

NATRC National Board Minutes June 2, 2020 Zoom Monthly Summary

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

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

NATIONAL AWARDS. Committee Report. DiNatale. Given the pandemic, the committee recommends that regional team awards, mileage awards and regional appreciation certificates be awarded to any eligible regions and riders; that all national awards but national championships (President's Cup, High Average Horse and Horsemanship, High Point Horse and Horsemanship, etc) be suspended for 2020. Discussion that the national appreciation awards, especially the Worker Hall of Fame and Lifetime Achievement Award also be suspended, as it takes away the honor and prestige in an unusual season, particularly with convention not being held. Even though there may be a few horses and riders who do qualify for other national awards who might be upset, 2020 is an unprecedented year and complaints shouldn't be an issue. **Motion by Walls to accept the committee recommendations, second by Parys. Motion carried.**

JULY NBOD MEETING. We will hold July NBOD via Zoom using the webinar format. The November and February meetings' venues will be decided later. There should be less material to cover due to the pandemic.

VIRTUAL CHALLENGES. Rinne. Shared the updated status of the virtual mileage and obstacle challenges. There are some video glitches, but we are working through them. Mileage is going very well. The challenges have raised \$7,215.00 to date.

REGIONAL UPDATES. R1 – No activity due to pandemic; shut down. R2 – Unsure about fall rides, but if they occur, there will be two rides. R3 – All rides through September cancelled. There is still one ride on the calendar in September at this time. R4 – LeD scheduled in June. Held a May clinic. Texas is still open. There are several rides still scheduled for the fall. R5 – There is one ride left on the schedule for September. Many fall rides are up in the air due to pandemic-caused closures. R6 – Will hold an LeD in July if the park restrictions are lifted. Some spring rides moved to fall dates to try to salvage them. The board will reassess the situation mid-summer.

ONLINE LIBRARY. Discussion around making that feature open to the public, and not just members.

WEBINARS. We need to plan the next webinar. Two suggestions: equine photography and/or videoing tips; camping/trailer set up.

Meeting adjourned.