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**Sent:** Wednesday, March 23, 2005 10:25 PM  
**Subject:** Re: (NR&LHF) Draft Minutes from the March 12th Delegate Council Meeting - Please Review

Dear Executive Committee Members,  
Please review the following "Draft Minutes" from the March 12th Delegate Council/Board of Directors Meeting and advise me of any suggested changes.

Thank You,  
Father Thomas

National Rendezvous & Living History Foundation  
March 12th, 2005 - @5:30PM (Eastern Standard Time)  
A Face-to-Face Delegate Council Meeting Minutes  
(8-Pages in Total)

Meeting Called to order at 5: 40Pm (EST)

The first item of business was Roll Call of those present which was recorded as follow:  
Individuals Present:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michael Pullins (Chair)	<input type="checkbox"/> Jim Badders (Del)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jay Hando (Vice-Chair)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Larry Clark (Del)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Father Thomas (Sec.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Marsha Fountain (Del)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Danny Gichner (Tres.)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cheryl Gallagher (Del)
<input type="checkbox"/> Joey Hall (Bd.)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jim Moody (Del)- Left Early
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wade Reynolds (Bd)	<input type="checkbox"/> Ken Weglarz (Del)
<input type="checkbox"/> Dick Bennett (Bd.)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bill Irons (Bd.)	

Number Required for a quorum=6 Directors (Yes  - 9-Delegates/6-Director Present

Others in attendance:

Addison Miller (Parliament)  
 Linda Blizard (Acct. Mgr.)  
 Rick Blizard (Quartermaster)  
 Dave & Shiela Guy- ONW Booshway  
 Don & Jill Ricetti - Corp of Disc. Event  
 Bruce & Darlene Richardson

Minutes from the Dec. 16th Board of Director's Meeting were Approved as Submitted. The Motion was made by Jay Hando and 2nd by Cheryl Gallagher. The Motion Passed Unanimously.

Treasurer's Report was give by Danny Gichner and Read into the Minutes as follows:

The following Bank Balances as of 2/28/05 were:

Money Market - \$5,155.58

Operating - \$11,546.75

Southeastern-05 - \$1,975.25  
 Southeastern-06 - \$394.76  
 Old Northwest-05 - \$381.38  
 Midwest-05 - \$1,680.40  
 Northeastern-05 - \$1017.16  
 Eastern-05 - \$911.19  
 Eastern-06 - 32.17  
 Corps of Discovery - \$200.00  
 Total = \$23,294.64

The Treasurer cautioned everyone to remember these numbers are transitory and change frequently from month to month.

Danny also pointed out that the Foundation has three \$10,000 Certificates of Deposit and two \$5,000 Certificates of Deposit. He indicated there was a \$3,000 outstanding bill from the 04-Eastern and that unfortunately, because of a lack of current cash flow, the foundation lacks the cash to pay off this bill.

The Treasurer moved that the Board authorize the cashing in of one of the \$5,000 Certificates with a commitment to repurchase a similar certificate by Oct. 15th, 2005. The cash would be used to pay off this \$3,000 bill and remaining \$2000 would allow for some cash for the Foundation to work with in paying bills in the coming months. Jay Hando 2nd the motion. The motion passed 8 yes and 1 abstention.

Cheryl Gallagher moved that in the future all bills must be submitted as an itemized listing of what is purchased or these bills will NOT be paid. (It was agreed that this rule change will be added into the Management Workbook as a sub-letter addition in the section to which it relates). Larry Clark 2nd the motion. The motion passed Unanimously.

Wade Reynolds then moved that in the future NO Booshway may have an "Open Charge Account" with any local business. All bills must be paid on a "pay go as you go" basis. Jay Hando 2nd the motion. The motion passed 8 yes and 1 abstention.

#### Other Reports:

##### 1. Account Manager Report:

The Account Manager first recapped the Financial Status of the Foundation.

She then discussed the issue of re-organizing the Management Workbook and presented a listing of topic titles for the new sections. (See Attached Listing)

Father Thomas moved that the Account Manager be directed to go ahead and develop a re-organization Management Workbook as time allows for the task to be accomplished. A sample new workbook will be brought back for the Board to review. Cheryl Gallagher 2nd the motion. The motion passed on a 5 to 3 vote (4 to 2 vote of the Directors).

The Account Manager then discussed the proposal for the Re-structuring of the Foundation Committee System. (See Attached Listing). Following some discussion of the topic the issue was tabled. Larry Clark moved to table the issue and Wade Reynolds 2nd the motion. The Motion passed on a 6 to 2 vote.

(Note: Mr. Jim Moody had previously left the meeting by this time and this left only 8 voting Delegates)

## 2. Quartermaster Report - Purchases, Re-placements & Repairs:

The Quartermaster reported that five of the Foundation tents had been damaged last summer, and they were now being repaired. A few tent poles had been lost and had now been replaced. Five Radios had been lost this past season (1 at the Midwest, 3 at the Eastern, 1 at the Northeast), but they had not been replaced. No Board action was taken on any items discussed by the Quartermaster.

## Committee Reports:

1. Account Manager Report - This report had previously been given

2. Budget & Finance - Danny Gichner reported that the 06-Midwest had been approved, and that Mr. Hando would be sending the Office a copy of the finalized budget.

3. Ethic Committee - No report was given.

4. NR&LHF Yahoo Discussion Group - It was reported that "technically" the Foundation does not "own" this web-site, and that this had presented some difficulty for the Ethics Committee in taking action against individuals who it felt were abusing the Foundation Ethics Code with what they posted on this web-site. The question was raised that if the Foundation does not "own" the web-site, then was it appropriate that its name and initials were being used in connection with the site?

It was moved by Jay Hando to request the current owner of the NRLHF-Discussion Board remove the Foundation's Name and Initials from the web-site, and for the Foundation to refrain from using this site for any further publication of its business information. It was further directed that Rick Blizzard was to set-up a "Discussion Board" in connection with the current <NRLHF.org> site, and that all further Foundation information should be published there. The new Discussion Board was to have a "sign-on form" that required all participants to agree to abide by the Foundation Ethics Code in their use of this new web-site. The motion was 2nd by Danny Gichner and passed on a 7 to 0 vote, with 1 abstention.

Further discussion ensued regarding the status of "Registering", "Copy Writing" and/or "Trade-Marking" the Foundation's Name, Initials and Powder-Horn Logo. It was moved by Bill Irons to direct the Account Manager to proceed with whatever steps and costs that may be necessary to accomplish this as soon as possible. The motion was 2nd by Cheryl Gallagher and passed unanimously.

5. Funding - No Chairman for this Committee

6. Legal Advisor - It was suggested that a Legal Advisor be placed on retainer for the Foundation. Wade Reynolds suggested to the Chairman the name of such a person, and the Chairman agreed to follow-up on this lead.

7. Public Relations and Advertising - It was reported that from the Feed-Back Sheets for the 04-ONW and 04-Eastern that had been received (since the previous Board meeting) that Good Signs and Sign Placement along the roads leading to the Event Sites was important, and steps needed to be taken to improve this. Delegates were asked to do what they could for the 05-Events to improve in their placement. It was also asked that the "Feed-back Forms" continue to be included in the Participant's Envelopes for the 05-Rendezvous Season. It was felt that useful information was being obtained via these from our participants.

8. Parliamentarian - No report was given

9. Quartermaster - This report had previously been given
  10. Range Over-sight - No Chairman for this Committee
  11. Rules of Rendezvous - No Chairman for this Committee
  12. Staff Development - No report was given.
  13. Strategic Planning - No report was given.
  14. Seminars - Presented for the Board's review were two new forms to be utilized for registering individuals that are willing to allow the Foundation to post their name and contact information on the NRLHF web-site. This listing could be used by the staff of our events as a means of identifying and contacting potential seminar presenters. (See Attached Forms)
- It was moved by Father Thomas to approve the utilization of these forms (as re-typed by the Foundation Business Office) for use by the Seminar Coordinator. The Motion was 2nd by Danny Gichner and was passed unanimously.
15. Trade Committee - No report was given.
  16. Growth Committee - No report was given.
  17. NRLHF Web-site - It was reported that Rick would begin working on the development of the new Discussion Board as soon as possible.

#### Event Status Reports:

##### 1. Southeastern:

05-Event - It was reported this event seems to be progressing well.

06-Event - Dates have now been selected for the 06-Event (April 1st-9th, 2006), and a staff meeting has been set for the next weekend.

##### 2. Corp of Discovery:

The Booshway, Don Ricetti, was present and made a presentation. Plans for this event are going well, although registrations at the current time are lower than expected.

Because of the limited size of this event's staff (as a "Territorial Event"), this event does not have the usual 2 individuals for the signing of checks. Danny Gichner moved that due to the limited finances involved with this event, that Don Ricetti be allowed to be the only signature on the event checks. Motion was 2nd by Larry Clark and passed unanimously.

(This next report had been presented earlier in the evening. A motion had been presented by Jay Hando and 2nd by Larry Clark to allow Mr. Guy to give his report early, and then leave for home. (He had a several hour drive.) This motion passed unanimously. This material is being placed at this point in the Minutes in order to keep in place with the original Agenda listing.)

##### 3. Old Northwest:

04-Event - The Booshway, Mr. Carlton Brinker, still has not sent in the out-standing bills he states he has. It was moved by Jay Hando (on behalf of Mr. Moody at his request) that a letter is to be sent to Mr. Brinker telling him that the Account for this event will be closed as of April

11th, 2005, and that any outstanding bills not turned in by that time will NOT be paid. The motions was 2nd by Wade Reynolds and passed unanimously.

05-Event - Booshway, Dave Guy, was present and gave a report. (The former Booshway, Mr. Michael Hughes had resigned as of Dec. 29th for personal reasons, and the Foundation Chairman had appointed Mr. Guy to replace Mr. Hughes.) Mr. Guy reported the Land Site has been secured, Parking Space was now set, that April 9th would be the event's first Work-Party, all Key Staff and Event Captains have been appointed, and both the Local and State Visitor Bureaus are cooperating in getting the word out about the event. It was also reported that the former Scribe (prior to Mr. Guy's appointment), Ms. Miki Nelson, had presented him with a bill in the amount of \$129.52 for material she had done for Mr. Hughes. This bill was going to be paid even though this material was now incorrect and of no use to this event.

06-Event - A brief report was given that the Booshway, Mr. Mike Jamison, was in the beginning stages of making plans for this event.

#### 4. Northeast:

05-Event - It was reported that this event is well on the way and seems to be progressing well.

06-Event - No site or Booshway has been selected yet for the 06-event. Delegate Larry Clark stated he had a lead on finding someone and was working on it.

#### 5. Midwest:

05-Event - It was reported that this event was progressing well although some controls were needed to make sure the Booshway did not over-spend his Budget. A "Tall Ship" will be making Port at Ontonagon the opening weekend of the Rendezvous, and this should help in bring more visitors to the event.

06-Event - It was reported that this event is also progressing well, that the land contract has been secured, that about 75% of the staff has been selected, and that a Budget and Event Flyer for this event have been approved.

07-Event - It was reported that a potential Booshway and Key Staff for this event, as well as a potential Site have been tentatively found, and these individuals will be making their presentation at the 05-event for the participants to vote on acceptance of it.

#### 6. Eastern:

04-Event - It was reported there is still some out-standing bills to be turned in.

05-Event - Danny reported that this event seems to be doing well and plans are progressing. One major issue of concern is the Gate-hours, but all attempts are being made to inform people of these changes.

06-Event - It was reported this event still has not secured a Land Agreement and no Staff List has been submitted as of yet.

#### 6. NMLRA Delegate Report -

Bill Irons - No report was given.

A Motion was made by Wade Reynolds and 2nd by Jay Hando to take a 10-Minute Break. The motion was passed unanimously.

#### Old Business:

##### 1. Proposed Amending of Rule #33 for the Rewording:

This proposal was amended by Wade Reynolds and 2nd by Larry Clark to read as follows:

"All Foundation Rendezvous will run a minimum of one full week. All pre-registered participants (Campers and/or Sutlers) may set-up 4 days prior to the "Start Date" of the Rendezvous with no early set-up fees. All those who chose to register at the gate may set up

4 days prior to the "start date" of the event, but will pay an early set-up charge (at the rate of \$5.00 per day, per each adult individual). The "Start Date" of all Foundation events will be the published starting date of the Rendezvous as shown on the approved event flyer."

The motion was passed on an 8-0 vote

2. A report on a prospective "Booshway Guide" was presented by Larry Clark

This proposed "Guidelines Hand-out" was accepted unanimously by the consensus of the Board. Larry was thanked for his hard work on this project. It was suggested that one line be added at the bottom of the "hand-out" stating that a more detailed description of the Booshway's duties and responsibilities can be found in the Foundation's Management Workbook. It was felt that no formal vote was needed on this issue.

3. A motion was made by Father Thomas "for the record" that the Board accept the Resignation of Mr. Jim Moody as a Director, and to replace him by appointment with Mr. Wade Reynolds as Director for the remainder of the term of this office. The motion was 2nd by Jay Hando and passed unanimously.

4. The Search Committee for the Accounts Manager Position - This issue was postponed until later in the Meeting at the Chair's discretion.

5. Linda's Attendance at the various Foundation Events - This issue was discussed at length, and it was agreed by consensus that the cost of the Gas Expenditures for these trips shall continue to be paid by the Foundation under "Administrative Costs", and shall NOT be charged to the respective Rendezvous events.

6. Public Notice of the intent to Amend the Article of Incorporation, Article V - After some discussion this proposal was Tabled. Bill Irons moved to table this proposal until further wording could be worked out. The motion was 2nd by Father Thomas and passed unanimously.

#### **New Business:**

1. Proposal on dealing with Voting Procedures by Mr. Jim Badders: This motion was ruled out of order by the Chair in concurrence with the Parliamentarian. It was felt this motion would conflict with the existing Bylaws governing Foundation Elections.

2. Proposal on Motion to Re-Organize the Management Work-book: This proposal had been dealt with under the "Account Manager's Report" and had been accepted.

3. Proposal on the Restructuring of the Foundation's Committee Structure: This proposal was tabled. Larry Clark moved to table this issue. It was felt that it was up to the Chair to appoint all Committee Chairman, and that what committees needed to be filled should be left to his discretion. The motion was 2nd by Jay Hando, and the motion passed on a 7 to 1 vote

4. The Chair then re-introduced "Old Business Item #4" - Search Committee for the Accounts Manager Position: The Search Committee Chair, Mr. Jack Beville, had submitted a written report of the committee's activities. (See Attached Report) This report was reviewed and discussed at some length. It was finally agreed to disband the current Search Committee, and to re-appoint Larry Clark as Chairman of a New Search Committee. Both Bill Irons and Father Thomas expressed their willingness to serve on the new committee. It was left to Mr. Clark to make contact with the previous applicants for the Account Manager position, and the Foundation Chairman is to obtain what information is available from Mr. Beville regarding the

previous committee's activities. This information would then to be forwarded to Mr. Clark. Mr. Clark expressed his opinion that a conclusion of this committee's activities could be completed in a relatively short period of time. No further action was taken by the Board regarding this issue.

**Meeting Adjourned at 9:52Pm (EST): Motion was made by Jay Hando and 2nd by Bill Irons to adjourn the meeting. The motion was passed unanimously.**

(End of the March 12th Minutes)