

**Region 3 Board of Director Meeting**  
**Zoom Friday, March 28, 2025**  
**Mini Convention Radisson Hotel in Colorado Springs, CO**

Meeting was called to order at 2:35pm by President Bill Wingle.

In attendance, in person, Bill Wingle, Kay Gunckel, Jordan Anderson. Via zoom, Donna Dandy, Lindsey Jordan, Dayna Morgan, Linda Johnson-Conne, Stephanie Sheeks (in person at end of meeting). Not in attendance Scarlett Wilson-Hager and Mitch Burkdoll (Joined us after finishing his MRI).

**NATRC Region 3 Elections of Officers.**

President-Jordan Anderson

Dayna Morgan nominated, Linda Johnson-Conne seconded and unanimously voted Jordan in as our President for 2025.

Vice President-Bill Wingle

Jordan Anderson nominated, Donna Dandy seconded and unanimously voted Bill in as our Vice President for 2025.

Treasurer-Cathy Cumberworth

Bill Wingle nominated, Donna Dandy seconded and unanimously voted Cathy in as our Treasurer for 2025.

Secretary-Stephanie Sheeks

Bill Wingle nominated, Kay Gunckel seconded and unanimously voted Stephanie on as our Secretary for 2025.

**Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes.** The previous minutes from the 4/22/2023, 10/4/2023, 2/24/2024, and 7/31/2024 meetings had been emailed out for board members to read and vote for approval. There were no NO votes so the approval of these minutes passed.

The minutes from the 9/25/2024 minutes. Bill Wingle moved to accept the minutes, Linda Johnson-Conne seconded, and the minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's report**

The treasure report was emailed out to all the board members. Account Balance is \$27,339.53. Still waiting on settlement of 2024 National Convention. Should be getting a check for \$1500-\$2000. Still some expenses to be turned in from Linda Johnson-Conne and Bill Wingle for shipping awards back from the convention. Other expenses expected-Ride Book (Printing cost \$1200.00 and Postage \$1800-\$2000) and Ribbon for ride order. We will have Profit/Loss from the Region Convention at the next meeting. Bill Wingle moved we approve the treasurer's report, Dayna Morgan seconded and the treasurer's report was approved.

**Committee Reports**

National Board Report-Linda Johnson-Conne/Dayna Morgan

- Due to Cancelled Flights Dayna was not able to attend the National Board meeting in person. (As well as John Zeliff-NATRC National President).
- There are some exciting technological changes taking place. They will be taking place in three phases as funding becomes available.

Phase 1-Ride Management System (RMS) update

Phase 2-Website Update

### Phase 3-Digital Score Cards.

For Region3 website, Bill explained some of the changes. Riders will be able to see how they placed and current point totals throughout the year. Points both regionally and nationally. Data Bases will need to be released by all the regions.

Other things that were discussed: Membership and Rider numbers are up nationally. They have not passed the pre-covid numbers. The big growth has been in LeD. The concern is about low numbers in "A" rides. Some regions need to work on getting their rider numbers up on the "A" rides.

National has started an outreach program for new rides in new geographic areas. Chuck Smith and Hannah Clark have been asked to work on this Committee at a national level. National will send someone out to help get the ride set up and running and answer questions.

Need to remind riders to keep your membership current with your breed association. In order to be eligible to year end breed awards you have a current breed association member.

Discussion was brought up about discontinuing the National Traveling Trophies due to the expense of shipping them year to year. This also brings up the discussion of we also want to do away with them on a regional basis and just switch to just a plaque to be given out for the award.

Each region is encouraged to do two clinics a year and there is a \$100 credit from national to help cover the insurance free to do these clinics. The clinic management just needs to apply for the credit.

There has been a new committee formed-National Convention Committee. It was decided to continue putting on an annual national convention with the same rotation with the committee to help each hosting region put on the convention to help with making it a success. Linda Johnson-Conne is on that committee. Next convention 2026 will be Region 4 in Austin, TX Feb 20-22. The following year will be Region 2. The next year for Region 3 is 2030. The National On-line Silent Auction was a huge success. It brought in \$5000. Sheri Gaines from Region 5 was in charge of it.

National is also planning on doing more judging seminars to work at getting more consistency between judges. There has been some big differences with horsemanship judging between traditional A rides and LeD judging.

There are Trail Funds available for trail improvement even for LeD length trails. No matching funds are required. Ride managers just need to apply for these funds to be approved.

There are some rule changes up for discussion for 2026. Make sure to take to Linda and Dayna with your opinion on the changes.

1-Should they change the heavyweight/lightweight combination permanent or still keep it temporary. We took a quick vote of the board members and all the board members wanted to keep it temporary at this time.

National discussed whose responsibility it was to report the time penalties. The order of responsibility is *rider* telling the *secretary* reporting it to the *timer*. They make sure riders know the Judge's secretary wrote the hold time down.

There is a request to change the last ride of the ride season from the 3rd week of November to the 2nd week of November. This is coming from the national office. They are running out of volunteers to do some of the national jobs. But this does affect riders trying to get that one last ride in to get points in for national championship. Our regional board would like to **not** have this change.

Dayna reported on the Top Trail webinar that took place on Tuesday. They have virtual mileage challenges both regionally and nationally. This program also helps keep horse trails alive in the US. Helps to save our support. Top Trail is also one of our national sponsors so we should support them. Bill Wingle did bring up that other riding groups get their membership to Top Trail for free and NATRC it is \$25.00. There are still some technology issues. Dayna said the program is not up and running yet.

Membership-Janece Nissen is now helping with sending out the e-blast to member. Getting out reminders to get their membership dues turned in. She can also help with targeting different areas within the region. The sign-up from the booths that we did last year, still need to reach out to folks that expressed interest. For the next Board of Directors Meeting we will need to ask Committee Members to send in an official report on what they have been working on and their plans.

Newsletter-Jordan Anderson and Bill Wingle. This will now be done on the Website and will include the minutes of the Board of Directors meetings, Ride Results, and Letter from the President.

Ride Book-Cristy Cumberworth. The 2025 Ride Books will be distributed at the convention. They will also be posted on the Website. Some of the top awards are still a secret until the awards banquet this evening. Then the books will be mailed out to members and past members.

Ride Coordinator-Bill Wingle We will have a total of 5 "A" rides this season. We have two clinics on the schedule and many rides have LeD rides with them.

Navajo Lake-May 10-11 A Open/CP/Novice B1 CP/Novice only

LED B1 Saturday & LED B2 Sunday

General Albert P Clark Memorial Ride-June 14-15 Air Force Academy, CO Springs

LED B1 Saturday & LED B2 Sunday

Greenland-June 28-29

LED B1 Saturday & LED B2 Sunday

Chicken Creek-July 26-27 A Open/CP/Novice B1 CP/Novice only

LED B1 Saturday & LED B2 Sunday

Happy Jack-August 23-24 A Open/CP/Novice B1 & B2 Open/CP/Novice

LED B1 Saturday & LED B2 Sunday

Colorado Trail-September 6-7 A Open/CP/Novice B1 & B2 Open/CP/Novice

LED B1 Saturday & LED B2 Sunday

Chokecherry Canyon-September 26-27 A Open/CP/Novice B1 CP/Novice only

LED B1 Saturday & LED B2 Sunday

The two clinics

Greenland Saturday, June 28th Greenland Open Space

Happy Jack, Saturday, Aug 9th Jubilation Ranch, Loveland, CO

Dayna would like to try and set up a group up in the front range, like they have down in New Mexico, to help divide up responsibilities to putting on a ride. Hopefully this will help with decreasing burn out of ride management.

Publicity and Advertising-Dayna Morgan. Dayna announced that she will be putting her Colorado house up for sale and plans on moving by the end of the year. She may not be a region 3 member at that time. She won't leave us high and dry but may need to move some of her responsibilities on to others. She reports that she doesn't have a lot new going on but recommends that all NATRC folks look for places to advertise our sport by putting up the booth, like Tractor Supply, Big R. Do a full day on a Saturday or Sunday. Do it a before a ride to get horseman to try our ride or come to volunteer.

Shows/Events-Linda Johnson-Conne. Since Rocky Mountain Horse Expo is officially done we will need to look for other events to attend. Linda suggested that the committee for publicity/Advertising/Membership be combined. She stressed how important it is to follow up with those folks who signed up at the shows. We will have the booth at the convention and show it to all our members so they know they can use it to promote our sport. We need to let members know about the webinars that are available to everyone. Bill suggested getting Janese and Linda together to work on discuss this very import plan.

Historian-Cristy Cumberworth. Bill Wingle will start putting some of what Cristy has been scanning onto the website. Cristy is going to be doing some additional scanning on her own time.

Supply/Safety Chair Report-Dayna Morgan. Cathy Cumberworth has the New Mexico Safety kits, and Bill Wingle has the Colorado Safety kits. They will make sure they are stocked and cleaned out for the new ride season. Bill Wingle made a motion that we continue to pay for anyone who is interested in doing the \$37 CPR/First Aid Training as long as they are willing to sign up to ride safety at least one ride. Cathy Cumberworth seconded. After discussion it was decided to raise the amount to up to \$50. The vote passed unanimously.

Linda Johnson-Conne brought up that Region 3 should have a safety rider of the year award. Bill Wingle said it would need to be put in the standing rules and asked Linda to write something up to be voted on at the next board meeting.

Awards-Jordan Anderson. Jordan has the awards to be passed out tonight. Both our Region 3 awards and the awards that National gives out. We will also be announcing the mileage awards for both riders and horses but the glasses and chevrons will not be given out tonight.

Workers Points-Benedikte Webb. Bill Wingle announced that we are still having some issues with points and categories. We had worked on them at the last board meeting but couldn't get them finalized in the standing rules due to the 30-day requirement. What we have on worker points will be announced at the awards banquet.

Website Report-Bill Wingle. Bill showed us that the website will now have drop down menus. The Rides will be a banner across the page. The 2024 GPS tracks will be available to download. The information will be on-line for future ride managers. The new thing will be ride results on all rides. We will need to access to the national database. National has several databases running. This will help with

tracking year-end results. Some regions may want to show their results as well. Use of this information though will need to be approved by National. This will keep year to date points-who is leading. Divided by rider and horse. Divided by division. Hopefully eventually we can get all the worker points on-line and sorted by name. Bill reports we have lost some of the old worker points.

Region 3 Benefit Ride Report. It was discussed that this isn't required, and our region doesn't need the money. It is something that was started in the past where one ride a year was designated as the benefit ride and any profit from the ride was given to Region 3. Dayna Morgan volunteer her ride-Air Force Academy LeD ride. If she makes a profit she will donate the profit. Since this is the last year Dayna will be Ride Chairman (since she will be moving to AZ), Kay Gunckel suggested that the profit stay as seed money for the next ride manager to use for expenses to putting on the ride. Dayna would like to leave it to the Region. She announced that Todd Morgan will be head chef doing the cooking for the ride!!! They have to be careful at the Air Force Academy with doing any sort of money making on the academy. Maybe could do an on-line silent auction!

Nominating Committee-Bill Wingle as Vice President will be in charge of this. We will have seat that will need to be filled in 2026. The seats that will be coming available in 2025 are:

Alternate to the National Board-Kay Gunckel

District #1-Donna Dandy. Donna announced that she will not be able to do in 2026

District #2-Mitch Burkdoll

At-Large-Cathy Cumberworth

#### OLD BUSINESS

Diane Wingle will be taking over getting placing ribbons for the rides. Cathy Cumberworth will give her all the contact information on who we have used in the past.

Video Edits-We need to add Linda Johnson-Conne and the videographer's name to the credits at the end of the video. Toby Simpich was the owner of the Video Company. Bill and Linda will work on getting this done.

Bill Smith Buddy Award-In the past the last person to win the award selected the person to win the award the next year. There was discussion on whether to keep it the same or have the membership vote on this special year end award. After discussion it was decided to keep it the same with the previous winner selecting the next winner.

Standing Rules Changes. Bill Wingle went through line by line on changes of language and updating how things are currently being done. All changes had a motion made and seconded. Vote was taken and the vote was unanimous on all changes.

The biggest discussion was on the 100% club to update for LeD and the combination of A rides and LeD. After trying to come up with the exact language the discussion was tabled until the next board meeting. It was decided to more the cost of the jacket from \$75 to \$100. Then the region would also pick up the cost of the embroidery. Bill Wingle motioned, and Stephanie Sheeks seconded. The voted passed unanimously.

Front Range Trailer-Kay Gunckel Due to the length of the board meeting this discussion was tabled until the zoom meeting set up for Thursday, April 24th at 6:30.

## NEW BUSINESS

Premier Parking & Cut in Line Auction. In years past this Auction has been done at a live auction at the awards banquet. Since this year some of our big bidders did not make it to the Region 3 banquet, and this is a big money maker for the region, the idea was brought forward to try it as an on-line silent auction like national did this year. It was very successful with Sherry Gaines leading it at National Convention. Kay Gunckel volunteered to contact Sherry and ask for her help with setting this up. It was discussed to have the deadline for bidding be April 30th for all rides for the season. We can advertise it via the Region 3 Facebook page as well as sending out a Region 3 E-mail blast.

Wilderness First-Aid Safety Training to support Dr Amy Mason. Kay Gunckel let the board know that Dr Amy was not planning on competing this season but was planning on coming to all the rides as a safety rider. She is already planning on doing an official Wilderness First Aid training that costs \$300 and is requesting some financial assistance from Region 3 if possible. Bill Wingle made the motion that Region 3 pay 1/3 of her cost. Dayna Morgan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Cathy Cumberworth announced that the San Juan Valley Riders would also pay \$100 toward her training.

The next zoom meeting will discuss the Front Range trailer on Thursday, April 24th at 6:30pm.

The next Board of Directors Meeting will be a zoom meeting on Thursday, July 10th at 6:30pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:46pm

Minutes Submitted by Secretary Kay Gunckel