

NVRHA BOD Meeting

January 24, 2015 9:00am

The meeting was called to order at 9:07 am by Jay Henson, incoming President.

Members Present: Donna Stewart, Debbie Raymond, Debra Martin, Jay Henson, Sue Eisenman, Stephany Siitari, Channing Hawks, Curtis Jones, Richard Cook, Alecia Heinz, Paulette Marshall, Cori Atteberry, Dave McCollum, and Dave Currin.

Bill Hauschildt was present for the Executive Committee.

Robin Mercier was present representing the Office.

1. Opening Remarks-Jay Henson

Jay Henson welcomed the new Board Members- Richard Cook, Stephany Siitari, Debra Martin, and Sue Eisenman. Jay H. told the Board Members that this is the best Ranch Horse Association to be found. Jay H. speaking to the group said that each one of us have special talents that can benefit the Association, please come forward to help out. Jay H. said Affiliate is a club, within a National organization. Jay Henson asked the Board to remember when you leave a meeting, if things do not go your way, please look to the bigger picture.

2. Minutes Approval- Debbie Raymond

Debbie Raymond gave a brief over view of the minutes from the December 9th BOD meeting. Jay Henson asked if there were any exceptions to the minutes, having none, Dave Currin moved to accept the minutes as written, Paulette Marshall was 2nd. Motion carried.

3. Treasurer's Report- Cori Atteberry

Cori Atteberry, prior to the board meeting sent the board the 2014 Budget with the actual costs and budget figures. Cori A. reported to the Board that we currently have \$33,111.75 in the bank. The winners of the Bobs Custom saddles have been in contact with the saddle maker, and 2 saddles have been ordered.

Discussion about The Legend Award ensued, costs and amounts sent to the artist. Robin Mercier told the Board that NVRHA had already sent a deposit to the artist for \$1000.00 for design and prototype. The original projection costs were \$2000.00 and it was agreed that NVRHA would send another check for \$1000.00. Robin M. will send a check to order the current Legend Award winner. That is an additional cost of \$640.00.

Stephany Siitari asked how much money does NVRHA need to carry over for a successful event year. Dave Currin said that this has been a moving target. NVRHA has been trying to add \$10,000.00 per year. 2014 was difficult as there was no live auction held at the Finals, and the Event broke even. Stephany S. asked if NVRHA was concerned about the financial condition going forward. Dave C. said we have fixed

costs that dictate some expenditure, and we may have to look at reworking some awards, because of cost. Jay Henson said we cannot overstep our financial constraints. Dave Currin said we need to develop a budget for 2015 that accurately reflects the financial situation. Paulette Marshall moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, Dave Currin as 2nd. Motion carried.

4. 2015 Affiliate Events Schedule Report- Affiliate Chairs

Stephany Siitari- Northern Lights

The Northern Lights Affiliate will hold 7 events, with one of those events a double show. The event information has been posted on their website. This Affiliate has designed a calendar for their members, and is projecting a profit of \$500.00, on the sale of them. Northern Lights are currently working on nailing down Judges and Clinicians for the event year.

Curtis Jones- New Mexico

Curtis Jones reported that Lavert Avent will host an event in June at Watrous, New Mexico. The dates for that have not been finalized as yet. Dolly Wallace will host an event July 17-19, with that event being a double show. The Hashknife Ranch is looking to host an event in August, with dates to be confirmed. Curtis J. said that the New Mexico Affiliate is very excited to have Richard Cook on their Board. To host a Double Show the Affiliate must have Level 2 status.

Paulette Marshall gave the report for the Colorado Affiliate. Colorado held one Event in October 2014 that will count in 2015. This Affiliate will host 5 events with the first event in April. There will be a New Start event in Lamar, in June. This event will be close to those in the South Central Affiliate and the New Mexico Affiliate. The Colorado Affiliate will include one New Mexico event in their "Buckle Series". Paulette M. said Colorado was very excited to help New Mexico in their endeavors. The National Finals will be held in Colorado in September.

South Central- Channing Hawks

Channing H. reported that Rendezvous will be held Mother's Day weekend, Thursday- Sunday. Alecia Heinz will host an event at the end of June. South Central is looking to host a fall event with dates tentative at this time.

Donna Stewart needs schedules from each Affiliate to put in the "Rundown". Donna S. also requested photos (with names of riders/ horses) to be sent to her no later than February 28th.

5. Affiliate Agreements- Cori Atteberry

Cori A. said that at this time she thought that the Agreements had not been sent out. Cori Atteberry asked if the Board thought there were any changes that needed to be made to the agreements, before they were sent to the Affiliates. Paulette Marshall reported that Robin Mercier had already emailed the agreements to the Affiliate Chairs. It was agreed that they would be reviewed and any if adjustments were made, these changes would be sent to the Affiliates, for review.

6. Rules Review and Finalization- Jay Henson
1. Score Sheet Tie-breakers- the first tiebreaker will be penalty points. Passed
2. Dead Week Event Year- Passed
3. Did Not Catch Penalty- leave as is.
4. Ranch Trail- Pick up four feet- Leave as is.
5. Allowing holding the saddle horn at the extended trot while posting. Passed.
6. Conformation Class Allowing Simultaneous Judging- Passed
7. Clarify When Cow is Successfully Penned- The Judge to blow the whistle when the cow is penned. Passed.
8. Delete \$30.00 schooling Run. Passed.
9. WRH Major Penalty- Major 10 Point Penalty shall be assessed only 1 time- consistent with all other classes. It was agreed to table #9.
10. Shorten Cow Work Time in WRH- Leave 4 Minute time the same for Advanced and Intermediate Divisions. In the Limited Division reduce the 2 minute time to 1 ½ minutes, with a 45 second time remaining announcement.
11. Volunteer Judge/ Clinician- At no time will an Amateur be used as a Judge at an NVRHA Event. Passed.
12. Most Improved Rider Award- Must attend 3 schooling competitions in the previous year event year and 3 in the current event year. Passed.
13. Rule Changes Procedures- Rule changes must be submitted by February 1st to be considered for the next event year. Dave Currin moved to rescind the February 1st date and use June 30 for rule change submissions. Paulette Marshall was 2nd and the motion passed.
14. Safety Addendum in all Classes- Passed
15. Amateur Payback- Not mandatory, will be left to Event Manager. Passed
16. Proposed Ranch Riding Pattern #4- Pattern #4 to be designed by Gena Henson to present to the BOD. Passed.
17. Fall to Ground by Horse or Rider- Paulette M. moved to rescind the previous vote with Cori A. as 2nd. Motion Passed.
18. Clarify "Use of Romal" Rules and Penalties- Passed

19. Eliminate Cattle Numbering- Tabled
20. Combine Intermediate and Advanced Divisions- Tabled
21. Novice Division Exit Strategy- To exit Novice scores in excess of 230 without conformation, winning the National Finals, or winning the Year-End Championship. Passed.
22. Dropped/ Withdrawn
23. Score Sheet Simplification- It was agreed to adopt the new Score Sheets. Passed.
24. Open Division Participation and Awards- Tabled.
25. Dropped/ Withdrawn.

Items 9, 19, 20, and 24 were tabled to be discussed later. Jay Henson told the Board that the reason the above rule changes were tabled was to review the following items:

- a. Expenditures
- b. Restructure Possibilities
- c. Awards
- d. Future/ Progression of NVRHA

The Board took a short intermission. Alecia Heinz was gave her proxy to Channing Hawks in the event she was unable to continue with the meeting. Richard Cook was having some difficulty with the connection, and Curtis Jones said he would try to contact him to offer assistance.

Jay Henson apologized to the Board if they felt left out of the Restructure Proposal that was developed by the Executive Committee. Jay H. said that 3 of the 5 Executive Committee Members are also regular voting Board Members. The Professional Advisor's were also contacted for their comments on the Restructure Proposal.

Issue #1:

Jay H. asked Donna Stewart to speak to the Board about combining the Intermediate and Advanced Divisions. Donna S. told the Board that with the loss of Arizona and California Affiliates NVRHA lost one half of their income. There are serious concerns going forward with only half of the resources.

Donna Stewart gave the Board the numerical information to support combining the Intermediate and Advanced Divisions. The new Division would then be called "Amateur". Donna S. also told the Board that according to NVRHA rules, the two Divisions do not have the required participation, at this time. Donna S. said by combining the two Divisions NVRHA will save money, and there would be more competition for participants. Jay Henson felt this would be temporary and could be reversed easily.

Debbie Raymond and Paulette Marshall voiced their concerns about combining the two Divisions. Paulette M. spoke to the Board about the learning progression, Novice- Intermediate- Advanced, as skills improve. Paulette M. told the Board that other Associations are adding divisions, and NVRHA wants to take them away.

Paulette Marshall inquired, if in the Colorado Affiliate, they could offer Intermediate and Advanced Divisions. The Colorado Affiliate would for their Participants have the points separate, then combine them, and send to National for point tabulation. Alecia Heinz told the Board that she already does this. Debbie Raymond asked Stephany Siitari how the Members in Northern Lights feel about this proposal. Debra Martin responded that some Members have left these Divisions because of medical issues or felt they needed a more challenging venue. Dave McCollum and Channing Hawks felt that combining the Divisions was good idea. Stephany Siitari said she thought it made sense at this time.

Dave Currin said he felt that there were two issues on the table at this time. The first issue would be combining of the Intermediate and Advanced Divisions. The second would be giving discretion to the Affiliate to keep the two Divisions separate, but combining them for points for National. There would only be one saddle given in the combined Division called "Amateur".

Stephany Siitari made the following motion, with Dave McCollum as 2nd:

Combine Intermediate and Advanced into a new Division called Amateur at the National level. Each Event Manager/ Affiliate Leader can split in to 2 Divisions, if desired, as long as scores that go to National are combined. Split to be determined by National.

The Board then took a roll call vote and the motion carried.

Issue #2:

The Jay Henson spoke to the Board about giving participants the option of circling the cow in WRH instead of roping. Jay H. expressed he did have some safety concerns with circling the cow. Debbie Raymond voiced her concern that we barely teach roping, how/ who will teach circling.

The following Motion was made by Dave Currin with Channing Hawks as 2nd:

Incorporate circling the cow as an alternative to roping, in the upper level Divisions.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Issue#3:

Dave Currin addressed the Board about creating a revised Open Division. The performance classes would be the same as Amateur.

Alecia Heinz expressed he concern about double-dipping of points. Example would be the participant could earn Limited points and open points concurrently. Discussion followed about how points work across Divisions. Dave McCollum brought up the issue of cattle numbers, to insure fresh cattle, and the

correct number of cattle at an event. The participant would need to pre-register in the Open Division, for the wet classes.

It was decided to table this issue until refined. It will then be sent to the Board, via email, for review. The vote will then be taken by e-mail.

Issue 4:

The Executive Committee recommended to the Board the following: In all upper level divisions cutting class will consist of cutting two cows from an unnumbered herd. Leave Novice and Limited alone. Shane Bangerter spoke to the Board about how this would make NVRHA cutting more in line with other associations such as NCHA and NRCHA. Two head of cattle to be cut and no penning of the cow. This would consist of a 2 minute format, with a 1 minute time remaining. He felt we would be able to teach participants to read cattle much better this way.

Stephany Siitari asked what the impact would be on the herd, when the Novice riders go first. Sue Eisenman asked if management could guarantee fresh cattle for participants. Debbie Raymond told Jay Henson that on several occasions a Judge would not allow the herd to be resettled. Dave Currin suggested a pre-clinic before an event to help the participants. Debbie Raymond also asked the Board to not implement so many changes at once. Let us figure out some of the other changes first, then go forward. We would then know the impact of the loss of the 2 Affiliates.

Donna Stewart Made the following motion with a 2nd by Dave McCollum:

Add 2 herd holders in addition to the 2 current turn back riders for all cutting Divisions. Change the cutting format for the Amateur and Open Divisions to require the cutting of two undesignated cattle in the 2 1/2 minute time period and omitting penning. The Novice and Limited cutting formats will remain unchanged.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

7. 2015 Rulebook- Cori Atteberry/ Jay Henson

No report at this time.

8. Calendar – Cori Atteberry

Prior to the BOD Meeting, Cori A. sent to the Board via e-mail, an NVRHA calendar she has been working on. The Board discussed the merits and cost associated with this. Cori A. felt that a courtesy copy should go to all 2014 members. Stephany Siitari said she felt like this was a great effort on Cori's part. Questions arose about sending calendars to Arizona and California Affiliate members. Cori A. reported some members from Arizona and California have renewed their memberships for 2015. Paulette M. said that most of those members had no idea about the split. Cori A. also said that those members had paid their dues and had attended events in 2014. The cost per calendar, if printed at Kinko's, is approximately \$4-5.00 each. It was thought that NVRHA would need about 300 calendars. Dave C. asked if the dates for

each event could be put on it. Donna Stewart thought that the calendar is a good idea, but concerned about cost and timing. Donna S. said that with a \$20,000 budget this \$1300.00 was a large expense and coming out too late in the year. Paulette M. said NVRHA needs branding-name every where they can get it. The calendar could be looked at every day, where as someone might file the "Rundown". Stephany Siitari agreed with the rationalization but wondered if AZ/CA would send pictures for it. Cori A. said we can get photos and ask members for theirs.

Bill Hauschildt said he has a new printer at his office and he would be glad to print the calendars for NVRHA. Debbie Raymond said that if he volunteered to do this NVRHA should pay all costs. Alecia Heinz asked if we planned on printing 300. Donna S. said no need to print extras as they will be obsolete next year.

Dave Currin moved to proceed with the calendar, Paulette Marshall was 2nd.

Motion carried.

9. Poster 2015 Finals Promotion- Dave Currin/Donna Stewart

No report at this time.

Stephany Siitari spoke to the Board about the need for the Executive Board, with such a small group of participants. Stephany S. made the following motion, with Paulette Marshall as 2nd:

I move to discontinue the Executive Committee as stated in the NVRHA 2014 rules, and incorporate the current Executive Committee Members back onto the NVRHA Board.

Motion Carried.

Bill Hauschildt was asked if he would return to the NVRHA Board, he agreed.

Paulette Marshall told the Board that we need to resolve the score keeping issues before much more time elapses. Jay Henson is working on revisions to the score sheets.

The next NVRHA Board Meeting will be February 24th, 2015 at 5:00pm MST. Debbie Raymond will be out of town, and Donna Stewart volunteered to record the Minutes.

Stephany thanked the Board for their hard work.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Raymond

President

Secretary

