

NATIONAL RENDEZVOUS AND LIVING HISTORY FOUNDATION
Minutes of meeting on March 15, 2002

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Glen Dickey at 1905 hrs. A roll call was done and the following people were present:

Dick Bennett	Glenn Dickey	Tim Dowler
Rick Blizard	Alton Powell	Denny Burnes
Joe Hess	Ken Eldridge	Clarence Coble
Ron Russ	Jim Fulmer	Linda Blizard

Reading of the minutes: Rick Blizard moved to suspend the reading of the minutes from the last phone conference. Ken Eldridge seconded and the motion was passed.

Treasurer's Report: Ken reported that the treasurer's report is in the mail-out. Everything is in place and moving forward. The treasurer's report will be quarterly. A motion to accept the report was made by Rick and seconded by Tim. The motion to accept the report passed.

Rendezvous Reports:

South Eastern: No delegates were present. Rick reported that the event was coming along well. A discussion followed about firewood and it was taken care of. Five more cords of wood are available for the event.

Glen discussed that the delegates may be faced with the fact that most of the staff have not registered. Alton came in on the call and advised that he had discussed registration of the staff with Roger, the Segundo and did not think it was a problem. Alton also advised that there was a buy-back for the unused wood.

Old North West Territory: Denny reported that he was leaving it up to Dave and it was on schedule.

North Eastern: Ken said he had no information to supply. Glen reported that the site was locked in and the event was progressing well. The flyers had been sent out.

Linda reported that there was still no landowner's agreement. Glen said he would handle that problem.

Glen reported that the 2003 NE was doing well. The staff was in place and the paper work was going well. Aggregate prizes were donated and eh was working with L.L. Bean to sponsor all the kids competitions, nationally. Vermont Public T. V. has a clip available from the 2001 NE.

Mid Western: Clarence reported that the rendezvous was a go.

Linda talked with Jay and he reported that all was well. Jay had been meeting with the staff and the town council. All the programs are set-up.

Glen asked for information and said he would attend.

Eastern: Rick reported that the event was looking good. Wood was being delivered and work details were working.

Rick reported that the 2003 budget still had to be approved. The budget needs to be worked on and Hunter and Traci need calls from the delegates.

Alton added that the 2003 South Eastern booshway, Gritter, was moving on with his event. Gritter had been working on the budget and seemed to be very cooperative.

Linda brought up the following agenda items:

NRLHF Dollars- The shipment had been made to Alton for the SE. The gate envelopes had also been sent.

Smoke and Fire Advertising: Linda reported that she had a copy of the advertising program for the magazine. All the delegates and booshways should be familiar with the program and utilize it. It was also reported that copy had been sent to the magazine with no response. Ken and Joe reported that they will check on why the editors did not respond.

Linda reported that there was a lack of response from the delegates when they were sent e-mail. Please respond.

Glen reported that he had the Blue Jacket prize horn. A strap had been added with the five rendezvous medallions attached. The horn will be presented at the SE.

Rick moved that the Foundation purchase a plane ticket for Glen Dickey to attend the Mid Western Rendezvous to represent the Foundation. Joe Hess seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Glen discussed the meeting times with Clarence. Clarence has milking to do at the time the call come on. A change in the time was discussed and Alton reported that he would not be able to make the call if the times were changed. It was decided to leave the time as it is.

Rick reported that there were not enough batteries to last through the Eastern. Rick moved that we purchase 5,000 batteries at \$.04/each. Alton seconded the motion. The motion was passed.
Dirk and Thistle proposal: It was noted that all delegates had received the proposal made by Dirk and Thistle to do all the medallion at a set price. Rick moved that we thank them for the proposal, but no. Alton seconded the motion. The motion passed. The secretary will inform Dirk and Thistle of the board's decision in the matter.

Linda reported that she had met with resistance in getting Foundation information on the rendezvous web sites and gate books. Discussion followed and it was decided that the Foundation information was mandatory. Any problems would be handled by the delegates. Linda and Ron will draft a proposal to deal with the problem.

The secretary left the meeting at 2025 hrs. and Linda took over recording the minutes.

Glenn: Delegates need to be more diligent about working with Booshways

Linda: proposal for actively seeking advertisements. Propose to do one on one with the Traders starting at the Southeastern. Make up paperwork for the Traders. Discussion held. The proposal for ads was approved. I will start at the SE .

Glenn: give the same paperwork to the Delegates so they can help with the advertising campaign.

Joe: proposal "" prizes for the men's & women's must comparable in both quality and value""
Discussion held. People are complaining about the men's prizes are so much greater in value than the women's.

Dick: How do we monitor this ?

Rick: up to the Delegates to help monitor.

Tim: brought up discussion about the # of men competitors versus the # of women competitors. If there are 50 men and 3 women, do you think the money spent on prizes should be more to men than women.

Joe: It is not fair for a \$1200 rifle to men and an \$85 bag to the women.

Tim: how do you justify \$1200 rifle for 3 or 4 women.

Alton: is this aggregate for all ?

Tim: Discussed people at Epr 2001. When people come only for prizes, then maybe they have lost the spirit of the event.

Joe: go to Booshway Bucks only.

Jim: There have been times when the women shoot in men's matches

Glenn: at the NE for the last 5 or 6 years the prizes have been equitable. I have acquired them.

Dick: how to enforce it.

We are back to the same thing. How to enforce. Get people to do some of this stuff.

Glenn: hard to get a Booshway to do things. For example, the EPR 2002 agreed to use our forms for the pre-registration. Then they used their own. The Booshway showed up at the 2001 Eastern, with 2000 forms printed with his version of the pre-registration form. All we can do is ask them to agree to do this.

If we have no control, then what are we here for?

Joe: all we are about is the money.

Rick: discussed about how to control ?

Glenn: agrees with Joe. Some rendezvous things have gotten out of hand.

Vote - call to question.

MOTION passed

Glenn: This motion should be on paper and given to the prize committees at the rendezvous.

Glenn: we need to work better with the Booshway and ourselves in the future and work on this. Delegates need to be more watchful

Denny: clarify. This applies only to the men's and women's aggs. Or is the each of the ranges, shooting, H & K, archery and the prizes should be equal between them.

Alton: discussion that he has scrounged up the 3 rifle prizes for the Southeastern. 1 shooting, 1 H&K, 1 archery. They may not be exactly equal, but they are comparable.

Tim: I think we can no longer go with the \$1200 rifle with the equal value spread among the events.

Rick: discussion that is one of the reason why I did bags at the 2001 EPR, to make the men's, women's, and juniors aggs - more equal.

Joe: Yes, Rick went to bags, maybe we should go to bags instead of guns.

Rick: At the 99 Eastern the agg gun was sold, right during the event. That tuned me off to giving away rifles. That is why I went to bags.

Denny: The man that usually wins the gun, does not need the rifle.

Glenn: I have hunts for the 2003 NE. The letter that you (Linda) are to write with Ron, this needs to be included.

Tim; we need to be equal with the juniors. We need to look after the Juniors, they are the future. I would not mind seeing a \$10. token prize to the adults and a more valued prize to the Juniors.

Alton: Then people would get mad in the other direction.

Rick: discussed the lack of flyers. This year has been a bad year at the Business Office. The flyers have not been coming in. The budgets have not been coming either. The sites are not being advertised. The info is not coming in to the Business Office. We are not getting information. Some of it is being printed in Muzzle Blasts, before being seen by anyone.

Revise the book to reflect ad to be sent in.

Linda: that is in the book. They are not doing it.

Glenn: discuss the situation with Eric. There should be some way to see that ads have everything in them. We need to monitor what goes into the magazine. Maybe work out that Terri can fax to the business office and then the business office can return information by fax. Muzzle Blasts needs to get an ok from us

Dick: I will be in Friendship next week, I will talk with Terri.

Rick: When Linda and I were in Friendship last week. I discussed this issue with Terri. Her comments amounted to, that we do not have any control over the material printed in the gray pages.

Glenn: I will talk to Terri and Eric. Will keep in touch with the Business Office and the Delegates with results.

Glenn: we all need to keep in touch. The Delegates need to be better informed.

Dick: committee: The NMLRA has set in place a dues increase to start later this fall. The major reasons are that since 9/11 the insurance companies have dramatically increased the rates. And the cost of the publication of the magazine has increased. This may effect the elections of the NMRLA. There are factions that are not happy. Some factions want Eric to be in house. Move to IN. Jim Fulmer may want to be replaced on the NRLHF Board. There are some good people at the NRMLA who could take his place. The NMLRA is also looking at a By-laws change and make the membership a Family membership. The NRMLA has also gone to a paid person to get memberships.

Dick and Ken check out of meeting.

Glenn: asked for suggestions to replace some members of committees. Funding, P & R, Range oversight. Email Glenn with suggestions.

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Joe: I have been going to a lot of indoor shows in the Midwest. They feel that we doing "Theme Camping" instead of Rendezvous. The traders are not happy that the NRLHF has not addressed their issues that were brought up at the 2001 EPR. I had brought up several issues and no one would even 2nd them. One of the main ones is to shorten early set. Some traders even want to do away with the early set-up fees.

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Joe: Re-enactments are a different world. We are losing Sutlers to re-enactments. The people out there do not feel that enforce the rules. We need to tighten up the rules to gain more participants.

Another was the establishment of the Trader area.

Joe: your answer was to leave it up to the Booshway. People are looking for leadership from the NRLHF. They do not see any. We may want to revamp the system.

Range oversight

Denny: The idea for a new national shoot has been turned of to them to consider. They know of the proposal and we have heard nothing.

Glenn: I will get with Jim and see about it.

Rules of Rendezvous: We may want to make up a "Camp Booklet". Explain the basic ideas of what we are. Explain the basic ideas around camp. Be able to give the new bees something to help them along. Maybe we would need to give this to some of the older participants, they may need some refreshment, a reminder of the rules. Print the basic rules in this booklet. Ideas about going to the ranges. What to do and what to expect.

Linda: I suggested something similar to this at the September Meeting.

Ethics: Denny has no report

Legal: Glenn to talk with Jeff about reconciling the Articles of Incorporation to the bylaws.

Seminars: Ruth had submitted a page to Rick. The page in on the Website. It is quite good. Delegates check it out.

Website: Rick; gave report that the Website is up to date. And is being updated as I get more information. I plan to put up the sale page soon. What about the sponsor page? Discussion held that this is for the sutlers that donate to the rendezvous. I cannot put the information about those who donate to the rendezvous since I do not receive it. Sutlers are asking why their ads are not on the page, because the sutlers and/or Booshways are not sending in information. I plan to put those who are the gate envelopes on the Website. Delegates please work with the Booshways to have them send in the information. I have put up bylaws amendment on the website and announced it on the e group. Overnight we had 125 hits.

Quartermaster: Rick: equipment has been inventoried. The only things that we will need to replace soon are some of the archery targets. Some of them are the foam kind and are McKenzie. 4 of them are basically non-repairable. And 10 are in ruff shape. I am going to clean them up and spray the replacement foam in the holes. They should last the rest of the year.

Glenn: maybe I can work this (archery targets) into my LL Bean proposal.

E group: Arrangements have been made and Chuck Hamsa has been contacted and agreed to be the monitor of the E group.

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Other items: Linda: Ron, the Secretary, and I have been talking about the advertising program and the lack of participation. A letter sent in the mail to the Traders is not working. This relates to my earlier discussion about (actively perusing gate envelope adverting). Ron talked about tapping into the traders who deal in rendezvous merchandise but do not attend rendezvous. I believe that we can get additional advertising income from this source. There are companies out there that may have money or sponsorships for us now that we are an approved 501 c 3. There are also grants out there. We may be able to tap into the income source.

Glenn: what are you wanting to do about this ?

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Linda: I just wanted to bring it up for you all to think about it. I am not sure which committee should take charge. Funding or Public Relation and advertising.

Motion to adjourn: Joe - Rick seconded 9:28pm