

**NVRHA**

**Board of Directors Meeting**

**August 6, 2013**

**Colorado Springs, Colorado**

Dave Currin called the meeting to order at 5:10pm. Dave welcomed the Board and thanked them for their service.

Members in attendance- Paulette Marshall, Bill Hauschildt, Debbie Raymond, Dave Currin, Carol Ackerman, Bob Schubbe, Becky Grant, Curtis Jones, Susan Heyvaert, Jay Henson, Channing Hawks, Tom Cobb, Donna Stewart, and Cori Atteberry.

Robin Mercier was present. Susan Heyvaert carried proxies for Shane Bangerter, Jennifer Sadler, and Phillip Sadler.

Members absent- Shane Bangerter, Scott Duke, Maribeth Darras, Jennifer Sadler, Phillip Sadler, and Dave McCollum.

1. Minutes Approval- Debbie Raymond

Dave Currin asked if there were any changes or exceptions to the Minutes of the May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013 Board Meeting, having none Paulette Marshall moved to accept the Minutes. Bill Hauschildt was 2<sup>nd</sup> and the motion passed.

2. Treasurer's Report- Carol Ackerman

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- Loss of \$2,696.05 to date.
- Balance in checking account \$19,987.32
- Deposits made toward year-end awards:
  - Cimarron Saddlery- \$4000.00
  - Big Bend Saddlery- \$1862.51
  - Candace Liddy- \$1580.00
  - Lori Johnson- \$ 450.00

Dave Currin asked Carol A. for her projection on the financial condition through year end. Carol said NRHA had \$21,000.00 in the bank at the beginning of the year and that we would need the Finals Auction to produce \$10,000.00 to be secure.

Bill Hauschildt moved to accept the Treasurer's Report with Tom Cobb as 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

### 3. Affiliate News-

#### \*Colorado- Paulette Marshall

Paulette M. reported that Colorado had just finished the 4<sup>th</sup> of their 6 scheduled Events this last weekend. The August Round-up Event had 28 participants in the clinic and 23 on competition day. The last scheduled Event of the season will be at T-Cross Ranch the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> of September. Jay and Gena Henson will be the clinicians. The 1<sup>st</sup> Event of the year will be at Cactus Creek in October. Colorado's Year-End Awards and Banquet will be held there as well.

#### \*Arizona- Becky Grant

Becky G. reported that their last Event was in June in Flagstaff. It was a double show with 33 in Clinic and 25/26 respectively in the Competition. They will hold an Event in September to help get people qualified for the Finals. She also reported that Arizona has been working hard on all the Finals preparation.

#### \*New Mexico- Curtis Jones

Curtis J. reported that their last Event was July 19-21, and it was a double show. They have had good feedback and he felt that it was a good Event. He has been working hard on getting New Mexico going and on gaining more participants.

#### \*Northern Lights- Susan Heyvaert

Susan H. reported that they have had 3 Events 1 in May, June, and July. They also assisted in putting on an Event in Madison, Wisconsin. Northern Lights will be holding one 3- day Event in August and an Event in September. Their total Events for the season will be 7 with this total including an Event in October 2012. Attendance at the May event-17, June-15, July-17, and for their 2 day competition there are 23 registered so far. Northern Lights is maintaining their 501(c)3 status by having a Cowabunga fundraiser at each event. The proceeds will be donated to the Freedom Farm in Waverly, Minnesota. This is a therapeutic riding facility. They will give the facility an amount between \$600.00 and \$1000.00 at year-end. They also did this in 2012. Susan H. said that their updated website was looking good.

#### \*Collegiate- Channing Hawks

Channing reported that their last Event was a joint Event held in Iowa. There is a possibility that they may hold an Event in October. Dave McCollum has been talking to several schools about NVRHA and is hopeful that he they can put on some additional Events through these contacts.

### 4. National Finals Update- Becky Grant

Becky G. sent the Board an in depth report on the Finals progress a few weeks ago. She reported to the Board that they are presently working on getting Vendors for the Event. Dave C. asked if they had picked the Judges for Finals. Becky said they were talking to Brad and Laurel Walker, but had not made a final

decision. Dave asked if Laurel was a certified NVRHA Judge. Becky said she was not, but was an AQHA Judge. Becky told the Board that she was coming to the Event in September, and she would need to be certified. Susan H. said that if she was not certified that there were Judges in her area that were certified in Ranch Riding and Ranch Trail. Donna S. and Paulette M. said that it was an honor to be selected to judge the Finals, and that the judge would need to be certified. Dave C. inquired how advertising was going. Donna Stewart and Becky have been working on the Program.

5. Horseman of the Year-

Nominations for Horseman of the Year are to be submitted to Bill Hauschildt as he is head of that committee.

6. Board Member Rotation-

Dave C. told the Board that the following Board Members will rotate off the Board in 2014 and asked who would like to stay on.

Jennifer Sadler -?

Becky Grant- Yes

Susan Heyvaert- Yes

Phillip Sadler -?

Tom Cobb- No

Donna Stewart-No

Dave Currin asked if Paulette Marshall would like to head up the Nomination Committee. She said she would. Bob Schubbe and Debbie Raymond agreed to be on the Committee as well.

7. Vice President Committee Report- Paulette Marshall

Paulette M., Debbie Raymond, Donna Stewart, Susan Heyvaert, and Becky Grant were on this Committee. Paulette Marshall was given the honor to nominate Becky Grant for the Vice President position for NVRHA. Paulette M. said that Becky G. was on the cutting edge and would be a driving force for our organization. Becky told the Board that she had someone to take over her position as Affiliate head in Arizona. Dave said he was ready to step down in the next year or so and was excited that Becky Grant accepted the nomination.

Paulette M. made the motion to nominate Becky Grant as Vice President of NVRHA for a 3 year term, starting in 2014, but could assume the President's position sooner. Donna Stewart was 2<sup>nd</sup> and the vote passed unanimously. Congratulations Becky.

8. Rules Review-

1. Administrative Corrections-yes vote- Passed.
2. Limited Division Change- Tabled until next meeting.
3. Combine Intermediate and Advanced Divisions- Should not be on the 2014 Agenda.
4. First Time Participants that do not attend clinic- Tabled until next meeting

5. Annual Renewal Fee- yes vote-passed. Level 2 Affiliates can deduct the dues from the Judges fee if they have not paid prior to services.
6. Change name of " Score Tabulation Summary Sheet" to "Event Results". Yes vote-passed.
7. "Event Results" sheet deadline change to 10 Calendar Days. Yes vote-passed.
8. Rename "Master Points" to "Championship Points Database"- Donna Stewart said that there is so much more information in the database it should be named "Master Database". Yes vote-passed.
9. Administration Corrections- Board voted to make the Changes to Lavert Avent's name and to rename "Comments and Concerns" form to "Event Evaluation". Passed.
10. Credit Card fees- Discussed the Legal implications. Tabled until next meeting.
11. Amateur Declaration- Place the Amateur Declaration to the Event Registration form and the Membership Form. Passed.
12. Horse ID Form- Remove Amateur Status and include Authorized Rider Verbiage. Passed.
13. Limited Rider Definition Correction- Verbiage Correction- Passed.
14. Latex Wrapped Snaffle- Correct Typo- Passed.
15. Bit Drawing- Correct Typo- Passed
16. Correct Number of Reining Patterns- Correct Verbiage- Passed.
17. Legal Catch in Roping- Insert-- For catch to be legal cow must look through loop. Passed.
18. Freeze ups in Spins and Rollbacks- change penalties on score sheets to match Rulebook. Passed.
19. Clarifying Scoring Scale Sec, V, P.59

After the sentence" In the NVRHA.....0-10, add the following:

" The rider is given seven points for each maneuver and a Judges score is awarded based on the quality of maneuver from -3 (very poor) to +3 (excellent). If the rider's Judges Score for the maneuver for the maneuver is +3 he/she will earn 10 points (+7+3=10). If the rider's Judges Score is 0, he/she will earn 7 points (+7+0=7). If the Judges Score is -3, he /she will earn 4 points (+7-3=4), if the rider does not attempt the maneuver, he/she will earn 0 points (+7-7=0). Passed.

20. Cutting Score Sheet Correction Sec IX, P.64

Correct score sheet to award the horses having the 70 score to 1 Championship Point and the horse with the 68 score to ½ Championship Point as per the Register of Merit Rule. Passed.

21. Working Ranch Horse Pattern 4 Score Sheet P. 90 & 91

Correct score sheet to match Pattern 4 Verbiage on P.97. Passed.

22. Ranch Cutting- Allow Herd Holders at Event Managers Discretion- Disapproved.

23. Working Ranch Horse 6 Minute Time Limit-

Change to add 3 Minutes with the clock starting when the cow enters the arena, continue to give the 2 minute warning.

Jay Henson and Susan Heyvaert will work on this at the Event being held August 9-11 2013 to determine the correct amount of time for the cow work portion. Their findings will be reported to the Board and time allowed will be adjusted as such. Passed.

24. Allow Back- to- Back Schooling Competitions Sec. VI, A, P. 14 & 15

- Level 2 Affiliates Only
- Judges may be flip flopped (Wet/Dry Classes)
- Second Competition cannot begin until First is completed.
- Limited to 1 event per year per Affiliate.

Passed.

25. Immediate Relative Ownership-

Allow son-in-law or daughter-in-law to be considered an immediate relative. Passed.

26. Judge whistle for a new cow-

If Judge whistles for a new cow, Rider to be awarded up to 3 minutes to work cow. Jay H. and Susan H. will be working on this, as per rule change #23. Passed.

27. Participation Qualification for Finals Sec, IX, A, P. 68

A rider having participated in two competitions during the event year may enter any horse having a permanent division assignment, so long as the horse and horse/rider team has a Permanent Division assigned to the same rider. Passed.

28. Division Placement Criteria for New Participants Sec. VII, D. P.53

Lower Points for Advanced from 300 to 280. Disapproved.

29. Coaching during Schooling Competition Sec. IV, H, P. 17

Anytime an additional person is used in the arena for turnback, herd holding, or coaching during a Schooling Competition, it will be a breach of the stated rules and no points will be awarded. Passed.

30. Penning the cow in Ranch Cutting. Sec. V, G, P.32

Define when the cow is penned- The cow will be considered penned when the complete cow has entered the box portion of the pen with the tail past the wing. Passed.

31. Numbering Cattle in Ranch Cutting. Sec. V, I, P. 45

All cattle will be clearly and distinctly marked. Passed.

32. Ranch Conformation- Decision/ Vote Tabled until next meeting.

33. Create and Executive Board- Tabled until next meeting.

34. Board Member Election. Sec. I, B, 2. P. 10

There will be no change to the current Election Process. Disapproved.

35. Eligibility of Lease Horses. Sec. II, B.

No lease horses. Disapproved.

36. Award Year Sec. X, D, Pg. 67

The Award Year will be 1 October- 15 September, starting in 2014. Passed.

37. Ranch Riding Patterns P. 80, 81, & 82

Adopt 3 new Ranch Riding Patterns.

The Ranch Riding Patterns will stay the same. Disapproved.

38. Ranch Riding Sec. V, E, P.23

Clarify the number of steps allowed from a standing stop to a lope when the lope is required. Disapproved.

39. Ranch Cutting Sec. V, G, 13. P. 34

Define "Back Fence" Penalty.

The Board voted to adopt the NCHA/ NRCHA Back Fence Penalty Rule. Passed.

40. Working Ranch Horse Sec. V, General, 10, P.37

Add "and Limited" to the first sentence. Passed.

32. Ranch Conformation –

Becky Grant spoke first about the problems they have with conformation in the Arizona Affiliate. Bob Schubbe, Paulette Marshall, Carol Ackerman, Susan Heyvaert, Curtis Jones, and Jay Henson all spoke their viewpoints on Ranch Conformation. Most Board Members agreed that there are problems with the current system and they need to be addressed.

A Voice Vote was taken for the elimination of Ranch Conformation.

13 Board Members voted to keep Conformation with changes.

4 Board Members voted to eliminate Conformation.

3 Board Members were not in attendance, nor had given proxies.

Donna Stewart proposed that there be no further discussion on elimination of Ranch Horse Conformation. All agreed.

Becky Grant and Bob Schubbe, prior to the Board Meeting, sent the Board Members their proposal for changes to the Conformation Judging System. Becky Grant summarized her Proposal to the Board.

Dave Currin also had a proposal to change the current Ranch Conformation Judging System. He felt we need to change participant's attitudes toward this class and make the class voluntary.

Bob Schubbe asked Dave C. to send him his proposal and Bob S. could look at blending the 2 proposals. Paulette asked Dave C. to send his proposal to all Board Members and active Advisors.

It was decided to have another Board Meeting on Tuesday August 20, 2013 @ 5:00pm to resolve the items that were tabled (2, 3, 4, & 10). To date there has been no discussion on item #33- Creating an Advisory Board. Bill Hauschildt will work in the issues with points tabulation in the California Affiliate, and report to the Board.

The Meeting was adjourned at 9:05pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie Raymond

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President

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Secretary