

Region 3 Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
April 22, 2023
Convention in Taos, NM

Member in Attendance-Bill Wingle, Elsa Bartlett, Linda Johnson-Conne, Dayna Morgan, Jordan Anderson, and Mitch Burkdoll. Since the Wifi at the convention center was not working we were not able to get in other board member remotely so President Bill Wingle ask Kay Gunckel and Chuck Smith to step in as Board members so we would have a quorum for the meeting. Other region 3 members that were in attendance were Sharon and Dave Dashner and Amy Mason, DVM.

The meeting was called to order, at 8:48am, by President Bill Wingle.

The minutes of the last meeting were sent out to all board members. Chuck Smith moved to accept them and Elsa Bartlett seconded and they were approved.

Chuck Smith presented the Treasures Report The general fund has a balance of \$41,387.42.

The Suzi Witter Fund still has one year for us to use these funds, toward membership, or we will lose them. Chuck is working with the Trustees of the Funds on the exact total in the fund and the exact date that the funds will need to be used by.

Dayna Morgan made a motion, while we were on the subject of money, to continue Cristy Cumberworth as a paid employee for the region. There was some discussion and everyone was in favor.

Jordan will submit her bill for awards for the convention but Chuck said that the convention may make about \$200 or at least break even.

There was discussion for putting together a budget for next year. It was stated that region 3 had never really done a budget. Linda Johnson-Conne made the motion to have Chuck put together a budget and Jordan Anderson seconded the motion and it was approved.

Mitch Burkdoll notified that board that the Clymer family, long time NATRC supporters, had a death in the family and will most likely be donating some money to Region 3. The family is having a service over Mother's Day and the family will be talking.

There was discussion about spending money for purchasing stickers with the new Region 3 Logs on them. Elsa Bartlett has a source through the Air Force Academy that can save us a considerable amount of money. It was decided to order 500 of the 3" diameter stickers and 50 of the 10" diameter stickers. There was discussion where we could get more advertising for Competitive Trail in our region-AERC, Back County Horseman Events-Ad in Newsletter/paper, presentation at state level.

Dayna Morgan made the motion that we donate \$250 to Colorado and \$250 to New Mexico Back Country Horseman to help with their trail maintenance efforts. Elsa Bartlett seconded and the motion was approved. Dave Dashner will get the contact to send the Colorado funds to and Mitch Burkdoll will get the contact to send the New Mexico funds to.

Linda Johnson-Conne made the motion to approve the treasure report and Dayna Morgan seconded the motion.

President Report-Bill Wingle

It was decided to continue the region 3 board meetings as zoom meeting rather than to do them at the rides. The Next meetings will be in July and in November.

2025 is when Region 3 is scheduled to put on the National Convention.

Committee Reports

National Board-Bill Wingle and Linda Johnson-Conne

Bill announced that he has been on the national board now for 6 years and this will be his last year. He ask with there is anyone who might be interested in running. Dayna Morgan said she will consider running.

Purposed Rule Changes for this year were sent out in an email mid-May.. No weight classes. This will be reassessed on a year by year basis, based on rider numbers nationwide.. There will still be Sweepstakes presented and the extra points awarded. It was also we a combined horse and rider award.

There is a test pilot program for the vet judges for the horse maneuvering tail/behavior bottom of the card. This will emphasize the veterinarian judging behavior rather than training. There is a training video and is spear headed by Dr Keri Reeger and Dr Carrie Porter.

Region 3 will be hosting the National Convention in 2025 hopefully will piggy back with the National AERC convention also in the Denver area. We could also try to piggy back with the Backcountry Horseman meeting. Dayna Morgan and Chuck Smith said they would take on co-chairing the National Convention. Linda Johnson-Conne also said she would help. The Broadmoor Hotel was brought up as a potential site.

Membership-Susan Johnson

Susan has decided to step down from this position. She found the position difficult due to way that national controls the membership list. Bill will try to help with this list. It was suggested that Cristy help with this as a paid employee of Region 3. Mail Chimp may help to send things out to multiple people at time. Could try to touch base with people once a month. What is coming up each month?

Newsletter-Hannah Clark

Now that Hannah isn't in Colorado anymore she has decided to step down from this position. Would still like to see minutes and ride results, on Facebook and website.

Ride Coordinator-Diane Wingle

We have 8 planned rides for this year. The Clear Springs LeD Dayna had planned for Ft Carson was denied. She is hoping to put one on at the Boy Scout Camp next year

Mitch was hoping to put one on with the Albuquerque Trail Riders but with Audrey and his health issues it will have to wait. Cathy will help them once they scout out come trails. The Sheriff's Posse will help with the ride. It will be in the Lottieto Wilderness area in 2024.

Publicity/Advertising-Dayna Morgan and Linda Johnson-Conne

Plans to have the booth at the Pikes Peak Rodeo is July and Friends of Skills Course in Colorado Springs. Anyone can sign up as an Event Coordinator-person in charge of putting on an event.-Linda will put it on the schedule and get you the supplies.

Possible ideas were thrown out-Alb State Fair, Colo State Fair, Larimer County Fair (Loveland, CO), Greeley Stampede, and Cheyenne Frontier Days.

We do need more brochures for the booth. Kay Gunckel made the motion to produce 500 of each of the two brochures to be use to distribute at local tack shops as well as in the booth. Dayna Morgan seconded and the motion was approved.

Linda Johnson-Conne made a motion that we need to develop a new flier to better explain the new Leisure Division (LeD). Jordan Anderson seconded and the motion as approved.

Elsa Bartlett opened discussion that she thinks we should put the booth up at National Western Stock Show rather than Horseman's Expo and get better numbers. Linda shared it is much more expensive so we may have to go in with another group

Historian Report-Cristy Cumberworth

No report

Supply/Safety Report-Dayna Morgan

It was brought up that the region would like all safety riders to be Red Cross certified. The region will reimburse the \$37.00 for the certification. Kay Gunckel mentioned that there had been some issue in the past that there was more liability with asking folks to be certified. May want to look into our insurance to see if it makes any difference. It would give peace of mind to know that safety riders have some Red Cross training. It is just important to make sure ride managers are selecting good experienced safety riders. Bill will add this to the Mail Chip to ask for Safety Riders to get Red Cross Certified.

Award Report-Jordan Anderson

Jordan asked for any suggestions for different kinds of awards.

Still working on mileage awards both national and regional

Worker Points-Dee has all the numbers done. Still need to order the chevrons and awards.

Website Report-Bill Wingle

All dates are now current.

Will add coupons for Red Cross Certification Reimbursement

Coupons for 1st time competitors and junior discounts

The Region 3 Benefit Ride will be Chicken Creek CTR and will benefit the San Juan Valley Trail Riders. Kay

Gunckel made the motion and Linda Johnson-Conne seconded and the motioned was approved.

Nomination Committee Report-Linda Johnson-Conne

We may need to replace Linda if she moves to AZ full time.

We have 6 of our 9 directors that will be up for re-election /- replacement. We may want to try a 3 year term in the future.

Old Business

Discussion on Mass Email-Mail Chimp with Cristy Cumberworth. Booth Events and neighborhood talks.

Promotional video.

Dayna Morgan made a motion to go with Mail Chip for \$20/month. and Elsa Bartlett seconded. The motion was approved.

New Business

Standing Rules and Procedures-changes and clarifications

There was some discussion on the 100% club-do you really have to be present the day of the ride vs help to put on the ride (marking trail/taking down ribbons/rider packets/etc)

Jordan Anderson made motion to accept all changes to the Standing Rules and Procedures. Dayna Morgan seconded and the motion was approved.

Worker Points-Some language was adjusted. Dayna Morgan made a motion to approve the changes to the worker points. Elsa Barlett seconded the motion and motion was approved.

The IRS has increased the mileage that the regional directors and judges can request for compensation for 2023 at \$0.655/mile.

It was announced that not ride entries will be auctioned off this year at the awards banquet. We will be auctioning the cut in line as well as the premier parking spots.

Amy Mason, DVM presented a Video titled "Don't Break your Vet" by Jemma Person about how to train your horse to be better about being examined by the veterinarian. (Vet presentation)

The next Region 3 BOD meeting will be Wednesday, June 28th at 7:00pm. It will be a Zoom Meeting.

Election of Officers

President: Bill Wingle (Will only be for one more year)-Will be on the board for an additional year

Vice President: Linda Johnson-Conne

Secretary: Kay Gunckel, DVM

Treasurer: Chuck Smith

Meeting Adjourned at 11:58am