

NVRHA

Board of Directors Meeting

November 13, 2012 4:00 pm

Colorado Springs, Colo. / Online

Dave Currin called the meeting to order at 4:10pm MST. He expressed condolences to Donna Stewart on the loss of her Father. Dave also wished Susan Heyvaert a Happy Birthday.

Members in Attendance- Dave Currin, Paulette Marshall, Debbie Raymond, Donna Stewart, and Bill Hauschildt.

Online Members- Becky Grant, Carrie Kliewer, Jay Henson, Carol Ackerman, Phillip Sadler, Bob Schubbe, Susan Heyvaert, Shane Bangerter, Channing Hawks.

Members Absent- Tom Cobb

1. Minutes Approval- Debbie Raymond

Dave asked if there were any corrections to the Minutes, having none, Donna Stewart made the motion to accept the Minutes. Paulette Marshall was 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

2. Treasurer's Report- Carol Ackerman

Carol Ackerman sent the Board Members, prior to the meeting, the report via email. She went over the report with the Board.

Cash Flow YTD

1/12012-11/12/2012

**Category**

Cactus Creek	669.00
Colorado Cowhands	569.67
Kiowa	175.00
National Championship	3,329.00
T-Cross	1,498.12
<b>Total Colorado</b>	<b>6,240.79</b>

South Central/ Iowa	434.00
<b>Total South Central/Iowa</b>	<b>434.00</b>
<b>Total Social, meals, misc.</b>	<b>6,674.79</b>
<b>Total Outflows</b>	<b>100,300.77</b>
<b>Overall Total</b>	<b>2,108.01</b>
Missouri Net	2,000.00
Pay Pal	5,800.00
Awards and Ribbons (still due Finals)	-3,023.00
<b>Profit</b>	<b>6,885.01</b>

#### **NVRHA Treasurer's Report**

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- Bank Balance \$15,992.01
- Profit YTD \$6,885.01
- Championship Loss \$-5,358.95
- Finals Auction \$9,435.00, Finals donations \$3,559.00 + \$4,200.00 for 2 saddles from Pierre Lamont and Charlie and Donna Stewart.
- Paulette Marshall requested accounting of the Colorado Affiliate Level 1 shows. Colorado Cowhands showed a profit of \$1,308.56. Per the Affiliate Agreement NVRHA will share ½ of the profit with the Colorado Affiliate.
- Membership dues up \$3000.00 from last year.
- Affiliate Agreements on file- Northern Lights and Colorado

Carol told the Board that she is missing some information on some of the shows. Paulette inquired about profit from T-Cross. Carol said that Pay Pal has \$5800.00 that has not been distributed. The Board felt that needed to be looked into right away. There are bills that will need to be paid such as Insurance, Rulebook printing, Rundown, etc. this calendar year.

Dave asked Carol about the expenses coming in from the Certificates that have been given to Members for their Awards. Carol said she has not received a bill as yet from Mortenson. There were 10 Superior

Award Certificates, 5 Ranch Horse Champions, and 1 or 2 Supreme Champions. Dave asked Carol if she could get in touch with Bill Cantrell to check on how many were awarded prizes and have not yet received them. Arizona reported that Jamie Bellar had not yet received her spurs from the prior year. Carol to send an e-mail to the Board when these items are resolved.

The motion was made by Paulette Marshall to accept the Treasurer's Report with Bill Hauschildt as 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

Jay Henson felt that Fundraising/Funding needs to be on all future Agendas and a topic for discussion at all Board Meetings. Dave responded that we have hired Danette to help in this area. Donna said that she speaks to Danette frequently, but she has not produced any results as yet.

The Board agreed that Fundraising would be on all future Agendas.

Donna Stewart asked when the Website would be done by Rich Masoner. It was reported that the new web site would be ready towards the end of this year.

### 3. Rulebook Publication- Dave Currin

Dave asked Channing/ Carrie to look for the receipt from Staples from the last printing of the Rulebooks. Dave was able to negotiate the same price as last year for this printing. Dave asked the Board how many Rulebooks we should publish. It was felt that due to the many rule changes and new patterns NVRHA needed to give every Member a new book. Susan asked how soon the Rulebook will be ready and online. The edits will be done by 1-2 weeks and looking for the end of November for the books to be done. Dave asked Carrie if she could get it on the website, if not we can use Fred. Dave felt with additional books to be published the cost would be approximately \$750.00.

The motion was made by Donna Stewart to publish enough Rulebooks for all Members. Paulette was 2<sup>nd</sup> and the motion carried.

### 4. Contracts-

The Level 2 Affiliate Contracts that are signed and on file are- Northern Lights, Arizona, and Colorado. Tom Cobb is working with the California Affiliate and their contract has been mailed.

Philip Sadler, Channing Hawks, and Jay Henson spoke about their concerns in signing a Level 1 Affiliate Contract:

- They have had only 1 Event that has made money, and all the profits have gone back to National. (Would this be a hardship on National without those funds)
- Kansas/ South Central area is geographically spread out- not enough people centralized to help out.

- Ability to draw enough participants to break even in the smaller Events they put on.

Dave suggested we need give this potential Affiliate more time to get started. Paulette reminded the Board that at the September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2012 Board Meeting we voted to require New Starts, after their first Event, to sign a Level 1 or 2 Agreement.

Dave said that he would work with Kansas/ South Central offline to get this worked out.

Office Contract- Channing suggested that this item be tabled until she and Dave can have a meeting. Dave said that a committee needs to be formed to work with the Office. The committee persons will be Bill Hauschildt, Carol Ackerman, and Shane Bangerter.

#### 5. Awards Committee Report- Susan, Donna, Carol

Susan said she had spoken with J. W. Brooks about doing a custom pencil drawing for the Legend Award. Mr. Brooks declined due to other commitments. Susan felt the committee needed more direction from the Board as to what should be spent on the Legend Award. The Sadler's have generously donated \$400.00 each year for this award. Shane Bangerter offered financial support for the Legend Award.

Dave asked for discussion about what to spend on this award. There have been only 5-6 Legend Awards given since the inception of NVRHA. Donna felt that without a solid dollar figure to go to the artist with, it made it more difficult. Dave said that previously the artist does the original, then that original was auctioned off, with artist taking a percentage of the proceeds. 1 picture per year was contracted.

Carol suggested we find an artist first and see what we could work out. Susan felt that it would be better to have a ballpark figure to work with. We currently spend \$350.00 for the Supreme Champion Award and the Legend Award is the highest award NVRHA gives.

It was decided to table this until the next meeting however Carol was going to check with an artist she knows. Donna Stewart asked Channing if she could talk with Clay Jackson to see if he may be interested. It was felt that the price range should be \$700.00-\$800.00 for the Legend Award.

The Superior Award- Dave Currin brought his plaque to show the Board. The plaque is on a wood frame with a bronze relief in the center showing the horse in the class the award was won in. Each of the 4 corners being laser etched with the other 4 classes. The plaque is approximately 14 x 14 inches. Susan and Dave paid for first 2 awards with Northern Lights paying for additional artwork. The cost in the future will be \$200.00 each.

It was felt by the committee that in future the only award should be the plaque and not a choice between the plaque and a certificate. Jay Henson made the motion that the Superior Award would only be the bronze plaque, Becky Grant was 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

Susan asked that as the points are accumulated the orders can be sent to the artist so she can get them done as to avoid a pile up at year-end.

## 6. Election of New Board Members- Paulette Marshall

Paulette Marshall presented to the Board her recommendations for the election of the prospective Board Members. These were sent via e-mail prior to the meeting. Paulette felt that all nominees should be voted on the Board either in a Professional Advisory capacity or as a Board Member. She stated that California and New Mexico will have automatic Board seats with the election of Maribeth Darras and Curtis Jones. Dave McCollum to assist and develop the Collegiate Division, with Scott Duke and Cori Attebury to be At Large Members. Dolly Wallace and Bob Grant to added to the Professional Advisory Board to assist Jay Henson.

Paulette made the motion to elect Curtis Jones, Scott Duke, Dave McCollum, Cori Attebury, and Maribeth Darras to the Board of Directors. Donna Stewart was 2<sup>nd</sup> and the motion carried.

Discussion followed about the Professional Advisory Board. Becky Grant felt that we need to utilize Equine Professionals/ Open riders whenever possible. This Board, with Jay Henson leading, would be tasked to lead NVRHA through the issues facing our organization. Dave Currin felt that we are missing Lavert Avent to be on the Professional Advisory Board. There is no limit to the number of persons on the Advisory Board. He also asked Jay to define role of Professional Advisor in the Rulebook. Jay Henson will contact the potential Advisors to see if they are still interested in serving.

The motion was made by Donna Stewart to extend an invitation to Dolly Wallace, Bob Grant, and Lavert Avent to serve on the Professional Advisory Board. Jay Henson 2<sup>nd</sup>, Motion carried.

## 7. Proposal to hold the 2013 Finals in Arizona- Becky Grant

Becky Grant presented to the Board the proposal to hold the 2013 Finals in Arizona. The Arizona Affiliate put together a wonderful presentation for the Board. Becky's presentation included a web site detailing the venue, costs, budget, sponsors, and fundraising possibilities. The Board Members viewed the presentation while Becky explained her thoughts on how the Finals would be put on in Arizona.

The proposal was to hold the Finals November 1-3 at Horseshoe Park in Queen Creek, Arizona. The Arizona Affiliate can procure the venue for less cost than the venue in Colorado Springs. They are also working with potential sponsors to help defray costs to the Association. Bob and Becky Grant will be the Event Sponsors and have volunteers in place. Becky felt that if we work hard now we can generate excitement for this event. The Arizona Affiliate works with other Equine Associations and she feels this will help promote our Finals.

The concerns that were raised by the Board Members were as follows:

- Time off work.
- Distance to travel.
- Costs associated with traveling so far.

- Some concern about organizational aspect- to keep Event running smoothly.
- Members/ Participants in States that are farther away will not feel they are included.

The Board Members generally felt that rotation of the Finals was a good idea- with a 2 to 3 year term. Most Affiliates Chairs had polled their members and reported their findings to the Board. Bill Hauschildt said that the Finals had not made a profit for the last 3 years and had lost as much as \$11,000.00 in one year. Bill also does not want to be the Event Manager in 2013. Dave Currin felt that the volunteers have been overworked in Colorado and are ready for a break.

Dave suggested that a committee be formed with all Affiliate Heads. This committee will work on ways to help defray costs, possible free entries given to each Affiliate, logistics, trailer-pooling, and to encourage their members to come. This committee will consist of Becky, Susan, Paulette, Channing, and Maribeth.

Bob Schubbe made the motion to hold the 2013 Finals in Arizona, Bill Hauschildt acted as 2<sup>nd</sup>. The vote was a voice vote with the results as follows:

Bill Hauschildt- yes Dave Currin- yes Debbie Raymond- yes Jennifer Sadler – no Phillip Sadler – no

Carol Ackerman – yes Shane Bangerter – yes Donna Stewart –yes Paulette Marshall- yes

Jay Henson – yes Channing Hawks – yes Becky Grant – yes Bob Schubbe – yes Maribeth – yes

Susan Heyvaert – no

The NVRHA National Finals will be held in Queen Creek, Arizona. Becky Grant told the Board that she appreciates all that Colorado has done and strongly believes they can share the burden of putting on the Finals.

#### 8. Ranch Riding Pattern # 3-

There is a problem that Bob Schubbe brought to Dave's attention with this pattern. There are currently 2 lope to walk transitions in the pattern. It was decided to change the first lope to walk to a lope to trot. Bob S. made the motion to accept the change with Paulette as 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

#### 9. Event Managers Guide-

Dave Currin felt that the Event Managers Guide needs to be up-dated. It was agreed that Bill Hauschildt, Tom Cobb, and Dave would form the committee to make these changes.

10. World's Greatest Purse Pay-out-

Susan Heyvaert had a question on this item and could not find the answer in the rule book. There was a purse pay-out at the Finals for the World's Greatest and the \$1500.00 was donated by Bill Hauschildt.

The next Board Meeting will be held on January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 5:00pm MST.

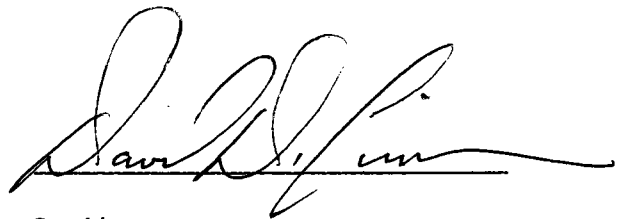
The meeting was adjourned at 6:40pm MST,

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie Raymond

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Secretary

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President