

March 7th, 2000 Conference Call

The Meeting was brought to order by Glen Dickey.

Delegates present:

Dick Bennett, Rick Blizard, Denny Burnes, Bill Cisco, Glen Dickey, Darrell Hager, Jim Hamilton, Joe Hess, Jim Morrison.

Also attending:

Linda Blizard, Accounts Manager

Denise Allison, guest

Minutes of January meeting-Dick Bennett moved that minutes be approved, seconded by Jim Hamilton-passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

Read by Rick Blizard-Profit/Loss Statement for 1999-Profit/Loss Statement 2/24/2000 to date. Dick Bennett moved that Treasurer's report be approved- second by Joe Hess-passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Current Year Rendezvous Reports for 2000-Profit/Loss Statement for 2000

Rendezvous Business-Dick Bennett requested that a notation be made on future statements that this document would show negative balance until Rendezvous season is completed. Chair so directed Accounts Manager

Rendezvous Pre-registration Report-Dick Bennett moved to accept above report, Jim Hamilton second, approved unanimously.

MOU renewal for 2000: Glen Dickey reported that the NMLRA will be discussing for approval the renewal of the MOU on March 7, 2000. It should be approved and forwarding for signature per discussion with John Miller. (EVP-NMLRA)

501 C-3 Status: Rick Blizzard reports the 501 C-3 has been sent back to the lawyers with a copy to John Miller (EVP-NMLRA) and is now pending their action.

Updated Trade Rules: Moved by Joe Hess that updated trade rules be approved as written, second by Jim Morrison, passed unanimously. Chair directed that approval date be added to the document of 3/7/00 and that it be fully distributed.

Rendezvous Rules and Regulations: Glen Dickey reports that R and R are under revision with specifics to Coggin's Test for horses and acceptability for Handicap Aide Dogs. Legal opinion is pending on Aide Dog query. Motion by Rick Blizard to accept Rendezvous Rules and Regulations be accepted in present form, second by Jim Morrison. **Discussion:** R and R is a fluid document and will be revised to include sections for procedures concerning Handicap Aide Dogs, Horse's Coggin's Test, gun safety and that various sections be grouped together for easier understanding.

Logo: Delegates discussed and approved Glen Dickey's plan to have logos scrimshawed on four horns for use as prizes at Rendezvous and one to be photographed as logo for the website. The first choice logo design will be used.

Overdue Gate Registration Data: 1999 gate registration data received from Old Northwest and Northeastern.

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Site for Annual Meeting: Decision to have annual meeting to be in one central site, the Eastern site, was motioned by Jim Morrison, second by Jim Hamilton. Denny Burnes made an amendment to the above motion that a meeting be held at every Regional Rendezvous to gather information to bring to the annual meeting. Second by Darrell Hager, passed unanimously.

Badges for Delegates: Darrell Hager reported that *Dirk and Thistle* offered to make pewter badges with NRLHF logo and delegate's name and event for die costs and approximately \$2.50 each badge. Dick Bennett moved that NRLHF pay for the die costs and individuals pay for their badges. **Discussion** that Darrell follow up and check on exclusive agreement for the badges. Jim Morrison seconded and it was passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Accounts Manager- Reminded everyone to update their delegate book.

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Funding: Diane McNaught- unavailable at this time. Linda Blizzard will continue to try and contact Diane.

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Other Items: Rick Blizzard reported on 2000 Eastern and Old Northwest sites. Darrell Hager reports that the Southeastern site is ready and looks great. Glenn Dickey reported that the Northeastern has built a slab fort. Rick Blizzard brought up issue of participant head count using medallions as a control. Issue tabled for further discussion at future meeting. Delegates instructed to develop ideas for this issue.

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