

NATRC National Board Minutes May 5, 2020 Zoom Monthly Summary

CALL TO ORDER by President Angie Meroshnekoff at 6:30 p.m. CDT.

ROLL CALL. Angie Meroshnekoff, Jamie Dieterich, Bob Inkso, Lory Walls, Laurie DiNatale, Bill Wingle, Alice Perryman, Gayle Muench, Esther Diaguila, Kris Gray, Sallie Kudra, R5 Alternate, Marla Stucky, Shari Parys, and Sarah Rinne, Executive Director.

COVID CONCERNS. Parys. R6 proposed postponing the 2021 national convention and hosting it in 2022 due to COVID and all of its associated unknowns. They need a decision so the cancellation and rescheduling can be handled with the hotel. **Motion by Muench to postpone the 2021 convention with 2022 convention being hosted in R6, second by Walls. Motion carried.**

Rest of the Season. Meroshnekoff. Hard decisions to make. Do we roll this season into the 2021 season or keep stand-alone? Discussion. Multiple awards require a minimum of eight rides. Decision can be delayed. We should be able to go ahead with regional awards. Question on insurance (Equisure). A clinic sanctioned in R4 did receive an insurance certificate so yes, events are being insured with no trouble. There have been no contacts from Equisure about it.

Judging Requirements. Dieterich. Discussed the possible need to waive judging renewal requirements for the year due to the circumstances. With so many cancellations, judges may not be able to judge rides as required. Tabled for later decision.

Postponing Rule Proposals. Meroshnekoff. Discussion led to a decision that postponing was unnecessary. Suggested writing "for" and "against" statements for publication as we've done before. If moving forward, we need to get proposals out to the membership now. Decided it was not necessary to rush as most of the proposals, except one around LeD, are not controversial and are heavily supported.

July NBOD Meeting. Decided to hold meeting via Zoom instead of in person because of pandemic. The webinar format may work better in the event guests would like to observe. Will test the technology with June's monthly meeting.

Ride Manager Meetings. Meroshnekoff. Would like to have Zoom meetings every other month for ride managers to increase communication and keep it open. Meroshnekoff will coordinate with Elaine Swiss and then with Rinne to schedule and set it up.

DATA. Muench. Would like to explore assigning unique numbers to each rider and horse in our system. Although concerned, the board trusts Andrea Rogers (data) to make sure it is correct and uniform.

MEMBERSHIP. Muench. Addressed changing our membership back to annual vs. anniversary renewal for simplicity and ease in record keeping. Parys will draft the rule proposal for July. **Motion by Muench to change renewal from anniversary back to annual, second by Diaguila. Motion carried.**

VIRTUAL CHALLENGES. Response has been successful. Discussion about continuing in the future and paying the judges, which we can do financially.

ANNUAL AWARDS. More discussion about the annual awards and a plan going forward since many awards will not likely have anyone eligible for 2020. A committee of DiNatale, Walls and Kudra will review the Rule Book to see what awards can be salvaged for the season and report back to the board, with recommendations, at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned.