

NVRHA

Board of Directors Meeting

May 19th, 2015

Hugoton, KS

Jay Henson called the meeting to order at 5:30.

In attendance: Jay Henson and Donna Stewart

Online: Bill Hauschildt, Kay Cornelius, Cori Atteberry, Channing Hawks, Alicia Heinz, Deb Martin, Sue Eisenman, Dave Currin

Members absent: Shane Bangerter, Curtis Jones, Dave McCollum, Stephany Siitari, Richard Cook.

1. Jay Henson asked the board who would be taking notes.

Bill Hauschildt proposed that Robin Mercier take the notes and coordinate meetings.

Robin Mercier is to take notes and type the Minutes and send to Alecia Heinz. Alecia Heinz will approve the minutes and distribute to the Board of Directors.

If Robin or Alecia cannot be in attendance, they are to make sure the notes will be taken.

This proposal was approved.

2. Regarding posting the Minutes on the website: Jay Henson felt it was not necessary. Dave Currin would like the minutes on the website, so that the membership can read them. Kay Cornelius agreed.

Dave Currin made a motion to publish on the website, Bill Hauschildt seconded. All approved.

3. Minutes Approval

At this point the meeting minutes of the last meeting have not been presented.

4. Treasure' s Report – Cori Atteberry

Bank Balance - \$ 18,500 bank balance.

Current YTD Loss of 15,269.00

All 2014 awards are currently paid. The Rundown is paid. Only outstanding expense at this point is the Rulebook (estimate \$750.00)

Jay Henson discussed that this includes 2 CO events and 2 SC events, with one NL event about a week out, and 2 NM events to come. Memberships are going to slow down.

Note: Albq. Event in NM cancelled.

Motion made by Jay Henson to approve Treasure's Report. Dave Currin seconded. All approved.

5. Old Business

a. Rulebook-Robin Mercier

Robin Mercier stated that it is at the Printers, there is an issue with the staples and the size of the rulebook. Staples is looking into it. Should be complete near the first of June.

b. Legend Award-Debra Raymond-Smart T Smoke

It has been suggested that Debra Raymond and Smart T Smoke receive the Legend Award under the original rules and based on the definition in the Rulebook.

Board Members suggested NVRHA award Smart T Smoke an Honorary Legend Award.

Based on new rules Smart T Smoke is not close to receiving Legend (200 points with 40 in 4 of the five classes). Based on Rules when Smart T Smoke started (200 Points total), Legend is earned.

Discussion of clarifying rules and rewording paragraph took place.

Kay Cornelius suggested that we award Smart T Smoke and Debra Raymond the Legendary Ambassador award. This award is reserved for Special Horse Rider teams that demonstrate Skill, Perseverance and Outstanding Horsemanship. Board agrees that we need to make it special.

Deb Martin suggested clarifying the paragraph in the Rulebook. All agreed the wording needs to be corrected.

All Board Members were in agreement on the Legendary Ambassador Award for Debra Raymond.

c. By Laws – Deb Martin

Deb Martin reviewed the By Laws for the National Association and recommended that the By Laws be rewritten and updated.

She stated that rewriting the By-Laws could have ramifications on Non Profit Status and that a lawyer should be consulted.

Deb Martin would like professional help.

Jay Henson suggested that Deb Martin put a synopsis together and submit to Shane Bangerter for review and discussion.

6. New Business

a. First 2 events of New Rules

Jay Henson stated that due to the rain, the SC event was moved inside. Great numbers for the clinic, less attendees for the event.

Regarding Herd Holding - Should not be a problem. Several NL attendees got to see how it would work before the NL event.

Each affiliate now has a base for the New Rules.

Regarding Circling – Has not been an issue as most riders chose not to circle.

There is some question on Champion Points, but due to other factors this did not become an issue.

Jay Henson is going to have Charlie Stewart keep statics this year on Circling vs. Roping.

Jay Henson mentioned judging Conformation in the Open Division without Scoresheets. He would look at statistics on Confirmation to see if it lines up and to see if the scoresheets work?

Vicky Henderson stated that the Cutting Score Sheet tie breakers need to be corrected.

b. New Open Division

Colorado Event – 2 Actual Open – No Ala Carte

South Central Event – 4 Actual Open – 5 Ala Carte

Northern Lights Upcoming event – Mostly Novices – Word is just getting out.

Dave Currin said several riders have expressed interest. Should be very interesting to see how it develops.

c. Deb Martin was approached by Sandra, the coordinator for the “Working Western Horse Spectacular”

They would like to get NL on board for the 2016 Event. Event includes Cutters Association, AQHA, Arabian Association, Working Horse Association and Reining Association. One Show, multiple judges, new venue with four large arenas – 2 have cattle handling capabilities.

Deb has a conference call and would like suggestions on what to discuss. It sounds exciting for both Amateur and Novice.

- Suggestions-
1. Ask NVRHA for waiver
 2. Have clinic before event (benefit of clinic is to have exposure to NL and NVRHA Organization) Promote Clinic instead of making a stumbling block. Jay suggested doing what they did at Windom. "Have a Full Meal Deal"
 3. Open only, Exhibition or points count

Jay suggested NVRHA and NL do what they can to make this work.

BREAK

d. NVRHA Finals-Bill Hauschildt

Jay Henson recommended that NVRHA go into Finals fairly guarded – be optimistic but realistic.

Attendees guess:

NL - 6

CO - 15

SC – 8

NM – 5?

Bill suggested using one Judge – should save approximately \$1500 but the board would need to agree.

Jay Henson suggested LaVert Avert,

Deb Martin suggested Russ Ratowski, Kay Cornelius suggested Jeff Barnes.

If the Finals event end up with more than expected entries Gena Henson could judge.

All Agreed.

Current Plan Banquet: Lynn, Debbie, Lisa
Announcer: Suggestion made for Dave Currin.
Auction: Tim
Cows: Rodney, but has some backup plans

Volunteers from other Affiliates

Scribes-Channing and Carrie

Gate People -

**Jay Henson wanted to make sure that NVRHA lets affiliates know if we need help.

Rundown- Donna Stewart suggested we do a Rundown/Program for Finals.

Photographer – Cori Atteberry has two names. Donna asked that Cori make sure that NVRHA can get a disc with pictures for future promotion (Rundown, Posters, etc. NO online posting will be done without permission)

e. Wounded Warrior Event – Dave Currin

Event to be held July 25th & 26th 2015. Kit Carson Riding Club has offered facility (2 nice outdoor arenas) Kit Carson people working on Cattle and Dave Currin is working to get Judges.

Event scheduled to include 6 clinics with 6 people in the clinics. Each Clinic would be 2.5 hours.

Dave Currin is asking that Judges donate their time.

This event would be held in conjunction with NVRHA 501(c) 3 Non Profit Status.

This event would get the whole area of Colorado Springs involved.

Event would be held under “Open” Rules

Event would promote comradery, get the NVRHA name out into the public and most importantly help Wounded Warriors.

Registration – Kit Carson gets first dibs

Promotion – Local feed stores, NVRHA events.

Donna Stewart suggested that this be “Exhibition only” No points awarded. This will be great PR. NVRHA members should be ambassadors

Donna Stewart made a motion to accept the Wounded Warrior Function. Cori Attebery seconded. Approved. No Nays.

Kay Cornelius stated that she believes it would be better if we planned it for 2016 with CoVRHA coordination, but agreed as exhibition only in 2015.

f. Rule Book-Jay Henson

Jay Henson suggested that 5 to 8 people need to go through the Rulebook and Scoresheets to get all the wording cleaned up.

No one disagreed.

g. Horseman of the Year committee – Jay Henson

Dave Currin - 2014
Becky Grant – Out
Bill Hauschild - 2012

Suggestions for a Selection Committee to replace Becky were asked for

Curtis Jones, Kay Cornelius, and Stephany Siitari were suggested.

h. Awards – Jay Henson

Level of Achievement Awards – need to review and see if we can estimate how many Ranch Horse Performance, Ranch Horse, and Ranch Horse Supreme and Superior Ranch Horse Awards will be needed.

Spurs and Buckles will continue to be purchased from Mortenson Silver and Saddles.

Plaques will continue to be purchased from Candace Liddy

Year End Awards-Finals

Saddles, Breast Collars, and Blankets – Colorado Saddlery was suggested to get pricing. Saddle would be of high quality but be usable. Kay Cornelius is going to get pricing and discuss donations and email to Board.

Horseman of the Year will be purchased from Mortenson Silver and Saddles.

World's Greatest will be a Buckle purchased from Mortenson.

Open Award would be a Buckle purchased from Mortenson – Unless a donation of Saddle or equal award was donated.

Most Improved Award- Dave Currin suggested buying the same award as last year.
Bronze Statue

Cori Atteberry brought up the fact that it did not make sense to give Saddle as Year End Awards and just buckles, spurs and plaques as long term achievement awards. Jay Henson was in agreement but stated that saddles should be awarded because NVRHA has always done it and it is in the Rulebook. Donna Stewart stated that saddles entice participation.

i. Miscellaneous –

It was stated that NVRHA should try to bring in sponsors on a local level at least to help defer costs. Affiliates should also promote the awards more to entice participation and membership.

Donna Stewart stated that the general membership was not in favor of sponsorship due to the fact that the Sponsor requests membership list. It was agreed that the Board could ask that an “Unsubscribe” option be added to any Sponsorship emails.

Deb Martin mentioned the Video – Lizzy RFDT of Finals. Forwarding information to Bill Hauschildt.

Donna Stewart mentioned Logo Wear- Great idea the organization is missing out on. NVRHA owns rights to Logo Wear but would like to see this idea be acted upon. NVRHA Logo Wear will help promote the organization.

Jay Henson would like the NVRHA information to be in the fine print for all affiliate logos, etc. Would like for the affiliates to keep this in mind going forward.

7. Next Meeting

Scheduled for August 4th 2015 at 5:30pm Central Time. This allows the meeting to be held prior to the 6 week cut off prior to Finals for Level of Achievement Awards and any updates that need to be acknowledged.