

National Rendezvous and Living History Foundation
Annual Meeting held at the Eastern Primitive Rendezvous
Thursday September 26th, 2019 in Sugar Grove PA at the Hotchkiss Family Farm

Roll Call:

Corp of Discovery: Daniel "Double D" Duhamel, Chairman-present

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North Eastern: Robert "Bob" Dunne, Vice-Chairman- present

North Eastern: Lillian Fuller-present

Eastern: Melissa Adams, Secretary-present

Eastern: Boyd Houy-present

South Eastern: Greg Bagshaw, Public Relations-not present

South Eastern: Robert Woody,-not present

Parliamentarian: Mark "Ditto" Adamik Jr-present

Treasurer: Andrew "Andy" Huey-present

Office: Beverly Heister-present

NEPR 2020 Booshway: Tess McCaskill-present

Roll Call completed outside: Andy and Beverly waited in the meeting house. The meeting was opened outside of the meeting house so guest Jackie Fisher could address the board without having to travel down the hill into the meeting house. Jackie had written a letter addressing all of her concerns about the event and the foundation in general. She forgot the first two pages, please see her original letter attached to the e-mail of these minutes.

Jackie thanked everyone for making the adjustment for her so she could state her concerns. She stated how grateful she was for the beautiful site and the willingness of the Hotchkiss family to provide the land for us but we failed them because they should not have been running an event. She informed the board of a situation regarding the cannons. She stated: That an individual had a misfire with a cannon and proceeded to blow in the priming hole and also stuck his face in front of the cannon looking down in it. We had not been aware of this situation that could have cost a man his life. Also the cannons did not have their own range. She addressed many issues we had been trying to correct all week including the schedule for the ranges overlapping, not enough help on the ranges, new people running the event, lack of help, lack of organization in the book, lack of full addresses for facilities outside of the camp, safety on the range with regards to the parking and folks walking down the hill.

She also is concerned that we are not giving adequate consideration for the aging population of participants and we need more handicap parking, and camping available to them. She is fearful that we need more rules and regulations or we will be the cause of someones death and that a lawsuit will be the demise of our events. (at this time it had begun to rain and Jackie thanked us all for listening to her

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and allowed us to return to the meeting house for the remainder of the meeting). We thanked Jackie for taking her time and coming to speak with us.

The Meeting resumed in the meeting house. Roll call was completed again by Melissa Adams.

Chairman Dan Duhamel opened the meeting addressing the issue we did not have a quorum present in order to conduct official business. We would instead have an open meeting and hear from those present. All official business would have to be conducted via an emergency phone conference when a quorum can be present.

A secretary report was not read because we would have to table accepting the minutes until a quorum is present. Melissa provided printed copies of the minutes from September, October, and December 2018 meetings that everyone had already been e-mailed. Melissa asked everyone to please review the minutes again so we can officially get them passed and made public.

Melissa addressed everyone present, apologizing for not being able to be present during the entire event and not be able to be there earlier in the week. Melissa discussed several issues that the Booshway and his staff had run into during this event. The issue of medallions not arriving on time was at no fault to the Booshway or us. DynaBuckle our supplier, has had a change in staffing and our order had gotten messed up on multiple occasions. They were able to get the first 200 shipped so participants coming into the event could start getting registered. The remaining order came in Friday, after the fact that they ran out on Thursday. This caused an issue with registration. And then became an issue for those participating in competitions. When the event is over we will be reviewing all of the books for accuracy. Medallions were not handed out in order, nor we the medallion numbers assigned to participants correctly at the gate.

Melissa stated that many of the Booshways staff had backed out on him and some did not even tell him they were not coming. He had some people step in at the last minute to help him. Yes, there was miscommunication as to job duties per our book and what the people were told. However, when these errors were addressed and their job descriptions explained, they were able to correct most of the issues. Melissa addressed that the range was set-up different than how they had described it to her and that yes there was a huge issue of their not being a safety perimeter in regards to the walk-way to and from the parking lot.

Melissa wanted to state that they did an excellent job on supplying enough wood, and water buffalos, as well as there were plenty of hooters that were all maintained. Melissa had been in contact daily with Vennie and/or Angie prior to her arrival and they repeatedly stated that things were under control except the medallions. During one phone call Angie said there was congestion at the gate with people coming and going. Melissa directed Angie to have them open up and exit gate. They did after the phone call. However, never had a person to oversee being responsible watching the gate. They assumed the campers next to it would do it. Melissa stated that she repeatedly had asked Vennie if his staff knew their job descriptions and what they had to do. Vennie stated that yes they were fully aware and that they could handle it.

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Clyde Fisher came into the meeting at this time and wanted to address the board. He informed us of the cannon situation again and also informed us of another situation with the cannon that could have injured several people. The cannon was to remain in the Booshways camp and not to be used for the remainder of the event. Also, the Cannon did not have its own range as Vennie had told Melissa it was going to have. Clyde expressed his disgust in the staff that did not know what they were doing. He thanked us for his time and had to leave to get back to the range.

Andy Huey gave the Treasure's report. Andy stated that he has received the paper work from the NEPR and will be taking care of updating the NEPR accounts after the EPR. Andy asked Dan Duhamel about the records and money from the Corp of Discovery stating that he has not received any of it and needs it to get the books updated. Dan apologized stating that he had everything together and believed he had sent it all in. Dan stated that it is possible the package may not have been mailed as he thought and could be in some boxes of stuff from moving. He stated he did not realize the paperwork was not received until he was asked about it by Beverly earlier this week. Melissa asked Dan if he had deposited the money to the account, but is unsure if Dan had responded or not.

Andy addressed the issue that he had received notice from the IRS stating that our taxes had not been filed for the past year. This was an oversight by the IRS because the accountant had filed an extension for us. Andy had the paperwork and references for the extension and the IRS retracted their notice. The taxes have been filed accordingly with the extension by our accountant.

Andy stated that the bill for the trailer repairs had been paid. The roof had been resealed, new tires, and breaks had all been taken care. Dan Duhamel stated that the trailer repairs had been completed by a garage and was told that it would pass the Pennsylvania inspection. However a Pennsylvania inspection had not been completed yet because the trailer was still registered in Ohio.

It was stated by Lillian that all first aide supplies had been damages due to the trailer leak and/or expired. During the NorthEastern this year she had purchased 2 basic first aid kits to have in the trailer. There have been complaints received that we do not have a current AED for our events. Melissa stated that James (the First Aide Captain for the EPR) has an AED in camp. He borrowed it from the local fire department.

Sandy Miller (sister of the Booshway) joined the meeting at this time and wanted to address the board. She thanked everyone for what we do and allowing her to help. Melissa introduced Sandy to everyone. It is Sandy's first event and she took on the role of setting up school day. Because of her we had 311 students and 54 plus more home-schooled students attend our school day. Sandy thanked us, but the real thank you went to Sandy. She stated that she wished the event could last for 6 months! She has enjoyed everyone being on their family farm. She asked that the board help her in signing cards for thanking the library that assisted her, the schools that allowed their students to come and attend, and sympathy cards to a staff member who could not attend because he lost his wife, and a get well card to the person who was supposed to smoke the pig but was hit by a truck in the road the night before coming out.

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Discussion was had in regards to the emergency phone conference date.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Melissa Adams and seconded by Lilian Fuller

We had just adjourned the meeting and Keith & Edwina Czadzeck wanted to address the board. Edwina was extremely upset and disappointed in us as a foundation that we promote drinking and profanity. She had been kept up until 3 am 2 nights prior by drunks and their profanity and blowing of horns. Their family does not believe in drinking and swearing and she stated she was in fear that someone would enter her tent and rape her daughter because they were drunk. She stated that we need to do something about this if we are to get families to participate. The night prior she had found Melissa and discussed that she would call the cops if the noise was the same as it had been the night before. She stated that it took Melissa over 40 minutes to calm them down. Lillian addressed Mrs Czadzeck and thanked her for coming and talking to us as a whole. She stated that we are working to figure out how to handle the situation.

An executive session followed.