

NVRHA

Board of Directors Meeting

September 16th, 2014

Colorado Springs, Colorado

Dave Currin called the meeting to order at 5:05pm.

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

Proxy for Shane Bangerter was carried by Jay Henson. Proxy for Susan Heyvaert was carried by Donna Stewart.

Robin Mercer was present representing the Office.

Members absent- Curtis Jones

1. Minutes- Debbie Raymond

Dave Currin asked the Board if there were any exceptions to the Minutes. Having no corrections to the Minutes, Donna Stewart moved to accept the Minutes as written. Paulette Marshall was 2nd and the motion carried.

2. Financial Report- Carol Ackerman

No report at this time.

3. Saddle Vote- Bob Schubbe

Bob Schubbe reported to the Board the vote on the selection of saddle vendors for the year-end awards. The results are as follows:

1st Bob's Custom Saddles

2nd Cimarron River Saddlery

3rd Dynamite Saddles

4th Stray Dog Saddles

Bob S. told the Board that a Bob's saddle will be on display at the Finals. Dave Currin asked if the fenders would be engraved. Bob Schubbe will ask Bob's for fenders, with the NVRHA name on them, for the display saddle.

4. 2014 National Championship- Becky Grant

Becky Grant told the Board that the packets are being mailed out and that the information on the website is current. The Finals information packets will be mailed to all those who have qualified and to the Board of Directors. AzVRHA has mailed out 115 to 120 packets. Kim McElroy and Karen Arlin will be the Judges for the Finals. They are both certified Judges. Donna Stewart asked for a Bio on Karen Arlin to be put in the "Roundup". Paulette Marshall asked Becky G. how sponsorships were coming for the Finals. Becky G. said they had no large sponsors, however there were quite a few between \$100.00 and \$500.00.

Donna Stewart needs the Affiliates to get their pictures and any advertisements for the "Roundup" to her as soon as possible. It had been decided that each Affiliate would purchase \$500.00 of space in the magazine. Donna S. asked to have all the information, monies, and photos to her by October 5th. Donna Stewart needs names on all photos submitted. Becky Grant would like to have all Award winner's names from each Affiliate sent to her. Robin Mercer will send her that information.

Jay Henson asked Becky Grant what help she needed. Becky Grant said she needs experienced scribes. Becky Grant also asked if there will be help with socials/ dinners, as the Affiliates sponsored these in 2013. Paulette Marshall reported that Colorado will be holding a BOD meeting soon, and will report back as to what Colorado will be donating and or sponsoring.

Becky Grant reported to the Board that they are collecting items for the auction. Jeffrey Heyer said the information about the J. W. Brooks raffle hat will go out soon.

Dave Currin asked what would be the best day to hold a BOD meeting and a General Membership meeting, at the Finals. Becky Grant felt that the best schedule would be on Friday afternoon. There will be a paid cutting in the morning and the meetings could be held at 1:00 and 2:00 respectively.

Paulette Marshall asked if the Trail Course would be open to entrants before the show. Becky G. said there may be a possibility of that. Kim McElroy would be putting the Trail Course together.

5. 2015 National Finals- Becky Grant

Becky Grant told the Board that if no other Affiliate wanted to host the Finals, Arizona would be glad to host.

6. Legend Award- Dave Currin

Cori Atteberry reported to the Board that there is 1 member that is .5 away from making the Legend Award. It was thought that she could get the necessary point at the October Hugoton Event. There is currently no award for the Legend at this time, but her name and accomplishment be could announced at Finals this year.

Dave Currin has been working on the Legend award, and told the Board that a bronze was too expensive for NVRHA at this time. Dave C. reported that a bronze would have an initial cost of

\$3000.00 down and \$1500.00 for each bronze thereafter. Dave Currin has talked to Candace Liddy and they have designed a plaque with a bronze on wood. The design would carry the NVRHA and Ride the Legend logo, with the Bronze (1/4 – 1/2 size) mounted on the wood. The plaque would be approximately 17” tall. The initial cost would be \$1000.00 and the subsequent plaques costing \$500.00 to \$600.00.

Debbie Raymond moved to accept Candace Liddy’s proposal/ design for the Legend Award. Paulette Marshall was 2nd and the motion carried.

7. 2015 Rule Changes- Board

- 1. Score Sheet Tiebreakers: In the event of a tie score in any class, the horse and rider/team with the lowest number of penalty points will be awarded the highest placing. Motion carried.**
- 2. Dead Week/ Event Year: The Event Year will begin after the conclusion of the National Championship and extend and extend through the following year’s National Championship. No events will be scheduled the weekend before or the weekend after the National Championship to provide 10 working days before and 10 working days after for completion of off administration actions. Cutoff for Level of Achievement Awards will be six weeks prior to the National Championships to provide sufficient time for Awards procurement for presentation at the National Championships. Motion carried.**
- 3. Did Not Catch Penalty to Reward Riders catching with the first loop: The rider should be afforded two loops without penalty for using both. Leave as is- no change**
- 4. Ranch Trail “Pick Up Four Feet” Obstacle: Leave as is, no change**

Voice vote- 5 yes - 9 no

- 5. Allow Holding the Saddle While Standing at the Extended Trot: Wording to read- “Allow rider to hold the saddle horn while standing at the extended trot with no penalty”. Motion carried.**
- 6. Conformation Simultaneous Judging: Both Judges Judge conformation at the same time with the horse being exhibited only once. Placement of the class in the event schedule will be at the discretion of the event manager. Motion carried.**
- 7. Clarify when cow is penned in Ranch Cutting: The exhibitor must drive the cow between the marker and the pen and continue to drive the cow into the pen. The cow will be considered penned when the complete cow has entered the box portion of the pen with the tail past the wing. The Judge will blow the whistle to signify the run is complete.**

If 2 cows are driven into the pen the extra cow must be sorted out of the pen, leaving only the exhibitor’s selected cow in the pen, the judge may then blow the whistle. There will be no penalty if the exhibitor’s cow is in the pen alone before the time is up. Motion carried.

8. **Delete \$30.00 Schooling Run: Completely delete. This should be left to Event Manager's prerogative. Motion carried.**
9. **Working Ranch Horse: Major Penalty- Major 10 point penalties shall be assessed only one time. No portion of Working Ranch Horse can be scored a "0". Motion Carried.**
10. **Shorten Cow Work time in Working Ranch Horse: Limited Division only, reduce 2 minute time to 1 1/2 minutes with a 45 second warning for time remaining. Motion carried.**
11. **Volunteer Judge / Clinician: Amateurs may be utilized as Clinicians only when the scheduled Professional Clinician cancels on short notice. To be utilized in this capacity they must be approved by the Judge's committee having passed the judge's test and completed the understudy requirement. No NVRHA fees will be charged as they are providing the services as volunteers. At no time will an Amateur be used as a Judge for an NVRHA event. Motion carried.**
12. **Most Improved Rider: To be eligible for Most Improved Rider the participant must have completed three schooling competitions in each of two consecutive years. The average of the first year (three events) and the average of the second year (three events) will be compared to determine most improved status. Motion Carried.**
13. **Rule Change Procedures: Move deadline for submission of proposed rule changes to February 1st. Rule change submission deadline will be February 1st, effective for the next Event Year. Example: submission February 1st 2015 for event year 2016. Motion carried.**
14. **Safety Addendum to all Classes: The Judge will not encourage any maneuver or action contrary to established rules, or which would not be deemed safe for any participant within the same division. Motion carried.**
15. **Amateur Payback: At the discretion of the Event Management, they may elect to offer an optional jackpot in each of the Amateur Divisions. Jackpots will be voluntary and a class within a class. Participants will exhibit only once to be eligible for jackpot payout. Motion carried.**
16. **Proposed Ranch Riding Pattern #4: The Board voted to adopt Ranch Riding pattern #4. Gena Henson to revise pattern proposed to the Board. Motion carried.**
17. **Fall to the Ground by Horse or Rider: Upon Fall to the ground of a horse or rider, the entire run will be scored a zero. No credit will be given to that portion of the run completed before the fall. Motion carried.**
18. **Clarify "Use of Romal "Rules and Penalties: the following sentence will be adopted- "The non-rein hand is not allowed to touch the reins at any time. In all classes the free hand may be used to shorten the reins, as long as hands are held in a legal manner. Misuse of "Romal" will be a Major Penalty of -10. Motion carried.**

19. **Eliminate Cattle Numbers:** Bill Hauschildt moved to allow no numbering of cattle for all Affiliates including the National Finals in 2015. Jay Henson as 2nd, Motion carried.
20. **Combine Intermediate and Advanced Division to form one division called Amateur:** A Roll Call vote was taken, there were 13 yes votes and 4 no votes. The Advanced Division will be eliminated. The combined division will be called "Amateur".
21. **Novice Division Exit Strategy:** Paulette Marshall moved "To advance from the Novice Division, scores in excess of 230 in the 4 performance classes only or winning the Year-End Novice Division, or winning the Novice Division at National Finals. Donna Stewart was 2nd. Motion carried.
22. **Division Reset: Dropped**
23. **Score Sheet Simplification:** Debbie Raymond moved to adopt the new Score Sheets, with Paulette Marshall as 2nd. Motion carried.
24. **Open Division Participation and Awards:** Becky Grant moved to "Establish an Open Division with the same award track as Amateur". It was decided a committee would be formed to report to the Board at the November BOD Meeting. The Affiliate Chairs will form the committee.
25. **Establish Reining as a Separate Class: Withdrawn by Becky Grant.**

Dave Currin suggested a committee be formed to review Rulebook for typos/errors. This will be on the November BOD Agenda.

The next NVRHA Board of Directors Meeting will be held at the National Finals on Friday October 31, 2014. There will be a General Membership Meeting at 1:00pm, with the Board Meeting at 2:00pm.

Dave Currin adjourned the meeting at 9:25pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie Raymond

President

Secretary