

NATRC National Board Minutes December 7, 2021 Zoom Monthly Summary

CALL TO ORDER by President John Zeliff at 6:32 PM CST.

ROLL CALL. Angie Meroshnekoff, Jamie Dieterich, Bob Inkso, Lory Walls, Laurie DiNatale, Bill Wingle, Kim Murphy, Elaine Swiss, Esther Diaguila, Kris Gray, Marla Stucky, John Zeliff, and Sarah J. Smith, Executive Director. Honorary and Appreciation Chair, Ruth Mesimer.

BUDGET. Gray. Proposing \$27,000 in membership revenue. Virtual challenges are budgeted lower as it is unclear if it will continue beyond the mileage challenge. It is really hard to get judges. Sponsorship budget is based on historical numbers. We are expecting a member donation that was previously committed figured into the budget. We do have more committed expenses so we need to find more places for income and donations to offset that. Projecting a 10,000 loss for 2022 unless we figure out cost savings or get revenue up. The budget actually looks better than expected. The financials could change if the board approves some of the expense requests from the judges committee. Is there a way to get someone to do some of the expense work as a tax-deductible donation versus for pay? The board needs a more specific proposal as to needs and cost before we can even discuss a budget around it. It was suggested to vote on the budget as it stands and amend it if necessary. Maybe we could solicit donations to cover the cost of a video or the judges committee project rather than amending the budget later. The challenge for next year is where can we save money and what can we get donated. **Motion by Wingle to accept the 2022 proposed budget, second by Walls. Motion carried.**

JUDGES COMMITTEE. Dieterich. Can we eliminate the \$15 application fee for veterinary judges as it is really more of an insult to make them pay it. In addition, discussed whether the student loan and scholarship funds could be used for vet students for travel funds. **Motion by Swiss to eliminate \$15 application fee for veterinary judge applicants, second by Wingle. Motion carried.** Proposed a complimentary fan membership for all veterinary judges. Competing veterinary judges would need to pay the difference in membership between fan versus competing. Proposed that national cover half of the cost of fan membership annual dues and the regions pay the other half. **Walls made the motion to approve this annually, second by Wingle. Motion will hold until the regions can discuss and the board will vote at a later date.** Many judges will not make the renewal criteria for 2021 due to ongoing complications with COVID and other things, and we don't want to lose them. **Motion to relax judges' renewal criteria for 2021 by Walls, second by Wingle. Motion carried.**

NATIONAL CONVENTION. Zeliff. Sent convention information to the board and to Wingle to be added to the website. There is some difficulty with hotel registration, but everything else is okay. Reminded everyone about silent auction items and donated ride entries.

TOP TRAIL. Zeliff. The launch date is January 1. Competition miles will count. Fees will be collected by Top Trail and a check will be sent to NATRC for our share. NATRC will not have any administrative responsibility with the exception of year-end awards.

HONORARY & APPRECIATION. Email voting conducted by Ruth Mesimer.

JMLA – Angie Meroshnekoff

WHoF – Becky Rogers

National Appreciation – Pam Galchutt, R3 and Shari Parys, R6

Regional Appreciation at National nominations - Approved

Meeting adjourned.