

**NVRHA**

**Board of Directors Meeting**

**August 20, 2013**

**Colorado Springs, Colorado**

Dave Currin called the meeting to order at 5:10pm.

Members Present- Bill Hauschildt, Debbie Raymond, Paulette Marshall, Maribeth Darras, Dave Currin, Becky Grant, Tom Cobb, Carol Ackerman, Susan Heyvaert, Donna Stewart, Cori Atteberry, Bob Schubbe, Jay Henson, Channing Hawks, and Shane Bangerter.

Proxy for Curtis Jones carried by Paulette Marshall.

Proxy for Jennifer and Phillip Sadler carried by Susan Heyvaert.

Proxy for Dave McCollum carried by Channing Hawks.

Not Present- Scott Duke

Robin Mercier was in attendance.

Dave Currin opened the meeting addressing the Conformation issue. He felt that there were 6 major issues surrounding Ranch Conformation. Placement Points, Voluntary/ Mandatory, Scoring Portion, Championship Points, Dual Track Awards, and does NVRHA utilize the Line-up or individual Judging.

Dave C. reiterated to the Board that it takes a 2/3 majority to change an existing rule. The Board Members at the August 6<sup>th</sup> BOD Meeting had voted to change Ranch Conformation.

The first issue Dave Currin brought to a vote was deciding if Ranch Conformation should remain mandatory or if it should become voluntary. The Board discussed the merits and drawbacks to this idea, and if only the Novice Division should be made voluntary. Paulette Marshall moved to make Ranch Conformation voluntary for all Divisions. Bob Schubbe was 2<sup>nd</sup>. A voice vote was taken and the vote was tied 9 to 9 with one abstention.

Debbie Raymond moved to accept the Arizona Ranch Conformation Proposal, with Paulette Marshall as 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Ranch Conformation will be kept Mandatory for all Divisions, the Participants will be judged individually (no line-up), and the Professional Advisory Board will review the Score Sheet with the portions controlled by the participant staying in.

A Roll Call vote was taken and 13 Board Members were in favor of the Motion and 4 Board Members voted against the Motion. Motion Carried.

Paulette Marshall asked if the Board if another meeting was needed to accept the Ranch Conformation Score sheets, as worked up by the Professional Advisors. Dave Currin said they will be sent out via e-mail for the Board to review.

#### 1. Tabled Rule Changes-

# 2 Limited Division Change- Allowing Riders to move in/out of the Limited Division.

Donna Stewart made the following motion with Susan Heyvaert as 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The Participant can move in and out of the Limited Division once in an Event / Season Year. Points will stay in the Division participant earned them. The Participant must notify an Event Manager at the Event if there is a Division change or no Points will be awarded. Motion Carried.

#4 First Time Participants that do not attend a Clinic.

Bob Schubbe made the following motion with Paulette Marshall as 2<sup>nd</sup>.

First Time Participants that do not attend a Clinic may go to the Advanced or Limited Division. After the first 2 shows the office will give participant a permanent Division assignment. Motion Carried.

#10 Credit Card Fees

Robin Mercier recommended that NVRHA Office use Pay-Pal for prepay only. If a Participant signs up at the Event they must use cash or check only.

Susan Heyvaert moved to adopt Robin Mercier's proposal with Paulette Marshall as 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion Carried.

#23 Working Ranch Horse 6 Minute Time Limit.

Jay Henson and Susan Heyvaert worked at the last Northern Lights Event to determine the correct time allotment when the cow enters the arena. Jay Henson felt that the following change should be adopted:

When the cow enters the Arena and the gate closes the participant will be allowed 4 minutes. Passed.

#26 Judge Whistles for a new cow.

Jay Henson recommends that when the participant is given a new cow he/she will be allowed 4 minutes. Passed

#### 2. Legend Award

Donna Stewart suggested that the recipient of the Legend Award could have a choice between several options. They could choose a painting, belt buckle, or gift certificate. She thought that the winner may want something that was special to them.

This year there will be 3 Legend Award winners. Susan H. thought we could use 3 different artists. The Sadler's had previously said they would donate monies to the Legend Award. Dave Currin will contact them to inquire if they will be making the donation. The current budget for each Legend Award is \$400.00.

### 3. National Finals Update- Becky Grant

Becky G. reported to the Board that they had finalized the Judges for the Finals. Lori Walton will be the Judge for Ranch Riding/ Ranch Trail. Brad Barkmeyer will be the Judge for Ranch Cutting/ Working Ranch Horse.

There was discussion about how NVRHA should select the Judges for Finals. Jay Henson made the following motion:

The Group/ Affiliate who is in charge of Finals will submit 2 names to the NVRHA Board/ Judges Committee to make sure they are certified and in good standing. It is also suggested that one of the Judges be from another Affiliate.

Motion Passed.

Becky Grant told the Board that they are working hard to keep all informed through social media. NVHRA Finals will be the primary Event at the facility. Becky G. told the Board she had found a Videographer for Finals. She asked the Board if the entry fee could be increased by \$10.00 per participant to cover the cost of the videographer. Dave Currin asked how much the video would cost the participant. Becky did not know what that would be, but would check on the cost. Donna Stewart inquired if there would be a conflict with the still photographer. Becky G. said that the still photographer had suggested the videographer.

Susan Heyvaert asked Becky G. where to send items for the Finals Auction. Becky said to send them to her. Becky Grant also told the Board that she had a group that is working solely on the Finals Banquet and Auction. Becky G. told the Board that she needs the support of the other Affiliates to make the Auction a success. Dave Currin said that the Affiliate Chairs need to co-ordinate with Becky G. on how best to help.

Silver Spurs is a major sponsor for the Finals Event. They have offered to donate a saddle for the "World's Greatest" competition. Becky Grant was concerned that this might be a conflict with Pierre Lamont and his donations. It was decided that Becky G. would contact Pierre and explain the Silver Spurs donation.

Becky G. also told the Board she would not be using Mortenson for the buckles but had 2 other suppliers. The Board was in accordance with that. Becky G. also told the Board that Arizona had expanded the awards and that they would be well recieved.

Susan H. asked if there those who could not attend the Finals in person, how could they bid on the Auction items. Would there be possibility of bidding on internet/ phone. Becky G. said they are currently

working on that. There will be silent auctions throughout the Finals as well as the live auction at the banquet.

#### 4. ROM

Susan Heyvaert suggested we add another sample of how the ROM rule works in the rulebook. She also said there is an error on page 65 of the rulebook.

There was discussion on how the ROM rule works and if there should be floor set (minimum score) for cascading of the ROM. The information will be sent to Charlie Stewart for review and suggestions.

Cori Atteberry reported that Bill Hauschildt, Robin Mercier, Charlie Stewart, and Cori A. had a meeting the week before, for clarification of the ROM rule. Cori A. said that since the office change the new office had interpreted the ROM rule differently than the previous office. The office will do an audit from the beginning of this event year and make sure all is correct. Dave Currin felt we need to continue the ROM the way it has been done for the remainder of 2013. Dave C. said the original intent of the current ROM rule was to encourage non –ROM horses.

Susan Heyvaert moved, with Bob Schubbe as 2<sup>nd</sup>, to have the Office determine the average score for the Intermediate Division for floor purposes only. Keep the current system we have but create a floor under which the ROM will not flow starting in 2014. Motion passed.

Cori Atteberry asked the Board how the Office is to apply ROM for the remainder of 2013. Dave Currin made a motion, with Cori A. as 2<sup>nd</sup> to go back and correct the scoring for the second half of 2013 to match the scoring for the first half of 2013 for ROM purposes. Motion Passed.

#### 5. Results of the August 13<sup>th</sup> Points Meeting-

Donna Stewart inquired about the Points meeting held on August 13th. Bill Hauschildt said he is in the process of auditing all scores from the California Affiliate. Bill H. said this should be finished soon. Donna S. felt that numerous people from NVRHA were available to assist California, and that the scoring mix-up could have been avoided. Bob Schubbe felt that the previous California Affiliate start-up had been no help to the current California Affiliate leaders. Maribeth Darras said that NVRHA scoring system is difficult to learn and apologized for the scoring issues.

Dave Currin asked Becky Grant and the Arizona Affiliate to assist the California Affiliate in overcoming the issues they are having, and that he is available as well. Bob Schubbe will be available to help as well. Maribeth D. reported that she gaining a better understanding of the NVRHA system with Bill Hauschildt's help. Dave Currin said it is important to have another well established Affiliate help a New-Start that is in their region.

NVRHA has a dead zone at the end of every Event Year for the purposes of point tabulation and new division assignments for the upcoming year. The California Affiliate inadvertently scheduled an Event

during that time. Paulette Marshall asked what the Board should do about an Event held during the “dead zone”.

Bill Hauschildt made the motion we change the “dead zone” to September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013 – October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013 for this year only. Debbie Raymond was 2<sup>nd</sup> and the motion passed.

#### 6. Rule Change #33- Creating an Executive Board

Donna Stewart presented the Board a proposal for the creation of an Executive Board. She suggested a different format for this proposal that achieves the below stated goals, while keeping intact the decision making capacity of the sitting Board of Directors.

#### Goals:

1. Preservation of historical knowledge, and understanding of founding principles of the NVRHA. The group would be charged with preserving the NVRHA mission.
2. Sharing of knowledge and thought processes involved in rule creation. What has worked and what hasn't. The group would have an understanding of the NVRHA evolutionary process and be able to guide others around pitfalls and issues that have been encountered in the past.
3. The board would act as a resource and rich source of knowledge and experience in NVRHA matters, defining and clarifying the goals of the association.

#### Proposal:

1. Create a group of knowledgeable founding board members to be called the NVRHA Advisory Board. The NVRHA's founding, and only, president to date, Dave Currin, will chair this group.
2. Selection/size/term limit/involvement in regular BOD meetings of this group- to be decided.
3. The Advisory Board will function in a resource/ advisory capacity. Although their input should weigh heavily, decision-making will remain the responsibility of the sitting board of directors.

Donna Stewart moved for NVRHA Board to adopt the proposal with Channing Hawks as 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion Passed.

#### 7. Affiliate Agreements-

Dave Currin asked Cori Atteberry to send all Affiliate Chairs the revised Affiliate Agreements. Cori A. said she would do this.

#### 8. Score Sheet Corrections-

Susan Heyvaert and Northern Lights have volunteered to review and correct the existing score sheets. Bill H. suggested excel is the best for working on them. Robin M. will send all pertinent information to Susan H.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie Raymond

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President

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Secretary