

National Rendezvous and Living History Foundation

Business Meeting Minutes

April 3, 2009 10am Nash Farms, Georgia

Roll Call

Joe Crimmins –Present

Wade Reynolds- Present

Lisa Allred- Present

Jennifer Beaty- Present

Rita Lurvey- Present

Allen Benslay- Present

Jerry Heister- Absent

John Lammons- Present

David Guy- Absent

Willard Shine- Absent

'Ed Spataro-Absent

Winston Roland- Absent

Jerry Middendorf- Absent

Yes we have a Quorm

Board was addressed by Jan Winans

What he thinks would be good for the foundation

- See a recast of the form of the foundation from control to support of the booshways
- A shift from the foundation gate to be more user friendly, instead of hostile towards discrepancies
- improve voting performance
- urge the foundation to review our financial stability by an outside source.
- begin some type of mentoring to encourage people to become more involved in the foundation.

-For the Delegates to increase their emphasis to finding sites and Booshways.

Joe Thanked Jan for his input and his presentation concluded.

**Motion to accept the December meeting minutes –Jennifer Beaty**

Seconded-Lisa Allred

Vote 6 yes

0 opposed

**Motion Passed**

**Financial report**

All budgets have been submitted with the exception of the Old North West

**Financial Report – NRLHF’S 2009 Mid-Term Meeting**

Part 1 –financial Statement

**Assets**

**CD’S**

Wesbanco, Bridgeport,WV	\$11,650.00	
Wachovia Bank,Jacksonville,FL	\$11,584.30	
Wachovia Bank, Jacksonville,FL	\$20,711.10	
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	\$43,945.40	\$43,945.40

**Checking Accounts**

Wachovia Bank, Jacksonville,FL	\$23,098.27 – primary	
Wachovia Bank,Jacksonville,FL	\$18,007.14 – Booshway Bucks	
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	\$48,255.41	\$48,255.41

**Field Accounts**

SEPR Closed

COD	n/a	
ONW	Closed	
NEPR	Still Open?	
MW	Closed	
EPR	Still Open	
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	\$0.00	
Booshway Bucks in Inventroy	\$6,992.86	\$6,992.86
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Total Cash Assests		\$99,193.67
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Booshway Bucks	\$25,000.00	
SEPR	\$0.00	
COD	\$0.00	
ONW	\$0.00	
NEPR	\$0.00	
MW	\$0.00	
EPR	\$0.00	
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<b>Total Liabilities</b>	\$25,000.00	
<b>Net Worth</b>	<b><u>\$74,145.67</u></b>	

**Motion to accept financial report –John Lammons**

Seconded- Wade Reynolds

Vote 6 yes

0 Opposed

## **Motion Passed**

### **Committee reports**

**2009 SEPR** Allen Benslay-Close on budget, perhaps a little over, had 250 attend, budgeted for 225. Had to spend a little more than usual due to the weather.

**2010 SEPR**-Wade Reynolds- Going smoothly, budget is under way. 1 ½ years to go. Wood is being cut and the rest will be cut at the next work weekend. Flyer has been approved. Dates are November 6<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>.

**2009 Old North West** Lisa Allred- Still up in flux, will be contacting Carlton Brinker to try and start a budget. She will try and keep him moving and informed. Need to consider pulling the pin if Carlton doesn't start communicating. John Lammons would be more than willing to help in any way possible. Allen Benslay Suggested we submit a budget to him, instead of waiting for him to come up with one. Wade Reynolds doesn't think the board should have to keep the events going on the failure of the booshways. Lisa Allred stated there is a big backing but thinks getting a staff together at this late a date may be a problem. Rita Lurvey stated she would not be able to help due to location.

### **Jillian Knight Arrived**

Joe Crimmins concerned we have to information from Carlton Brinker, Gary Fleegal said he would do anything possible to help him. Carlton has been contacted and responds with nothing but silence. Rita Lurvey thinks pulling the plug may be drastic but could be an effective wake up call. Joe Crimmins thinks we should let Lisa Allred do what she said she will and if nothing comes of it we will poll the board then.

Dave Guy called in, projected budget will be faxed to Joe, based on 345 people. Has ice \$1.15 a bag. There is only one ice company, plus an additional \$100. Medallion has been made **Not Approved** He has no computer right now. Going to start cutting wood. Dates are 26<sup>th</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>

**2010 Old North West** Joe Crimmins Spoke with Gary Fleegal in regards to the proposed site, it would be the same site as 2007. No others have stepped forward as of yet. Will need to be voted on in July.

**2009 Midwest**-Rita Lurvey- Everything is in place, one work weekend left. Advertising is going very well, staff is in place. Contacted local people for donations, trying with all he can.

Advertising-went to large companies for donations and sponsorship. Went to every business in the area to let them know we are coming and sell advertising. Personally talked with every trader at the eastern and followed up with emails, phone calls and letters. Mailed flyers to all of the last 2 years participants. Built an archway at the entrance of the property and sold advertisements on the arch.

**2010 Midwest** Budget was approved. The booshway resigned and a new one has stepped up. Fr. Thomas Fern is the new booshway. 1<sup>st</sup> trip will be in June for advertising and to see the site. Sue and Dan Crase are the scibe and Segundo. Because there was no official vote a show of hands will be taken at this years event.

**2009 Northeastern** Budget has been approved with stipulations.

**2010 Northeastern** Neil Ross will stand up this year for a vote, agreed to the same site in New York, either Dave or Larry will step up for booshway.

**Allen Benslay** asked

“Does the board reelect a booshway the same way they reelect a delegate?”

**Rita Lurvey** responded

“ Allen don’t open that can...I mean it” the discussion ended.

**2009 Eastern** Budget has been submitted but not approved. Flyer has been approved. Website has been linked.

**2010 Eastern** Nobody has stepped up yet.

### **Project reports (special Committees)**

Allocation table-Don’t have sufficient attendance numbers in 2005 it was made based on number of attendees on percentage basis, based on the cost of running the office.

\$4000 –insurance

\$1200 –Office

\$2100 was used for Wades budget, x 15%

**Motion by Joe Crimmins-** That we use the same allocation table but base it on \$2100 instead of \$2800.

**Vote** -6 yes

0 opposed

### **Vote Passed**

Prize Structure-Initially raise by \$5.00, so far Wade has found people would be happy with this. Juillianne can you speak with Dave and get back to Wade with the number of events for Highland games and put together a wish list. Rita can you also get a wish list from Childrens and Womens games. They both agreed they would.

Litigation- Concluded, waiting for print. They sued us, we counter sued them. The court ordered litigation. Settlement-They wanted the balance of Linda’s contract, to be unbanned, the \$1300 to dissolve away, and for the foundation to print an apology. The decision was no attorney fees, no letter of apology, in gate instructions we will publish instructions that they are no longer banned. \$500 was the payment for shipping and trucking. The remaining \$8000 went towards the claim for Linda’s contract. They concluded she did not envoke her arbitration clause. The balance of her contract was

dropped to \$2500, our countersuit was for \$2500 therefore no money changed hands. Our Attorney costs were roughly \$5000 still waiting on the arbitrator and mediator costs. Did not go to court as it would have cost between \$1200-\$20000.

NMLRA The NMLRA'S flyers for their rifle frolic look exactly like our flyers. Joe Crimmins called Bob Voegle he advised that the NMLRA is having membership and money problems and that they are looking for new ways to make money. They want one event in the east and eventually one event in the west. They are not planning on getting back into the rendezvous business. Jennifer Beaty asked if they are going to observe the same regards to dates that we do for them? No answer was available.

**Motion by** Joe Crimmins- To avoid confusion between the NMLRA and the NRLHF that we remove their name and logo from all mastheads and publications.

Seconded by Allen Benslay

**Vote** 6 yes

0 opposed

**Motion Passed**

Lunch Break

Resume @ 1:35 pm

Roll Call was taken again, same as beginning, 7 present, we have a Quorum.

**Clerical Support Policy ( see attachment)**

**Motion by** Joe Crimmins

That the clerical support policy be adopted by the board.

Seconded by Jennifer Beaty

**Discussion**

Write and Mail checks as directed by the treasurer?

-Either get a stamp signature from the bank

-bill submitted to treasurer-authority **Must** be given with a paper trail for contractor to submit checks.

-Typo on line 1 of Accountability and reporting Relationship.

**Vote 6 yes**

**0 opposed**

**Record retention policy**

**Motion by** John Lammons

We proceed with electronic files and anything else post 2007 and work with those.

**Seconded by** Lisa Allred

**Motion withdrawn** by John Lammons

**Second withdrawn** by Lisa Allred

**Motion by** John Lammons

We properly dispose of anything prior to 2007 that is not electronically maintained.

**Seconded by** Rita Lurvey

**Vote** 6 yes

0 opposed

**Motion passed**

**Motion by** Joe Crimmins

That we retain pre-registration/ gate forms for 1 year plus one day, following the closing of the event. Given they have been transferred into necessary databases.

**Seconded by** John Lammons

**Vote** 6 yes

0 opposed

**Motion passed**

**Motion by** Joe Crimmins

That we retain all bids/ receipts/ quotes or other pertinent documents be kept for 5 years proceeding the close of the event.

**Seconded by** John Lammons

**Vote** 6 yes

0 opposed

**Motion passed**

**Motion by** Joe Crimmins

That as to the foundation finances that all bank statements, deposit receipts and Quickbook files be kept indefinitely.

**Seconded by** Lisa Allred

**Vote** 6 yes

0 opposed

**Motion Passed**

**Motion by** Joe Crimmins

That all records relative to competition with the exception of the Blue Jacket, be destroyed at the completion of the event by the rendezvous staff.

**Seconded by** Wade Reynolds

**Vote** 6 yes

0 opposed

**Motion passed**

**Motion to adjourn by** John Lammons

**No Second**

**Motion Fell**

**Motion by** Joe Crimmins

That we establish a search committee and appropriate sufficient funds to advertise in appropriate venues as to the needs of the foundation.

**Seconded by** Lisa Allred

**Vote** 6 yes

0 opposed

**Motion Passed**

**Motion by** Joe Crimmins

That we establish a committee for the advertising of above said motion.



**Seconded by** Jennifer Beaty

**Vote** 6 yes

0 opposed

**Motion passed**

**Committee:**

Jennifer Beaty, Rita Lurvey and Wade Reynolds

Suggestion to the committee, that the applications be sent to a personal address ( Jennifer Beaty as she is the secretary) and not to the Business office .

**Motion by** Jennifer Beaty

That all committee volunteer be notified in writing or in person, by the chairman, that their services are no longer necessary.

**Seconded by** Wade Reynolds

**Vote** 6 yes

0 opposed

**Motion Passed**

**Motion by** Wade Reynolds

Reevaluate all that is necessary for our event and public flyers.

**Seconded by** Jennifer Beaty

**Discussion:**

Wade-One point is to no longer use NRLHF but rather to spell out National Rendezvous and Living History Foundation on all flyers and publications, to clarify who we are.

There are also other things I don't think we need on the flyers and can be eliminated "we're not making a gate book just a flyer".

**Vote** 6 yes

0 opposed

**Motion Passes**

**Chairman appoints committee**

Wade Reynolds to head the committee and Jennifer Beaty to help.

**For The Good of The Foundation**

**Rockome**

Joe has spoken with Larry Daily want to begin a cooperation between their foundation and ours. The "seminar in a box" idea: they will allow us to use their certified course material to use as part of our seminar schedules. They will use in their flyers that they were the host to the 2008 Midwest Rendezvous and that we are working on future cooperative programs.

**Wade Reynolds**

We really need to start thinking about and working on getting permanent rendezvous site, while there may not need a large problem in the Midwest and some other event locations it is becoming an issue in a great deal of the places we rendezvous, for example the eastern, Feels we really need to address this problem to avoid the detriment of ourselves.

-The necessity of us as Delelgates to mentoe people to become Delegates much as Jan Winans stated, or we're going to run out of people willing to do it.

**Motion to adjourn by** John Lammons

**Seconded by** Allen Benslay

**Vote** 6 yes

0 opposed

**Motion Passed.**