

Minutes of the Sept. 26, 2013, annual meeting at the Eastern Primitive Rendezvous

Roll call:

Chairman and EPR rep Jerry Heister - present
Vice Chairman and NEPR rep Jim Penland - present
Treasurer and EPR rep Rodd Pederzani - present
Secretary and ONW rep Dan Duhamel - present
SEPR rep Greg Bagshaw - present
Midwest rep Eric Davis - present
NEPR rep Jean Heschke - present
ONW rep Vicki Johnson - present
SEPR rep Robert Woody - absent

NMLRA rep Jim Fulmer - present
NMLRA rep Jerry Middendorf - absent

Parliamentarian Mark Adamik Jr. - present
Office manager Beverly Heister - present

A quorum was present.

The board of directors of the National Rendezvous & Living History Foundation met for its annual meeting Thursday, Sept. 26, 2013, during the Eastern Primitive Rendezvous at Cooper's Lake Campground, Slippery Rock, Pa.

The minutes from the Aug. 11 phone conference were approved with the clarification that Eric Davis should be referred to as a Midwest delegate and not a liaison because Jerry asked him to remain as delegate in the interim until another Midwest takes place. Motion by Jerry H. Second by Dan D. 7-0 vote with Eric D. abstaining.

During his report, Treasurer Rodd P. reported:

- Only two accounts are currently open - EPR 2013 and SEPR 2013.
- An event bounced a check, costing the foundation \$50. He asked clerks and booshways to keep track of checks written.
- There is \$107,014.96 in all accounts.
- NEPR account closed this year with a \$25 loss, not including \$1100 in checks that were lost.

The board plans to monitor the situation. The office manager will create a letter to let the people who wrote the personal checks know the checks were lost in the mail.

Motion by Jim P. and second by Greg B. to approve the report. Approved 8-0.

RENDEZVOUS REPORTS

CoD 14, Toronto, Ohio, May 15-18 - Dan D.

- Volunteers are working on site improvements.

ONW 14, Spencer, Ohio, June 20-28, Booshway Gary Flegel - Vicki J.

- Land agreement is complete.
- Booshway Gary Flegel is working on a budget.
- Waiting on spring to prepare the site.

ONW 15, Glencoe, Ky., Booshway Wayne Badida - Dan D. and Vicki J.

- Site has been approved, but is awaiting firm dates.
- Staff is in place.
- Booshway Wayne Badida and Segundo Larry Elliott are working well with the land manager.
- During a meeting after the site inspection, Vicki J., booshway, segundo and land manager agreed there is no cost for the site, we will get the county price for hooters and we will split the public gate fees.

Midwest 14 - Eric D.

- None planned for 2014, but two people have expressed interest in future and there might be a Midwest in 2015.

NEPR 14, Carlton Hill, NY, July 11-19, Booshway Alan Kraft - Jean H.

- Event coming together

NEPR 15, Wysox, Pa., Booshway Karen Fuller - Jean H.

- Dates are in and plans are under way.

EPR 2013, Slippery Rock, Pa., Sept. 20-28, Booshway Chuck Grabenstein - Jerry H.

- Event has gone well.
- As of meeting date, 852 participants.

EPR 2014, Troy, Ohio, Sept. 26-Oct. 4, Booshway Mike Jamison - Rodd P.

- Site is coming together with a few changes from EPR 2012.
- Land contract is in.
- Budget is in process.

SEPR 2013, Yadkinville, NC, Oct. 19-26, Booshway Robert Woody - Greg Bagshaw

- Everything is ready to rock n roll and there will be a candlelight tour.

SEPR 2014, no location yet - Greg B.

- No site has been voted on. A possible site in Alabama fell through. Looking for new location, but will return to Yadkinville if necessary.

SEPR 2015 - Greg B.

- Working with Wolfy on a site in Tennessee/Alabama.

Meeting recessed.

Meeting resumed.

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Jerry Middendorf - absent
Mark Adamik Jr. - present
Beverly Heister - present

A quorum was present.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Quartermaster/trailer

We still don't have a title and still have not paid former quartermaster JD Simmerman for the trailer, and we need to check into insurance.

Motion by Eric D. to license and title NRLHF trailers in Pennsylvania with office address. Second by Rodd P. Motion carried 7-0. Greg B. temporarily absent.

B. Sutler license

Motion by Jerry H. to adopt a trader license as agreed upon, and to include trader licenses in trader registration packets. Seconded by Rodd P. Motion carried 8-0.

C. Foundation budget

Rodd and Jerry said they would work on one and have a proposal ready for the board's December meeting.

D. D&O insurance

Paperwork is moving ahead on buying directors and operators insurance to cover the board and employees. It should be completed as soon as assets are inventoried. We hope to have it complete by Jan. 1, 2014.

E. Training seminar

Dan D. distributed a draft copy, and he and Vicki J. plan to have it completed and ready for approval by the December meeting.

F. Update by-laws

Board is trying to get changes worked out and updates completed.

G. NMLRA National Shoot dates for 2014

- Western March 4-10
- Spring National June 14-22
- Fall National Sept. 13-22

An FYI item to make sure NRLHF and NMLRA dates don't conflict.

H. BB guns

Purchase of 12-15 BB guns have been approved, and Eric is making targets.

I. MOU

A Memorandum of Understanding between NRLHF and NMLRA was officially signed. Copies to be maintained on paper and digitally.

Motion by Dan D. to require the office manager to archive paper and digital copies of the MOU.
Seconded by Greg B.

Motion amended to require the office manager to archive paper and digital copies of all NRLHF legal documents. Amendment approved by Dan D. and Greg B. Amendment approved 8-0.

Motion passed 8-0.

J. Addition to NEPR area

The board discussed whether wording was unclear on the description of the part of Pennsylvania added to the NEPR area at the board's December meeting.

The wording in the minutes said, "the NEPR be allowed to hold events in PA anywhere north of I-80 or east of I-99 will be added to the event territory."

Motion by Jerry H. to change the word "or" to "and" to clarify the intended region. Second by Rodd P.

Meeting recessed.

Meeting resumed at 11:55 a.m.

Roll call

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OLD BUSINESS CONTINUED

K. Land agreements

Jerry H. presented a revised land/property usage agreement. No changes were made to sections I-VII. Section VIII was deleted. Section IX was reworded. No changes were made to section X. Section XI was reworded. No changes were made to section XII. A contingency clause was added as section XIII.

Jerry H. made a motion to accept the revised land/property usage agreement. Seconded by Jean H. Motion carried 8-0.

Jerry H. made a motion to require potential booshways to have a tentative landowner agreement signed prior to presenting the site for a vote. Seconded by Rodd P.

Amendment by Greg B. that potential sites also must be approved before they are presented for a vote. Amendment approved by Jerry H. and Rodd P. Amendment passed 8-0.

Motion passed 8-0.

Recess for lunch.

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NEW BUSINESS

A. Election of officers

The following officers were unanimously re-elected for 2013-14:
Chairman Jerry Heister. Nominated by Rodd P. Seconded by Eric D.
Vice chairman Jim Penland. Nominated by Jean H. Seconded by Rodd P.
Treasurer Rodd Pederzani. Nominated by Dan D. Seconded by Vicki J.

And elected unanimously as secretary was Vicki Johnson. Nominated by Dan D. Seconded by Rodd P.

Vicki J. took over as secretary.
Secretary noted Jim Fulmer has returned to the meeting.

B. Consistent gate hours

Discussion included the benefits of having consistent gate hours for all NRLHF events to avoid camper confusion, and various opinions on the best hours for the gate to be open.

Rodd P. made a motion to create consistent gate hours set for 7-9 a.m. with vehicles leaving camp by 10 a.m. and 5-7 p.m. with vehicles leaving camp by 8 p.m. on public days. On non-public days, gate hours will be 8-10 a.m. with vehicles leaving camp by 11 a.m. and 3-5 p.m. with vehicles leaving camp by 6 p.m., with the exception of the Corps of Discovery and special circumstances to be left to the booshway's discretion. Seconded by Jerry H. Motion passed 8-0.

Event flyers already in public distribution are to be reviewed and possibly grandfathered in for 2014.

C. Motor homes

The board discussed offering to pull trailers into camp for large vendors with motor homes, and decided to leave the matter to booshway discretion.

D. Consistency in redemption of Booshway Bucks from one event to another

Board members discussed the need for better tracking of Booshway Bucks at each event. Most members agreed it should be placed in the hands of the delegate in charge, who would work with the scribe for distribution as prizes. But Jerry H disagreed. He would like them to remain the responsibility of the booshway.

Rodd P. made a motion to put Booshway Bucks in control of the delegate in charge at every event. Seconded by Greg B. Motion passed 8-0.

E. Length of term for board officers

Rodd P. mentioned the need for more continuity in board offices. As his first year as treasurer comes to an end, he said he's just getting a good handle on the job. If another treasurer was elected, he or she would have to start over learning the job. He said one year is not enough time.

Currently, the by-laws state the four officers are limited to five consecutive one-year terms. A change would require a change in the by-laws.

Board members are to consider the change and it will be brought up again at a near-future meeting.

F. Records

It was decided foundation records should be kept for seven years, the same amount of time business records are required to be kept for IRS purposes.

G. Charitable contributions

Jerry H. reminded everyone to give the form in the delegate book to landowners or other people who are donating to the foundation. For example, if a landowner is allowing the use of his land for free. The donor can use the form to get a tax deduction for the contribution.

H. Office manager

Jerry H made a motion to place control of the foundation office under the vice chairman's job description. Seconded by Rodd P. Oked by Jim P. Motion passed 8-0.

I. Fee increase

Jim P suggested we not increase camp fees, and board members discussed other methods of increasing revenue.

Dan D. made a motion to create a standard public gate fee of \$5 per person for visitors with the exception of children ages 12 and younger, active military personnel and visitors to Corps of Discovery.

J. Range rules

Jim P and Jean H requested they be allowed to rewrite the NRLHF range rules based on NMLRA range rules and present them at a future meeting. Permission granted.

K. Archery rules

Greg B. made a motion the archery rules be reworded to specify shooting stakes be placed as follows: one for men, one for women and juniors and one for sub-juniors. Seconded by Dan D. Motion passed 8-0.

The former rules allowed for one stake for men, one for women and one for juniors and sub-juniors, which was not a challenge for juniors.

L. Financial transparency

The board agreed that, starting this year, financial statements will be posted on the foundation website after they are approved by the board to provide financial information for anyone interested in knowing how much it costs to run an event and how much money passes through the foundation each year.

M. Delegates as staff members

Greg B. made a motion to change the wording in the rules and regulations to include all delegates and business office personnel as "silent" staff members at every foundation event. Motion passed 8-0.

N. ONW 2015 dates

Vicki J described a problem finding dates that would work for Old Northwest 2015 in Glencoe, Ky. The originally planned dates were during the latter half of the June shoots at Friendship. She suggested the nontraditional dates of Wednesday, June 24, through Wednesday, July 1, with early setup starting Sunday, June 21.

Jerry H made a motion to change the wording in early setup rules from "the Wednesday prior to the event" to "three days prior to the event" for one time only to accommodate the Old Northwest 2015 unless better dates are found.

O. Outfitting a trailer for SEPR

The board agreed to look into outfitting a trailer for use by the Southeastern. Dan D. said the separate trailer for use by the Old Northwest and Corps of Discovery approved last year has saved at least \$500 in costs for each transport.

P. AED

Jerry H made a motion to return the maintenance and safe-keeping of the automated external defibrillator (AED) to Greg Leopold, who will be responsible for shipping it to each event. Seconded by Rodd P. Motion passed 8-0.

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Jim F distributed brochures for an NMLRA event to take place this fall at Fort Roberdaeu in Blair County, Pa. He said the site might be good for a future Eastern.

Visitor Ruth Py asked why a flag was not flying at this event. No one knew why. She also asked why voting was not offered to handicapped people at this event. She suggested handicapped people be allowed to register at the gate and have the delegate in charge of voting travel to handicapped people registered. And she suggested camper parking be kept outside of the gate if another event is held at the Cooper's Lake location.

Rodd P said he is looking at resurrecting an NRLHF Southwestern in the future, but he is in the beginning stages.

Dan D asked about NMLRA attending NRLHF events. Jim F said a new person is in charge of outreach and representatives should be attending in the future.

Rodd P asked about selling extra medallions to vendors.

Jerry H made a motion to make extra medallions available to vendors after each event at the price it cost the foundation to buy them. Seconded by Rodd. Motion passed 8-0.

Vicki J made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Dan D. Motion passed 8-0.