

NRLHF Phone Conference
April 23, 2018
7:00 pm

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

Roll Call

Present:

NEPR Delegate	Jim Penland	
EPR Delegate	Melissa Adams	Vice Chairman
NEPR Delegate	Karen Fuller	Recording Secretary
EPR Delegate	Jerry Heister- 7:09	Chairman
SEPR Delegate	Greg Bagshaw	Director of Public Relations
SEPR Delegate	Robert Woody	
	Mark Adamik	Parliamentarian
	Andy Huey	Treasurer
	Beverly Heister	Office Manager

Quorum is met.

Minutes

It was MOVED by Mr. Bagshaw, seconded by Mr. Woody, and unanimously adopted by voice vote of members present to accept the December 18, 2017 minutes as amended. MOTION CARRIED.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Huey reported the following:

March Checking Balance - \$26,614.81 with \$500 on each subaccount for the COD, Southeastern, and Northeastern for a total of \$28,114.81 in all checking accounts.

Savings Account \$15,690.26 + Booshway Bucks to bring the total to \$20,000 plus \$.26 interest

Mr. Huey reported he has Mr. Adamik on the account for Corps of Discovery to enable him to sign checks and he will send the starter checks necessary. Mr. Heister said he has spoken to Mr. Adamik and a \$1,500 start account is not necessary and it will start with \$500.

Mr. Huey said there is a need to order starter checks for the subaccounts which should cost \$13 for 300 checks for each account for a total of \$39.00. When each appropriate individual is designated all should be good to go. The Northeastern is all set and he asked that Mr. Bagshaw let him know what he may need; Mr. Bagshaw said he is set.

Mr. Huey expressed the need to purchase ink for the printer which will come out of his budget and is believed to be a \$25 expense. In addition, he may be needing to purchase stamps as well.

Mr. Bagshaw expressed his belief that it should not be necessary to vote on check purchase approvals; Mr. Heister agreed.

It was MOVED by Mr. Bagshaw, seconded by Ms. Adams, and unanimously adopted by voice vote of members present to accept the Treasurer's Report as stated. MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Huey said he would be forwarding the necessary information to the individual assisting with tax preparation.

Quartermaster Report

There was no formal report.

Mr. Heister said he has found an individual who is willing to become Quartermaster which will be discussed later in the meeting. The small trailer has been sent to Mark Rebris.

Corps of Discovery

Mr. Heister has been speaking to Mr. Rebris. They have a variety of farm animals on site and asked if it was acceptable to let children interact with them. He does not see a problem with this. He also discussed the possibility of an ice machine which will be discussed under new business.

Old Northwest Rendezvous

There was no delegate present during the conference.

Mr. Heister said anyone interested in running a NRLHF affiliated Old Northwest should get in touch with the office. The Old Northwest delegates are still holding office until they notify otherwise.

Mr. Bagshaw said there are two properties that have expressed interest, however, no one has offered as Boosway. One he knows of is the land that the Corps of Discovery is held; it is available if needed. The other one is one Eric offered up but he does not know the details of it. He believes we should know about it for 2019. Mr. Heister said Mr. Rebris said the land there could be used but he is not interested in Booswaying due to Corps of Discovery responsibilities. Mr. Bagshaw asked anything is known about what Eric offered. Mr. Heister said he has not heard anything and will attempt to contact him. Mr. Bagshaw said he has heard he has a place but does not wish to run the event.

2018 Northeastern Primitive Rendezvous

Ms. Fuller reported she has had discussions regarding the inability to use prize money for the Camp Feast. Other than that situation it appears things are moving along smoothly. Suggestions have been made of how to get donations from local vendors to offset costs of the Feast to enable them to do what they desire; however, it does not appear they wish to do so. Medallions have been ordered and being processed and a staff meeting will be held this week. Mr. Heister asked how many medallions were ordered; Ms. Fuller said she believed approximately 225 with an anticipated attendance of 200. Mr. Heister said the information provided from 2016 did not contain all receipts for expenses. Ms. Fuller said she had not been involved with the previous event and has been vocal about following procedure and not paying anything without the appropriate receipt for any item.

2019 Northeastern Primitive Rendezvous

Mr. Penland said the land agreement paperwork has been misplaced; this will be replaced within the month. Ms. Adams said the paperwork was sent to her and she will forward to the office. There were some people that had to back out due to health problems and hope to fill. This is Clerk and Segundo. Ms. Adams spoke of Linda Leppig who worked as clerk for the Eastern may be willing to do so.

2018 Eastern Primitive Rendezvous

Mr. Heister said everything is looking good and the owners of the site work with the foundation. There are some things he will discuss later in the meeting. All is moving along.

2019 Eastern Primitive Rendezvous

Ms. Adams said on January 28th she had a 4 ½ hour meeting with Mr. Hotchkiss and believes he understands better what is needed for the event. He received the handbook in February and now understand better the auction situation and that running an event is for the benefit of the foundation versus other areas. She believes it is important to stress this in the future for people offering to run events. She has not spoken since and everything is on hold until necessary approvals are received, which will be after this year's event.

2018 Southeastern Primitive Rendezvous

Mr. Bagshaw said the event is easy to do as it has consistently been at the same. He has had a discussion with the Boosway and landowner. The landowner is working on a well onsite.

Mr. Bagshaw said he has something for 2019 but is not ready to fully discuss. The potential location is Tennessee but will require a vote.

Old Business

Hooter Covers

Mr. Heister said he is checking into these and found out to cover four hooters the cost is \$350 each. At an Eastern there are 40-60 hooters. That would be a cost of \$3,500 to cover ten. If cared for they would last a long time. He does not anticipate the availability this year. There are burlap covers available. There are 40 inch and 60 inch burlap available. It is possible to go to six foot which may still show a portion of the hooter. 40 inch doubled would potentially cover them. A 250 yard roll of 40 inch is \$197. Figuring in what may be needed is approximately 50 feet x 10 for a ten span hooter is 500 feet. He said it is 750' per treated roll. Given the variable of slabwood framing and such he believes there is the ability to get enough burlap and wood for \$500 to do the Eastern vs. \$3,500 for covers.

Melissa asked what the cost was for wood in West Virginia. Mr. Adamik said it was several hundred dollars and that zip ties were used to hold to the hooters. If needed there is the availability of stainless steel aircraft wire at Harbour Freight for under \$20/spool which works well.

Ms. Adams said there was a concern; staple guns work easy but wind can rip them out. When taken apart with screws it shredded the burlap. Mr. Heister suggested thin strips of wood to hold them

and remove them when done.

Mr. Bagshaw standard dimensions for hooters ar 4 x 4 and 5 x 5. Ms. Adams said what they did was two rolls of burlap for hooter covers which was less expensive than hooter covers. Mr. Bagshaw asked if the Foundation received funds for the sale of burlap it had; Mr. Heister did not know. Mr. Bagshaw noted there were three pallet boxes full of burlap, close to 2,500 pounds of burlap. Mr. Huey has not seen a check. Mr. Heister will look into this. Ms. Adams spoke of being able to obtain a discount of approximately 20 percent but would need assistance to pick it up. Mr. Heister said if necessary to get to the eastern it could be figured out.

If dealing with 72” wide burlap it is 250 yard roll at 204 lbs. he believes it would be just lacking on the top or bottom and would cost \$385. If 40” with two 250 yard rolls the cost would be \$394. Mr. Bagshaw said the 40” rolls work well as hooters are 7.5 feet in height. Further discussion followed and Mr. Bagshaw had no problem expensing it to the Eastern but noted it doesn’t last moving forward. Ms. Fuller asked about storage of the burlap inasmuch as storage was an issue previously. It was noted by Ms. Adams and Mr. Heister that provided it is put away dry there should be space on the trailer. Ms. Adams said the 1 x2 wood was expendable; Mr. Bagshaw said if it could be reused it would be good; how it is handled at events is what makes the difference. He would purchase out of an event budget versus the Foundation. Mr. Woody said it could be part of the hooter expense. Mr. Heister said he purchased lumber that was “cull” lumber; 35 1 x 3 x 8 furring strips at \$.80/each. He aslo purchased other materials at half cost.

Mr. Heister said this should be done in order to have it on the trailer for the Northeastern the beginning of July. Mr. Bagshaw asked when an inventory of the trailer will take place. Mr. Heister will set a date. Mr. Bagshaw said if one roll was purchased for the Northeastern would meet the needs; three rolls would be needed for the Eastern out of their budget. Mr. Woody said there is a lot of burlap in the trailer that would be known upon inventory. Mr. Heister suggested waiting until the inventory is complete.

Roll Call

Jim Penland - Present
Karen Fuller - Present
Melissa Adams - Present
Jerry Heister - Present
Greg Bagshaw - Present
Robert Woody - Present
Mark Adamik - Present
Andy Huey – Excused

Newsletter

Mr. Bagshaw asked if all are pleased with the newsletter. Mr. Woody said he noticed the advertisements and asked if they will cover the cost for the newsletter. Mr. Bagshaw said there are two advertisers who are paying \$150 each to do so. Panther Primitives is included as a result of the donations they provide the Foundation. There are a total of six people advertising and another almost ready to do so. At this time it is almost at a point to cover the cost due to advertising. If anyone knows a vendor who may be interested contact them.

Mr. Bagshaw said the deadline is the first of the month for inclusion in the newsletter but he can be somewhat flexible.

Mr. Bagshaw said there were 47 people bounced back due to incorrect e-mails and only two unsubscribed. There are 630 active recipients of the newsletter. Within the first 48 hours of the latest newsletter there were 42.5% who opened the newsletter and 26.7% of the links were clicked on. Across the board average is about 75% open rate and 48% link click rates. Constant Contact has when looking at averages our newsletter is shown as one of the top return rates. He believes it is worth the expense and would like some help. Ms. Fuller offered to help. Mr. Bagshaw said anyone can submit a short piece or article and can be noted to do so.

Eastern Primitive Rendezvous Auction

Ms. Adams said Mr. Hotchkiss thought he could have people from local groups donate things for an auction that would go back to the local group unless they wish to donate it to the event. She has explained that would be a conflict of interest and if an auction is desired all proceeds needed to go to the event. She believed he wished to give back to those who were assisting and following the discussions she believes he now understands how an auction would need to be handled. She will follow up as she does not know whether he is still desiring to have an auction. The meeting took place at the site on January 28th; she asked to have him contact the appropriate persons for road improvements that may be necessary. She has a list of items to be discussed further.

Mr. Bagshaw suggested Mr. Hotchkiss contact Mr. Cowell with regard to auctions for Foundation events. Ms. Adams said Mr. Cowell said he was willing to do so.

Banners/Flags

Mr. Penland said he has made Delegate banners from old curtains; there are four made with tabs to allow them to be appropriately hung. He will shortly make signs for Boosway, he will use a different color for the sign and will not use red which is used for medical staff. Ms. Adams expressed her appreciation.

Hawk and Knife Rules

Ms. Adams was still attempting to determine the size for knife and hawk handle. Some rules she has seen say 8 feet and some state 12 feet minimums from target. Mr. Penland said when he goes to Friendship to run the range the Eastern Championship regs states 12 feet minimum and one revolution with no length on the handle of a hawk. The blade on a knife cannot be more than 4 inches.

Ms. Adams said people asked questions on the length of the handle on hawks as well. Ms. Heister said standing at 12 feet minimum would change the outcome of some individuals. He said the NMLRA rules state 12 feet and as such would include this in the appropriate rules and regulations for hawk for standing competition. Mr. Adamik suggested a motion be made; Mr. Bagshaw objected as there is a disassociation with NMLRA and that it should be a rule of the NRLFH.

It was MOVED by Mr. Bagshaw, seconded by Mr. Heister, and unanimously adopted by voice vote of members present, that the rules and regulations for NRLHF hawk events be amended to state that there be a 12 foot minimum throw at an upright block. MOTION CARRIED.
[It was noted that if the NRLHF rules do not include one revolution it will be added as part of the

previous motion.]

By Laws

Mr. Heister asked if all went through the document. Mr. Woody said he had presented them at the September 16, 2017 meeting which was postponed for review.

It was MOVED by Mr. Bagshaw, seconded by Ms. Adams to approve the By Laws as written subject to future amendments.

Mr. Woody noted the By Laws can be amended at any time. Mr. Heister noted whatever the changes are will require approval by NMLRA. It was noted the NMLRA had the authority regarding them. Mr. Woody said the old By Laws stated that but the Memorandum of Agreement (MOU) gave NRLHF the authority to do so without approval. Mr. Heister said there were changes and the NRLFH did not do anything; the NRLHF then said we will make a change until the NMLRA Board denied the ability. Mr. Bagshaw said the MOU negated any ability of this. Mr. Woody said this is why there are no longer voting members on the board.

Ms. Heister provided the MOU to Mr. Heister; Mr. Bagshaw read the portions of the current agreement that clarified the lack of NMLRA's approval to the By Laws and noted it was revised 2011 and 2012. He said the only control is newspaper articles. Mr. Heister acknowledged the clarification.

A voice vote on the motion to accept the revised By Laws resulted as follows: Ayes – 5 (Penland, Adams, Fuller, Bagshaw, Woody). MOTION CARRIED.

Rules and Regulations

It was noted that at the last meeting it had been determined the rules and regulations would be reviewed following By Law changes. Ms. Fuller suggested in the competitive events the same regulation that allows all to continue to compete at all times and win prizes it does not state that in the hawk and knife competitions.

It was MOVED by Mr. Bagshaw that at no time during any competitive event would anyone be restrained from winning consecutive first second and third prizes. Mr. Bagshaw then withdrew his motion.

It was MOVED by Mr. Heister, seconded by Ms. Fuller, and unanimously adopted by voice vote of members present, that the rules stated in the range rules that "Any duly registered participant or staff member, at any NRLHF sanctioned Rendezvous, may compete in any event and may claim any prize(s) won as a result of that competition with the following exception: If any participant and or staff member directly involved in an event, and where that involvement may provide an unfair advantage from knowledge of the scenario or situational plan for tht event, then that participant may compete but shall HAVE NO SCORE and may not claim any prize(s) from that competiton. In the case where ther eis a score not based on a scenario or situational plan, there is no advantage to anyone being allowed to compete." Shall be added to knife, hawk and archery competiton regulations and rules. MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Heister said the update will be forwarded to the Northeastern Primitiave Rendezvous Booshway.

Dependent Status

Mr. Heister said this is a discussion that was postponed.

Discussion followed with members providing their opinion. It was noted that children in college are considered dependents for taxes. Ms. Fuller said sometimes there are children that are considered dependent due to disabilities. Members spoke of how children that are 18 are adults. Mr. Woody said it depends on age. There is the ability to be a dependent for tax purposes but can still be considered an adult. Mr. Woody suggested there may be the possibility to address children that may have a handicap dependent status through a special form. Mr. Heister said there may be the possibility of having a special form.

It was MOVED by Ms. Adams, seconded by Mr. Bagshaw, that an amendment be made that removes the 18 and over dependent status off any forms wherever it may appear effective January 1, 2019.

A voice vote on the motion as amended resulted as follows: Ayes – 5 (Penland, Fuller, Bagshaw, Adams, and Woody). MOTION CARRIED.

Medallions

Mr. Heister spoke of individuals not liking the fact that they pre-registered but received a higher number medallion. He believes it is a way to assess the number of individuals at camp. Mr. Bagshaw said the rules of the policy indicate the pre-registered individuals are to receive the number in order received. He said if a change needs to be made then do so or leave it as is. He does not believe medallions is a way to determine participants. Ms. Adams said the people working the gate have an idea of the number of participants. Mr. Heister spoke of the Juniors having a special medallion but has not been consistent.

Mr. Penland spoke of his belief of how some participants react about how individuals are upset by not receiving the lower numbers. Mr. Bagshaw also spoke of a Booshway pulling low numbers. He said it came about by an individual being upset by having pre-registered and getting a very high number. This is why the discussion is being held. Mr. Bagshaw said he has heard it several times but only had one complaint. Mr. Heister also said he has heard concern. Mr. Bagshaw said it is an incentive to pre-register to receive a low number. Ms. Fuller spoke about having worked gate for those and the others receiving numbers above it; however how many pre-regs do not show. Mr. Heister said percentage wise 10 percent would be high. Mr. Bagshaw said no one would know the difference and would be happy to receive a low number. With just a few it is not that much more than a high number; let's get people pre-registered first. Mr. Heister said pre-registered first after staff medallions. Mr. Bagshaw said it may be the gate does not want to put them in envelopes; Ms. Fuller said to keep count at the gate.

It was determined to leave as stands; pre-registered gets medallion after staff.

Mr. Penland would like to see lowest number go into feast first.

Camp Feast

The discussion is a result of tabling the conversation to the future meeting. Ms. Fuller expressed concern regarding the need to determine an amount. She shared information on the concerns and issues of the event wanting to utilize other budget lines to provide what is desired.

Mr. Bagshaw expressed his belief that a limit needs to be set; he does not believe this should be without a limitation for a non-essential item. He believes it was exorbitant that previously he had spent \$15/person and did not have a dish-to-pass. For \$15/person it is 30% of the cost to provide a feast.

Discussion continued with Mr. Heister noting there is no rule within the rule book on the feast budget. Ms. Fuller said there needs to be a cap on Camp Feast/Social.

It was MOVED by Mr. Penland, seconded by Ms. Fuller that a maximum cap of \$8 be set for Camp Feast/Social.

Mr. Bagshaw said it is difficult to do so. Mr. Woody said it is to have seed money and it needs to be a manageable account.

Mr. Penland amended the motion, Ms. Fuller seconded, to amend the motion to \$5 for Camp Feast/Social.

Mr. Bagshaw said it is a reasonable amount. He will show what the registration covers.

Ms. Adams asked to have the motion amended to not exceed \$5; Mr. Penland suggested be limited to \$5/person.

Mr. Penland withdrew his motion.

Following these comments it was MOVED by Mr. Penland, seconded by Ms. Fuller and unanimously adopted by voice vote of members present, that the Camp Feast/Social be limited to \$5/person. MOTION CARRIED.

Ms. Fuller asked of how that would be conveyed to future events. Mr. Heister said it would be in the book. Mr. Penland asked about the budgets and Mr. Heister said it would be noted in appropriate areas.

Mr. Bagshaw asked that a stipulation that Booshway Bucks can only be used for prizes for competitors. Ms. Adams said that there are some in circulation. Ms. Fuller stated that it has been made clear that Booshway Bucks have been noted they cannot be used for prizes.

Booshway Bucks

Mr. Bagshaw spoke of the previous motion regarding Booshway Bucks and that there was a misinterpretation on the motion that now needs to be addressed. He understood that what was said was the actual motion, however, the motion did not state that. He would like that to be amended. He does not believe there should be more distribution of the Booshway Bucks and needs to know how to do so.

Mr. Heister said if Booshway Bucks are not given starting now there will be the need for \$3,000 or more to give as prizes. Mr. Bagshaw said this would come from the General Fund. Mr. Heister did not agree, as funds come from Booshway Bucks. Mr. Heister said the budgets are stated as an amount

from Booshway Bucks from the General Fund from an event. Mr. Bagshaw said this is replaced from the Booshway Buck fund. Mr. Heister said from the General Fund against a rendezvous and into Booshway Bucks. Mr. Bagshaw asked about the funds sent for redemption. Mr. Heister said the Booshway Buck fund is sent to the delegate and sent back. Mr. Heister said the funds are separate. Mr. Huey rejoined the meeting.

Mr. Adamik asked Ms. Fuller for clarification of whether there needed to be a motion to rescind or amend. She suggested it would be beneficial to rescind and then make a new motion. In addition Ms. Fuller said it is important to know that if an executive session were to occur SimpleTollFree would drop the previous recording.

Mr. Huey rejoined the meeting at 9:52 p.m.

Mr. Bagshaw said he is trying to discuss the difference between what goes out on the Booshway Bucks between the redemption and prizes. His belief is the prize money is removed from the General fund and should be within the event budget and asked specifically how it works.

Mr. Huey said the Booshway Buck amount is determined and put against the event. Mr. Bagshaw asked if it now then giving cash prizes would be from the General Fund. Mr. Huey said as put out would be from that and redemption is from Booshway Bucks. In the end it comes out of event budgets. There would essentially be \$20,000 of Booshway Bucks for redemption. Mr. Bagshaw said there would be funds in the budget for cash prizes and a separate line for Booshway Buck redemption. Mr. Bagshaw stated it will not be necessary to put funds into Booshway Bucks as it would be self-sustaining. Mr. Heister said the Booshway Buck account would drain to zero.

Mr. Bagshaw said there are two years to redeem with the hope that there are not more in circulation than thought. Mr. Heister said he knows what was produced and the account will cover it. Mr. Bagshaw did not agree with the full amount produced. Ms. Adams said the point is that for the next two years they can be redeemed; at the end of two years there is no value to them. Prize monies shall come from the General Fund.

Discussion continued regarding the difference between Booshway Bucks and prizes. Mr. Heister spoke of a previous vote having been taken to disband Booshway Bucks with a date of December 31, 2019.

Mr. Bagshaw spoke of a need to change the motion. Mr. Adamik said it could be a motion to amend or rescind.

It was MOVED by Mr. Bagshaw, seconded by Mr. Woody, to amend the previously adopted motion to include discontinue awarding Booshway Bucks as prizes effective April 23, 2018.

Mr. Heister said from this point forward if passed there will no longer be Booshway Bucks.

A voice vote on the motion resulted as follows: Ayes – 5 (Penland, Fuller, Bagshaw, Adams, and Woody). MOTION CARRIED

For the record, Mr. Heister entered an opposing vote. He said from this point forward no Booshway Bucks go out to any event and whenever someone puts in prize money for a budget it needs to be cash.

It was MOVED by Mr. Bagshaw, that as of 4/23/18 in lieu of Booshway Bucks for prizes, the prize money in an equitable amount be sent as cash. Ms. Fuller asked if it would be acceptable to amend the motion to specify that funds only be used as prizes and not for any other portion of the budget. Mr. Bagshaw agreed the suggestion amendment. The motion as amended was seconded by Mr. Penland. A voice vote of members present resulted as follows: Ayes – 5 (Penland, Fuller, Bagshaw, Adams, and Woody). MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Heister asked if there is any further Old Business to discuss. Mr. Woody stated there is a need to discuss how to deal with the Booshway Bucks that have been distributed. Mr. Heister said funds will be sent to the Delegate in Charge to redeem Booshway Bucks. Ms. Adams said it will be important to have information in the newsletter and elsewhere regarding the redemption deadline.

New Business

3-D Targets

Mr. Penland suggested inexpensive cots for 3-D targets to help stabilize them. Mr. Heister spoke of the lumber purchased to help with proper storage in the trailer. He would like to know when it may be possible for people to meet to work on it. He believes it may be two days to do so during May (17, 18, 19)

Mr. Huey was excused at this time.

It was noted it may not work; Mr. Heister then suggested June 7-10. He said it would be good if people have screwguns and the like. He would like to put racks on each side of the trailer to even the load. Members spoke of availability for the work. Mr. Heister said the individual considering being Quartermaster may be present.

Ice Machine

Mr. Heister spoke of Mr. Rebris speaking of purchasing an ice machine; he spoke of it costing \$400. Mr. Woody said he does not anticipate it would be worthwhile given the potential of size and need to clean. Mr. Heister said he does not advise it being good at this time. Mr. Penland said the health department could shut it down.

Mr. Heister expressed appreciation for the work done by all.

Adjournment

It was MOVED by Mr. Woody, seconded by Mr. Bagshaw, and unanimously adopted to adjourn the meeting at 10:23 p.m.