membership Meeting

September 21, 2012

Norris/ Penrose Center

Colorado Springs, Colorado

Dave Currin called the meeting to order at 3:55pm. There were approximately 30 members present. He explained to the group about how the Rule change procedure worked, and that any rule change proposal needed to be submitted by June 30 of that year, to be considered for the following year. Dave then handed out the new rule book changes to members. Discussion followed as he went over the new rules for the upcoming season.

1. Rope handling will be part of maneuver score.
2. Rule defined for ground tying with a Romal.
3. Legal catch- looks thru loop- holds cow.
4. Conformation- adjust table to level field.
5. Allow guest clinicians, but someone who knows rules/rulebook needs to be with them to answer any questions that may arise. (Jay Henson to hold meetings with Affiliates/Clinicians via Skype to help all concerned to be on the same page in regards to scoring or questions they may have to make the Events run more smoothly.)
6. National Championship will be part of year-end awards, it will also be considered as one of the 5 events.
7. New riding patterns- this new Ranch Riding pattern will be similar to the AQHA riding pattern.
8. Added 2 new Reining Patterns for a total of 5 reining patterns. The new #4 pattern will have 1 minute added for a total time of 7 minutes.

These were the highlight of the changes for 2013 season.

Dave then turned it over to the Members for a question and answer period.

The following comments were made by the Members present:

1. Suggestion we drop patterns that are not used.

2. Question was asked why there are discrepancies in scoring. Jay answered that we need to have better communication with the Judges on how the NVRHA scoring system works. Dave also said NVRHA has a grievance committee if there is a problem that cannot be resolved.
3. Disappointment that NVRHA is not advertising/mentioned in magazines or publications such as Quarter Horse News or Western Horseman.

The Board Members present responded to the questions presented. Donna Stewart reported NVRHA has Danette Mcguire working on promoting our organization and trying to get sponsors. Our member numbers are not large enough to take to potential sponsors- which makes it more difficult. NVRHA needs to self promote as much as possible. Carol Ackerman reported that there was a recent article about us in "Today's Horse". Becky Grant talked about what they do in the Arizona Affiliate to promote their Affiliate- flyers promoting upcoming events, booths at horse fairs, internet, and using free publications

Dave also talked about how hard it has been to get going in the eastern part of the United States. Jodie Brooks thought that Georgia would be a good area for NVRHA. AQHA has also struggled with competitor numbers and Dave thought it might be a good idea to put on some combined Events. Jay also agreed with this. Dave reiterated that this Association is for Amateurs and NVRHA's focus is on this.

Becky Grant thought that there may be a big draw in the future for a Novice-Open Division. She is seeing the need for it in her area.

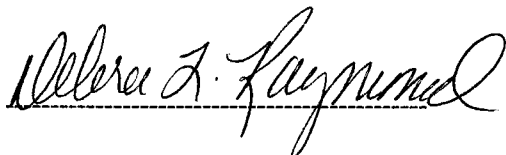
Dave Currin reported that there were 9 states represented at the Finals this year.

He asked if there were any more questions or concerns. A member asked about Placement Points as opposed to Total Score. The response was because scoring between Judges is not consistent Placement Points give a truer picture.

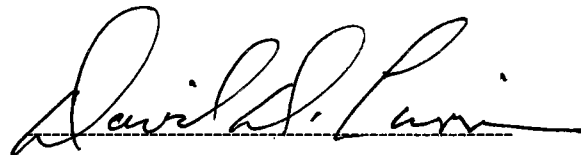
The meeting was adjourned at 4:40pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie Raymond



Secretary



President