

NATRC National Board Minutes January 4, 2022 Zoom Monthly Summary

CALL TO ORDER by President John Zelif at 5:33 p.m. CST.

ROLL CALL. Angie Meroshnekoff, Jamie Dieterich, Bob Insko, Lory Walls, Cathy Cumberworth, Bill Wingle, Kim Murphy, Fran Muench, Esther Diaguila, Kris Gray, Marla Stucky, John Zelif, and Sarah J. Smith, Executive Director. Guest Ruth Mesimer, Chair Honorary and Appreciation.

WELCOME. Zelif. Welcomed new members and introduced agenda.

BUDGET. Gray. Discussion of increasing clinic reimbursement from \$100 to \$200 per region. Given the financial state, it was determined to leave it as is. Final budget item: coverage of fan memberships (\$35) for veterinary judges by the regions. If split among all six regions, the cost would be less than \$100 per region (\$87.50/region for 15 judges who aren't lifetime). R2 and R4 still haven't discussed with their boards. **Motion by Wingle for regions to cover the cost of fan memberships for veterinary judges.** Motion carried.

AWARDS. Smith. Update. Supply and shipping issues continue. Delays.

RAFFLE. Zelif asked about status. It's a sponsorship item and there hasn't been any movement on it.

WEBSITE/TECHNOLOGY. Wingle. Ride results not working on website.

MEETING MINUTES. Zelif asked about status of posting minutes on website. Discussion on process.

LET'S RIDE WEBINAR SERIES. Wingle. Provided an update on the status of the webinars and shared information about the next one set for February.

RULE BOOK. Smith. New Rule Book is posted on the website, and a hard copy was sent out to all board members and judges last month.

OBSTACLE CHALLENGE. Gray. On hold, cannot find judges. We can expand the pool of available judges if we include Leisure Division judges. Diane Wingle had judged it and found it helpful and enjoyable. The board agreed the adding LeD judges would be appropriate to support the program. Zelif will ask the judges committee for a recommendation on adding judging the challenges as a criterion for judges' annual renewal (as done in 2020). It would be appropriate because of the effort that goes into it for the organization.

CONVENTION. Chair Helen Smith joined the meeting. As of Monday, 21 people are signed up, not including anyone on the convention committee. They continue to post and push the convention to increase registrations. Due to COVID, the hotel no longer has a shuttle from the airport, but the committee will have rides for board members. Murphy will run another E-News with reminders about registration deadlines. The committee is still seeking silent auction items, including ride entries, parking passes, baskets or items donated unique to each region. The judges committee meeting will be on Saturday to maximize attendance. Lory will get a list of attendees. R4 alternate, Cara Liebman, will be attending in place of Murphy. Board members must send flight information to Helen if they desire transportation from the airport.

ONLINE STORE. Gray. Last run with the store/fundraiser was not successful, so we reimbursed multiple items. The previous shirts sold well the first time, and we thought we were getting items people wanted in the second run. Maybe it was the timing before Christmas. Two other vendors to look into: Top Trail's vendor and Rushorder Tees.

JUDGES VIDEO. Dieterich. May have an option for a videographer, but there are still decisions to be made before committing funds. We will revisit it next month.

DOG POLICY AND DANGEROUS HORSE POLICY. Wingle. Dog policy is done and posted on the website. The dangerous equine policy still needs some discussion and possible revision, but it is close. Will provide revision suggestions to the board for a decision.

RIDE UPDATES. Executive Committee DQ'd a rider for unruly behavior at Hoofbeats in the Hills, R6. Jingle Bell Jaunt, R4, veterinary judge was in an auto accident, and that led to multiple complications for the weekend due to sanction and rule compliance. Veterinary technicians were hired to judge the horses. We need to look at our policies going forward to prevent issues like this in the future. Policy work to be done.

FACEBOOK. Insko. Suggested adding a donation button to Facebook.

JUDGES COMMITTEE. Walls. A new LeD Judge has met the criteria for provisional judge and the committee has approved the advancement. **Motion by Walls to move Sherrie Bray to provisional LeD judge status, second by Gray. Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned.