

NATRC National Board Meeting March 16, 2021 Zoom Monthly Summary

CALL TO ORDER by President Angie Meroshnekoff, 6:36 p.m. CDT.

ROLL CALL. Angie Meroshnekoff, Jamie Dieterich, Lory Walls, Bob Insko (joined late), Bill Wingle, Laurie DiNatalie, Elaine Swiss, Kim Murphy, Kris Gray, Sallie Kudra (R5 Alternate), John Zelif, Marla Stucky and Sarah Rinne, Executive Director. Also attending: Ruth Mesimer, Honorary and Appreciation Chair.

VIRTUAL CHALLENGE CHAIR. Meroshnekoff. We need to establish a Virtual Challenge Chair (VCC) to help coordinate the virtual challenges, both obstacle and mileage, going forward. Reviewed the drafted job description provided by Rinne. Now that rides are back into full swing, Rinne can't manage it all with her regular duties. It is a big job. A new committee is unnecessary; the VCC would be part of the existing committee and head up the process. Rinne will train the VCC and anyone assisting, plus provide ongoing support. Gray volunteered to take on the chair role; Wingle volunteered to assist.

VIRTUAL CHALLENGES 2021. Gray. The next challenge series will run from May through October. The obstacles planned will go to the judges committee for approval. The judges committee will review the obstacles to ensure they are within the bounds of our philosophies, rules and safety guidelines. The challenge committee is picking nine obstacles from the first challenge set and may change them slightly. There will be 3 obstacles per 2-month period. (May/June, 3 obstacles, July/August, 3 obstacles, and September/October, 3 obstacles.) The obstacle sets will have three different challenge types, one in hand, one under saddle that is more simple, and one under saddle that is more complex.

The challenge judges still need to be lined up and the committee is working on some glitches for video submission. Meroshnekoff appointed Gray as the new VCC and asked her to reach out to Cathy Cumberworth to see if she is still willing to assist. Wingle also added to the committee. Rinne is finalizing the current mileage challenge quarterly results.

TREASURER'S REPORT. Gray. Updated the board on the fundraiser project that she and Zelif are working on. Some supply chain issues with the company they are working with will be resolved shortly and she will have more information by Friday or Saturday. Questions on the budget answered. The sanction income is so low because of sanction fees rolled over from 2020. There are plans to do the raffle again so \$4,000 budgeted. Gray will reforecast the budget in June.

WEBSITE/TECHNOLOGY. Wingle. Added a register button that will take riders directly to RMS to register. Rinne suggested this would be a good time to regroup on the website project and requested to reach out to Coreware individually to discuss next steps, a contract and projected cost for remaining build.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE. Zelif. The membership committee is up and running. A lot of delays. Asked about the website, the integration of membership and ride registration and what can we do to streamline our processes. Discussed extending the 2020 free memberships into 2021 for those who did not have the opportunity to utilize it due to COVID. The differentiation hinges on whether or not there were rides available in their home regions. If enough rides were available for them to qualify for year-end awards, their free membership would not roll over. R4 and R5 had enough qualifying rides. **Walls moved to extend the free membership an additional year if the member did not have the opportunity to attend rides in their region due to COVID. Stucky seconded. Motion carried.** Rinne will pull a list of free 2020 members, determine who had the opportunity to compete and who didn't based upon the three-ride standard for year-end awards. Murphy to email the individuals directly about extending their free membership into 2021.

NATIONAL CONVENTION. Dieterich. The national convention and the regional rotation is rather confusing. Confirmed the regional hosting: R1 will follow R6 in 2023, and R5 will follow R1 in 2024.

There will not be a regular board meeting in April, as it will be run as a general membership meeting instead on April 6th 2021 at 6:30 p.m. during the regular monthly board meeting time.

Meeting adjourned.