

**NVRHA**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**April 1, 2014**  
**Colorado Springs, Colorado**

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

Member Present: Dave Currin, Debbie Raymond, Cori Atteberry, Paulette Marshall, Bill Hauschildt, Carol Ackerman, Alecia Heinz, Jay Henson, Jeffrey Heyer, Shane Bangerter, Bob Schubbe, Maribeth Darras, Becky Grant.

Proxy for Channing Hawks was carried by Jay Henson. Proxy for Donna Stewart was carried by Paulette Marshall.

Members Absent: Susan Heyvaert, Dave McCollum, and Curtis Jones.

1. Minutes Review/ Approval- Debbie Raymond

Dave Currin asked the Board if there were any exceptions to the minutes. Debbie Raymond told the Board that she had received corrections from Alecia Heinz. The corrections are as follows:

- a. The Ranch Horse Clinic will be held in Adel, Iowa
- b. Alecia Heinz would like it noted she abstained from accepting the Treasurer's Report of 02/10/14.
- c. Alecia Heinz also suggested the schedule for the Board of Director's Meetings and the Affiliate Chair Meeting schedule.

Motion to accept the Minutes with the corrections was made by Paulette Marshall and Alecia Heinz was 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion Carried.

2. Treasurer's Report – Carol Ackerman

The Board, prior to the Meeting, was sent, via email, the Profit/Loss Statement, 2014 Budget, and the Treasurer's Report.

Treasurer's Report as of March 31, 2014:

1. Bank Balance \$21,097.61
2. Year to date profit/loss: Loss of \$432.59 ( Report attached)
3. 2014 Budget (Report attached)

#### 4. Profit Sharing with Level 1 Affiliates

South Central: Rendezvous- \$163.47

\*Wisconsin was included in this, but it was determined to be in error. The monies for a Level 1 Affiliate profit split will only go to South Central.

Carol Ackerman asked the Board's permission to give the profit split to the Level 1 Affiliate.

Carol Ackerman reported to the Board that in her review of the projected 2014 Budget the current figures show a breakeven year. The discussion among the Board centered on more line items to distinguish costs of awards-i.e. Level of Achievement, Legend Awards, etc.

Alecia Heinz suggested a \$20,000.00 cap on awards. Paulette Marshall asked Carol Ackerman if she could put more line items in the budget- to make it clearer on where the money is used.

Jay Henson felt that there would be no Legend Award this year. The Level of Achievement Awards are harder to get a count on, as they are earned as the Event Year progresses. There are currently no monies allocated in the Budget for Rule Book publication. After discussion the Board determined to allocate \$1000.00 for the publication of the Rule Book.

Dave Currin thought that 2013 was an exceptionally high cost Award year. Dave C. suggested that Cori Atteberry look back at previous year's award costs, and get that information to Carol A. for a corrected budget. Carol Ackerman will amend the budget to have \$10,000.00 for Year-end Awards, \$6000.00 for Achievement Awards, and \$2,000.00 for Championship Awards.

Paulette Marshall moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, with the modifications, Cori Atteberry as 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion Carried.

#### 3. Judges Certification- Jay Henson and Cori Atteberry

Jay Henson reported that a procedure has been established to streamline the certification process. The payments will come to the Office and Jay will receive the application. If the monies come to Jay H. he will forward that to the Office. Jay H. said that most Judges will not pay their dues until they are hired to Judge an Event. The Judges on the list have passed the test required to be an NVRHA Judge.

Maribeth Darras said that the Certified Judges in California thought they should have a Card, after testing and paying the required fees. Dave C. said they would get a card.

Dave Currin asked Jay H. about the online Judges Clinic. Jay Henson said that Susan Heyvaert would be in Kansas before Rendezvous, and she could help him facilitate the Clinic.

Cori Atteberry told the Board that on the website it needed to be clearly stated that the Volunteer Clinician/Judge did not take remuneration of any kind, in order to keep their Amateur status. Jay Henson felt that because of their time being volunteered they did not have to pay the fees.

#### 4. 2014 Schedule Finalization/ Affiliate Agreements- Becky Grant

Cori Atteberry reported that all Level 2 Affiliate Agreements are signed and paid, for the current Event Year. As of the meeting, there was not a signed agreement with New Mexico. Paulette Marshall reported to the Board that Curtis Jones had been having health problems. Paulette M. said he would sign the Affiliate Agreement. Paulette M. spoke to the Board about New Mexico holding a Back to Back Event in July. The Clinic will be held May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014 and the Competition July 26/27, 2014. The Board had previously been sent an email asking their thoughts on allowing a Level 1 Affiliate to do this. The responses from the Board were very positive. Paulette Marshall said the Event will be held at the Bosque Farm Rodeo Arena with Dolly Wallace as one of the Judges and Clinicians. Curtis Jones, Paulette Marshall and Cori Atteberry will assist Colleen Burns, Event Manager, with the management and score keeping. Robin Mercier will help coordinate in the Office. Dave Currin felt the Board should vote to allow New Mexico to host this Back to Back Event.

Paulette Marshall moved to allow New Mexico to hold a Back to Back Competition, Cori Atteberry as 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
Vote Passed.

Dave Currin said he felt the Board needed to have more interaction with the Director's. If a Director is having an issue in their lives the Board could be more supportive/ aware of their needs.

The Schedule for 2014 is in for Arizona, Northern Lights, South Central, and Colorado. Maribeth Darras has finalized their schedule and will send to Cori Atteberry.

#### 5. Awards Committee Report- Bob Schubbe

Bob Schubbe reported to the Board that he had quite a few responses to bid on NVRHA Awards. Bob S. asked how many saddles we would need. Dave C. said NVRHA would require 4 saddles. Dave Currin said there would need to be a set of specifications made up for the saddles, to be sent to each of the bidders, so as to have a uniform bid process. The specification sheet is to be sent to Board, Jay Henson, and Pierre Lamont. If time permits, the new Executive Committee can review as well. All information collected is to be submitted to Bob Schubbe.

Bob S. asked how long should we contract with a Vendor for the saddles. Dave C. replied that the Awards committee should make a recommendation to the Board. Shane Bangerter told the Board that a long term contract may not be a good idea, if the quality of the product declines. If either side is not satisfied, it is harder to get out of a bad situation. Shane B. also recommended that the saddle specification sheet be very thorough to submit to future vendors.

Jay Henson spoke to the Board about previous commitments that had been made to other Vendors/ Suppliers. Jay H. said previous Board Members had made agreements and that NVRHA needed to be aware of this. The companies that could have these agreements are -Cimarron Saddlery, Mortenson, Big Bend, and J.W. Brooks. Dave Currin said he would research the old documents and report on his findings. Dave C. said he did not think NVRHA had agreements with Mortenson or Big Bend, but did with J.W. Brooks. Jay Henson reiterated the need to be conscientious in our business dealings from the past and into the future. Dave Currin said that the Awards Committee needs to make sure that commitments made in the past are fulfilled.

#### 6. 2014 National Finals- Becky Grant

Becky Grant reported to the Board that Arizona is currently working to procure more sponsors for the National Finals.

#### 7. Executive Advisory Committee- Dave Currin/Donna Stewart

Donna Stewart, Dave Currin, and Becky Grant have held meetings to work out the details of the Executive Advisory Board. Donna S. sent a report to the Board to be read in her absence, outlining the details and persons nominated to hold the 7 positions. Dave C. read the report to the Board, report attached. There were 9 persons nominated for the Committee. Donna Stewart will send a ballot to Debbie Raymond to be distributed to the Board. The ballots will be returned to Debbie Raymond and the results will be published in the Minutes.

#### 8. Fundraising/ Sponsorship- Paulette Marshall

Paulette Marshall, Alecia Heinz, Bob Schubbe, Jeffrey Heyer, and Becky Grant form this committee. The committee felt that sponsorship levels need to be defined. They would like to have levels of donation, so that when presented to potential donors, they would clearly see what they could expect from NVRHA. Paulette M. told the Board that the committee would have a more detailed report at the next meeting.

#### 9. Affiliate Chair Bi-monthly Meeting- Becky Grant

Paulette Marshall spoke about the profit split based on the excess auction proceeds. Northern Lights and California voted to give their portion back to National. Colorado will take a vote at the next Board meeting to determine if they will follow suit.

Fundraising locally and nationally was a topic at the meeting. The committee felt that promoting NVRHA only works if the Affiliates are strong and growing.

The Limited Division Time Change was brought about at this meeting. Paulette Marshall moved to adopt the following: In the Limited Division the rider will have 2 minutes to work the cow, from the time the cow enters the arena, and the gate closes. Bob Schubbe was 2<sup>nd</sup> and the motion carried, unanimously.

The Affiliate Chairs also discussed the publication of the Rundown and associated costs. The Committee recommended that each Level 2 Affiliate will be responsible for \$500.00 in advertising, in the Rundown. That would defer \$2000.00 in costs. The Committee further recommended publishing one printed, deliverable Finals Rundown and Program. The Committee also wanted a surplus of copies, of the Rundown, to circulate throughout the year. Maribeth Darras moved to adopt the Committee recommendations. Paulette Marshall was 2<sup>nd</sup> and the motion carried.

Carol Ackerman in the proposed 2014 Budget had \$3500.00 for the Rundown and \$1400.00 for the program. It was felt that by combining these 2 items, there would be some savings.

#### 10. Office- Cori Atteberry

Cori A. reported to the Board that currently NVRHA has 41 Lifetime Members, 2 new this year. 58 paid General Memberships for 2014. Cori A. told the Board that the Facebook profile has increased by 240 new likes.

Cori Atteberry asked the Board if she could re-work the front page of the National website. She would like to take the map off and replace it with a better image of what NVRHA is about. The Board agreed with Cori A. that the website could be up dated.

Bob Schubbe asked if the date of October 2013 could be changed, on the website, as it appears to be old news. Cori A. said she is waiting on some information and could not update the points until that was received. Cori Atteberry said the only item that was missing was horse names from a California Event. Becky Grant said she would work with Maribeth D. to get the names to the Office by 4/11/14. Thus allowing the system to up dated.

#### 11. Legend Award-

Paulette Marshall addressed the Board about the significance of the Legend Award. She said that because this is NVRHA's most prestigious award it should be of the highest quality. Paulette M. suggested that the Board consider producing a bronze with the NVRHA logo "Ride the Legend". Bob Schubbe thought this would eliminate the need to find an artist every year. Shane Bangerter suggested NVRHA could find a source for a pre-made Bronze.

Dave Currin thought NVRHA could commission an artist/ artists to the bid on the Bronze Award. Dave Currin said he knew of 2 artists, and if anyone had another suggestion, they could submit the names to him. Jay Henson said that Trophy companies may have the names of sculptor's. Dave Currin will report back to the Board on his findings.

#### 12. Additional Discussion-

Jay Henson had spoken in the February 10<sup>th</sup> BOD Meeting inquiring about the interest in holding joint AQHA/ NVRHA Events, in order to qualify for the World Shoe. Shane Bangerter felt it would be great to have more NVRHA participation in the AQHA arena. After discussion, the Affiliate Chairs, would inquire in their areas to see how much interest their participants have for holding joint events. If there was enough interest the Affiliates would pursue the extra work to put on these events.

Dave Currin told the Board he would like to step down as President of NVRHA this summer. Dave C. asked Becky Grant to head a Nominating Committee to look for a Vice-President to assist her. Dave C. suggested having this discussion at the Affiliate Chair meeting in May. The new Executive Board will hopefully be operational in June 2014.

Paulette Marshall spoke to the Board that NVRHA currently has no procedure in place for a participant whose scores were too high, consequentially placing that participant into a higher division. Dave Currin

told Paulette M. this need to be submitted as a rule change or go to the Executive Committee. Jay Henson told Paulette she could present this to him or bring it back to the Grievance Committee.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:10pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie Raymond

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Secretary

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President