

December 16, 2014

The National Rendezvous and Living History Foundation board of directors met in a phone conference at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 16, 2014.

Chairman Jim Penland called the meeting to order, and asked Secretary Vicki Johnson to call roll. Present were delegates Chairman Jim Penland, Vice Chairman Jean Heschke, Secretary Vicki Johnson, John Hensley, Dan Duhamel and Ruth Py, and non-voting board members Greg Bagshaw, public relations coordinator, and Rodd Pederzani, treasurer.

Absent were delegates Jerry Heister, Eric Davis, Daniel Cain, Jerry Middendorf, and parliamentarian Mark Adamik Jr.

A quorum of six delegates was present.

Delegates Jim Fulmer and Robert Woody joined the meeting shortly after it started. Jim P welcomed Woody back as delegate.

Jean H made a motion to approve the minutes of the Oct. 2 annual meeting with addition of information about including tavern requirements in the gatebooks of events that have a tavern. Information should include a requirement of period clothing, that medallions be available upon request and age identification be available upon request. Seconded by John H. Approved 7-0.

Ruth P made a motion to approve the minutes of the Oct. 21 special meeting. Seconded by Jean H. Approved 7-0.

During the treasurer's report, Rodd P said he emailed an administrative profit & loss statement to each delegate. Jim P reminded everyone there had been no written treasurer's report from the annual meeting.

Rodd P said the foundation's bank account contains \$43,742.76, plus the Eastern account is still open and contains \$181.26. He said he is trying to close out the account, but is not receiving responses from the clerk.

Rodd said the foundation has \$6,415 in physical Booshway Bucks and \$18,585 in the Booshway Bucks account, which equals out to the \$25,000 that should be there.

He said 2012 and 2013 taxes have been filed. The 2013 taxes were done by a certified public accountant and the fee was \$550.

Because some information board members wanted to see was not available, the board set a special meeting for 7:30 p.m. Jan. 6 for the sole purpose of reviewing the foundation's finances. Rodd P was asked to email all profit & loss statements from each event as well as a written financial statement and any other pertinent financial records.

Vicki J made the motion to set the special meeting. Seconded by Dan D. Approved 7-0.

In her secretary's report, Vicki J said the board should look at more cost-effective methods of conducting "phone conferences." Several board members said they don't have the means of using Skype. Dan D suggested Go to Meeting, which has computer and phone capabilities, and Vicki and Dan said they would look into it.

Rendezvous Reports

Dan D said the Corps of Discovery for 2015 is set for May 15-18 at the Toronto, Ohio, site, and for the same location in May 2016.

Vicki J said ONW 2015 set for June 24-July 1 in Glencoe, Ky., is in good shape. Boosway Wayne Badida has been informed of the fee changes and Vicki is working on updating the flyer.

Vicki said Boosway Hank Felder and staff of ONW 2016 has been diligent in reviewing the book and asking questions to prepare for the event in Michigan June 17-25, 2016.

Nothing on Midwest 2015 or 2016.

Jim P reported Boosway Karen Fuller is working with a landowner on a shooting range for the NEPR 2015 to take place July 17-25 at French Azilum, Towanda, Pa. Everything else is falling into place.

For NEPR 2016, to take place July 15-23, 2016, Jean H said she is working with Boosway Perley Urquhart on a budget for event to take place in Orrington, Maine.

Jerry H said everything looked to be in good shape for EPR 2015 at the Doddridge County, W.Va., site Sept. 25-Oct. 1 to be booswayed by Mark "Ditto" Adamik Jr.

John H reported he hasn't heard any updates about the site for EPR 2016 yet.

Woody reported he plans to get moving on SEPR 2015 after Christmas, but the Yadkinville, NC, site is the same as the last few years and the boosway is the same as SEPR 2014. Dates are Oct. 16-23.

Ruth P said the 2016 SEPR also is at the Yadkinville site with Blu Reavis as boosway. She said she was going down in January to get the land contract signed and go over details and set dates.

OLD BUSINESS

New Fees

Vicki J she would send a simplified version of the new fee schedule to everybody on the board.

Rodd P suggested people who complain be allowed to get in at the old rates for this year, but other board members said office manager Bev will be handling the paperwork involved in getting everyone to pay the current rates.

Update of By-Laws

Jim P said by-laws need to be gone over and updated, and he and Jerry H will be working on them.

Trailer Expenses

Board members discussed the cost of moving equipment to and from event locations. It was suggested that instead of charging each event that transport costs be taken from the general foundation account because pulling the large trailer required a large truck which required higher fuel costs.

Ruth P said the shared cost would be a good temporary answer, but she thinks the foundation should be working toward buying a smaller trailer for each event in the future, which would lower transportation costs.

Rodd P suggested increasing administration costs to cover transportation costs.

Jim P said the suggested removing canvas and equipment not being used from the trailer.

Ruth P made a motion that funds for moving the trailers be taken from the foundation general account instead of individual events. Seconded by Dan Duhamel. Approved 7-0.

Quartermaster

The idea of a quartermaster, which had been tabled at the September meeting, was re-addressed.

Dan D said he and Mark Rebres had discussed doing the quartermaster job together with Dan doing the lifting and moving of equipment and Mark keeping track of paperwork and needed repairs.

Ruth P said Joe Py would be willing to go back to being quartermaster, and board members thanked him and Ruth for their previous service.

Vicki J made a motion to appoint Mark Rebres and Dan Duhamel as co-quartermaster. Seconded by Jean H. Approved 7-0.

Review Change in Treasurer Position

Jim P noted the September vote to remove the treasurer position from the executive board and make it an appointed position will require a change in the by-laws. He noted the change is to be made when the by-laws are reviewed.

Officers: Section 1 Number, Tenure, Qualifications: The officers of the Foundation shall include a Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer and such other officers as may be created by the Council of Delegates and prescribed in the By-laws. The officers of the Foundation shall be elected annually by, and from the membership of the board of directors at the regular annual meeting of the board. No officer shall serve more than five (5) consecutive terms. Each officer shall hold office until his successor shall have been duly elected and qualified.

Partial Week of Camping at Events

At the September meeting, Jerry H. had suggested that, in 2015, campers be allowed to enter the gate on the Wednesday after opening day at each NRLHF for a fee of \$40 per person, whether NMRLA member or not, and they be allowed to stay for the duration of the event.

The matter was reviewed at this meeting. Board members discussed the pro and cons and practical matters such as paperwork changes.

John H made a motion that, beginning with the Old Northwest in 2015, campers be allowed to enter the gate on the Wednesday after opening day at each NRLHF event for a fee of \$40 per person, whether NMRLA member or not, and they be allowed to stay for the duration of the event. Seconded by Ruth P. Approved 7-0.

Jim P called for 10-minute recess until 9 p.m.

Meeting resumed. After roll call, still present were delegates Chairman Jim Penland, Vice Chairman Jean Heschke, Secretary Vicki Johnson, John Hensley, Dan Duhamel, Ruth Py and Robert Woody and Jim Fulmer, and non-voting board members Greg Bagshaw, public relations coordinator, and Rodd Pederzani, treasurer.

NEW BUSINESS

Morning Gate Hours

Ruth P said the morning gate hours as set by the board didn't work at the Southeastern because it was too cold and dark at that time of the morning in October.

Jim P said the morning hours can be adjusted at the booshway's discretion. Ruth P and Jean H said they posted signs to direct people who needed assistance before the gate was open.

Buying Things and Miscellaneous Topics

Jim P said delegates should review items to be purchased for events to make sure they're really needed, and not just wanted. For example, he said 3D archery targets aren't really needed because other types of targets could be used.

Vicki J said she talked to many people who expect a national event to have 3D targets. Jean H suggested approaching those people about donating targets.

Jim P said the people who run gun ranges get inventive and use such items as corn cobs.

Jim P said delegates need to work with the booshways on budgets and help keep costs under control. He said the paperwork is an estimated budget.

As a cost-saving measure, Jim P said delegates should travel to a potential event site only if there is a prospective booshway interested in having an event there.

Jim P said profit-and-loss statements should be given to the treasurer as soon as a rendezvous ends. He said accounts should be closed as soon as possible to make it easier for the treasurer, and to help the staff close the event.

It was noted the large trailer must be packed in a specific way for road travel, and the spare tire must be packed near the back door so it's easily reachable in case it's needed. He suggested a paper and pencil diagram to show how it should be packed.

Dan D said he is planning a work party to go through the trailer again. He plans to add some sort of diagram to help staff members at event re-pack the trailer correctly, and a method of easily noting repairs that are needed.

Loss of NRLHF Property

Board members discussed a problem several people had noticed. A brand-new fly had been set up at NEPR, and it wasn't used at the Eastern, but when it was taken out to be set up at SEPR it was an old fly. It is suspected somebody traded their old one for the new one.

It also was noted the brand new gate tent was wet and moldy when it was taken out the trailer after the Eastern to be put at SEPR. Ruth P said she took pictures.

Several people said they suspect the trailer is leaking because radios had been ruined because they were in a box full of water. Radios were tested by Jim P, Jean H and Ruth P and the bad ones were thrown away. There weren't many left and new ones will be needed. They also got a dry container for storing them.

Miscellaneous items

Ruth P suggested the board change to paper Booshway Bucks because the metal ones are heavy and expensive to ship. Board members discussed looking into buying a seal to stamp paper Booshway Bucks. It is to be discussed more at the next meeting.

Ruth P asked why one border state has more restrictions than other border states. Other board members reviewed the reasons only part of Pennsylvania is open to hosting the Northeastern. The matter was tabled until the next meeting so information on the board's decision can be looked up in old minutes.

A little bit later in the meeting, Jean H found the wording in the Aug. 12, 2013, minutes that said the NEPR can be hosted at sites north of Route 80 and east of the Route 99 corridor. All other potential sites need board approval.

Jim P said people who are providing seminars or demonstrations, but are not registered for the rendezvous, should not be charged to enter the gate for the day. After discussion on when this might be appropriate, Vicki J said she would send out a pass she used at the 2014 Eastern for people who were entering to provide seminars or music.

Dan D asked what we should do with old equipment no longer needed. Discussion included using old canvas to make cooler covers, haversacks and other items, and offering the rest for sale.

Woody made a motion to do an inventory of the trailer contents, and unneeded items be declared as surplus and sold for the good of the foundation. Seconded by Dan D. Approved 7-0.

Greg B reminded delegates to send him an event flyer so he can update the websites.

Board members were reminded a special meeting is set for 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 6, dedicated to discussion of foundation finances.

Ruth P made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Jean H. Approved 7-0.