

**NVRHA**

**Board of Directors Meeting**

**August 26, 2014**

**Colorado Springs, Colorado**

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

Members Present- Dave Currin, Bill Hauschildt, Debbie Raymond, Paulette Marshall, Alecia Heinz, Cori Atteberry, Maribeth Darras, Carol Ackerman, and Jeffrey Heyer.

Members Absent- Becky Grant, Donna Stewart, Jay Henson, Bob Schubbe, Channing Hawks, Curtis Jones, Shane Bangerter, Susan Heyvaert, and Dave McCollum.

Robin Mercer was present representing the Office.

1. Minutes- Debbie Raymond

Dave Currin asked the Board if there were any exceptions to the Minutes. Having no corrections to the Minutes, Bill Hauschildt moved to accept the Minutes as written. Paulette Marshall was 2<sup>nd</sup>, and the motion carried.

2. Treasurer's Report- Carol Ackerman

Carol A. reported that as of 8/26/14 NVRHA has a bank balance of \$37,373.65. The New Mexico Event had a profit of \$1,297.00, as many of their items were donated. Dave Currin felt that an acknowledgement should be sent to all donors expressing our thanks for their generous support. This would include all donors to NVRHA. Alecia Heinz discovered an error on the Profit and Loss Statement. It was quickly corrected and the new totals will be posted by Carol Ackerman.

Dave Currin asked for a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, Paulette Marshall so moved and Jeffrey Heyer was 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

3. National Championships- Jeffrey Heyer for Becky Grant

As Becky Grant was unavailable, Jeffrey Heyer gave a report in her stead. The National Finals will be held at the same venue as last year, Queen Creek Equestrian Center. The Arizona Reined Cowhorse Association will not be using the facility with NVRHA this year. Jeffrey Heyer reported that the possible itinerary will be: Friday night a paid Cutting, Reining, Boxing, or Fence Work and on Saturday night a Trail Course Practice.

Dave Currin told the Board that Donna Stewart was willing to do a Program/ Rundown to showcase this Event Year and promote the Finals. Dave Currin asked Robin M. if she had all the Award winners and

photos from last year, so they could be included in the "Rundown". Donna Stewart would need to get all the information from Becky Grant/ Jeffrey Heyer concerning the National Finals Itinerary. Robin M. suggested that all Sponsors be mentioned in the "Rundown" so as to acknowledge their donations. Dave Currin, Bill Hauschildt, and Donna Stewart are going to meet the week on September 1<sup>st</sup> to see how best to help with the magazine.

Dave inquired of Jeffrey H. if the Judges had been selected for the Finals. He thought they were going to be Kim McElroy and Karen Arlin. Dave C. told the Board that he thought Lavert Avent would be available to Judge as well. Dave Currin asked if the Judges were certified and Jeffrey H. said that that were.

#### 4. National Championship Auction- Jeffrey Heyer

Dave C. asked Jeffrey for a report on the Auction. Jeffrey H. told the Board that had contacted a few previous Donors. He wanted to know how the Board wanted him to handle contacting the remaining Donors, by e-mail or regular mail. Dave C. asked Paulette M. if this had come up in any of the Affiliate Chair Meetings. She said that it had not been addressed. Jeffrey H. asked if the Auction Donor Information should come from National, himself, or from the Affiliates. Debbie Raymond felt that the National Finals Auction information and Donor sheet should come from National. This should be sent to all members and potential donors. Paulette Marshall felt that it should be sent via e-mail.

Dave Currin suggested to the Board that after the first \$10,000.00 the remaining funds to be split among the Affiliates, as in 2013. Dave C. would like the Affiliates to support the Auction. All Board Members present agreed to handle the proceeds from the Auction in the same manner as last year.

Jeffrey Heyer told the Board that he had secured a 30X hat from J.W. Brooks to be used as a raffle item. The hat has a value of \$660.00. Jeffrey H felt that if we sold the raffle tickets for \$10.00, and we sold 200 tickets, we could raise \$2000.00.

Dave Currin inquired about vendor booths at the National Finals. Dave C .recently had been introduced to a boot maker, and he felt that the boot maker could be persuaded to donate a pair of boots, in lieu of paying for a vendor spot. The boots could be auctioned off and the proceeds going to NVRHA. Jeffrey H. said that Queen Creek has a vendor fee and he would check on this.

Jeffrey Heyer told the Board that the month of October there would be 10 items online for people to bid on that may not be able to attend the Finals.

#### 5. Awards-

##### a. Saddles- Bob Schubbe

Prior to the Board Meeting Bob S. sent the Board via e-mail, information on the saddles for the Year-End Awards. The Board decided to send to the Board Members a ballot to vote on the saddle maker of their choice. This will be done via e-mail, before the next BOD Meeting, so that Bob Schubbe can inform the saddle maker of our choice. Bob S. and Debbie Raymond will get this sent out ASAP.

b. Other Awards- Cori Atteberry

Prior to the Board Meeting Cori A. sent the Board, via e-mail a list of 2014 Award winners and potential Award winners. The Board went over the list and Cori A. gave an overview of what NVRHA may need in awards. She reported that there are no Legend Award winners as yet, but 2 are close to reaching it. Cori A. said that it looks like we will be under budget for Awards this year.

Dave Currin asked Robin Mercer if a deposit was needed for Candace to make the wall plaques. 7 will be needed at this time, with a potential for 1 more. Candace will be sent a deposit for \$450.00. Mortensen will need a count on the buckles and spurs needed for awards. Robin M. will also contact Mortensen.

Dave Currin reported to the Board that the Bronze for the Legend Award may be too expensive for NVRHA, at this time. Currently the budget is \$400.00 for this award. Susan Heyvaert was to contact Candace about possibly doing this award for NVRHA. At this time, there is no information if this had been done. Debbie Raymond will contact Susan H. to ask if she had any information. Alecia Heinz told the Board that she does custom woodworking and could possibly make the Legend Award for NVRHA.

Dave Currin asked if Bob Schubbe is working on the saddle pads and breast collars for Finals and Jeffrey H. told the Board that he was.

Dave Currin asked Robin to contact Mortensen about the Horseman of the Year Award. This award is a headstall made by Mortensen. Dave C. also asked Robin M. to go through all the awards from last year and make sure we are not missing anything.

6. Promotion and Fundraising- Alecia Heinz

Dave Currin addressed the Board by saying this area has been lacking and we need to put forth a great deal of focus going forward. Alecia Heinz previously sent the Board the Committees ideas on how NVRHA can best tackle Fundraising and Promotion. Alecia H. has proposed a program going onto the future. She has solidified a slot at the Iowa Horse Fair for 2015. The Event is 2 days and they have been given an hour long session on Friday and Saturday. There is also an opportunity to have a Round Pen discussion/ demonstration. Jay Henson did a similar program at the Minnesota State Fair and that was the beginning of our Northern Lights Affiliate. The biggest concern is recruiting new members and at this time there are no membership drives in any of the Affiliates. Dave C. thought that this would be a good area for the Executive Advisory Committee to tackle. Fundraising and Promotion will be kept on the Agenda at each Board Meeting.

7. Grievance- Dave Currin

Dave Currin told the Board that a rule change will be presented to the Board concerning a grievance that had been filed with the committee.

8. Event Change- Alecia Heinz

Alecia H. told the Board that she had to cancel an Event and was trying to reschedule it. However at this time she is having trouble locating a facility to hold an Event.

9. Miscellaneous Business-

The Board discussed the remaining Events in 2014 and after discussion, Paulette Marshall moved to have all September 2014 Events be counted in the 2014 Award Program Year, and all October Events be counted in the 2015 Award Year. This will be a special dispensation for this year (2014) only. Jeffrey Heyer was 2<sup>nd</sup> and the motion carried.

Bill Hauschildt asked Jeffrey Heyer what the Arizona Affiliates position will be for hosting the 2015 National Finals.

The Executive Advisory Committee will be meeting on September 4<sup>th</sup> to finalize the draft of the proposed rule changes. The rule change proposals will be sent to the Board September 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> and he felt that the full Board should meet on or around September 16<sup>th</sup>. There needs to be a 2/3 majority to make a rule change and all Board Members are encouraged to attend this meeting.

Dave Currin thought that the New Board Member Candidates could be voted on at the National Finals Board Meeting.

The next Board of Directors Meeting will be September 16<sup>th</sup> 2104 at 5:00 MST.

The Meeting was adjourned at 6:20pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie Raymond

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President

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Secretary

