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## Stirrup

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LOTS AND LOTS INSIDE!!!

**April-May Events****Pinon Mesa**

April 16-17

Ride Chair: Tami Cumberworth  
505-564-8675**Navajo Lake**

May 7-8

Ride Chair: Russ Jones  
505-330-2524**Greenland Clinic**

May 14

Register: Pam Galchutt  
719-481-6561**Patriot's Ride (Cavalier)**

May 28-29

Ride Chair: Susan Peters  
719-439-5669<http://www.natrc3.org/>**Thanks to Bill Wingle for all  
the great photos from the  
Region 3 Convention!!!!****President's Message**

The Region 3 annual convention is traditionally an event where we celebrate the past ride season while eagerly anticipating the next. It is a time to add to our knowledge and a time to relax with our friends. This year's convention was a HUGE success in every way. Our convention co-chairs, Don and Kathy Budd, arranged a terrific location at the new Hampton Inn & Suites in Pueblo. The hotel staff were friendly and accommodating and went out of their way to make our stay a happy one.

The speakers Don and Kathy invited for the day's seminar addressed a variety of interesting and informative topics: Jay Janssen, DVM, shared his knowledge and experience as a holistic veterinarian, using a very cooperative make-believe horse, Dr. Joe Quintana, to demonstrate several treatment methods. Then, Dr. Gene Naugle delivered an excellent power point presentation on equine emergency preparedness and first aid. After lunch, Gene Ovnecek, internationally known master farrier, shared the latest research and studies regarding trimming and shoeing the modern horse. Dr. Naugle also donated his speaker's fee to the NATRC National Scholarship Fund. And we especially appreciated that all three speakers so graciously spent extra time afterwards to visit and to answer additional questions.

Thank you so much, Don and Kathy Budd, for hosting this year's convention. There are many, many other thanks due as well. Juleen Feazell, convention secretary, used her incredible organizational talents to make registration a breeze. (Juleen has also accepted the position of Region 3 Awards/Mileage Chair beginning with the 2011 ride season.)

Jim and Lin Ward chaired the Hospitality Room and to all the folks who donated food, drink, cash, a big thanks! Jim was once again our Auctioneer Supreme at the banquet with Lin assisting to auction off the manager donated ride entries, the premier parking, and the premier check-in/check-out for each ride. Thanks to all our ride managers for donating an entry to their rides for the auction. And a special thanks to the 70+ members and guests who made the fund raisers, including the silent auction such a success with their generosity. Thanks to Linell Miller-Inman and Ginger Snip for organizing the silent auction. Also, thank you Lin Ward, for donating 10% of the proceeds from your jewelry sales back to the region. And thanks to The Drinking Post for the donation of the watering system for our auction. (See Chuck Smith's report elsewhere in this issue of the Stirrup for the convention revenue, incredible!) Thanks also to member Sharon Roper who brought Specialized Saddles for everyone to see and spoke with us about her new light therapy business.

Worker and volunteer awards were given at lunch this year which enabled the evening banquet, auctions, and awards to be over by 10:00 p.m. As Worker Points Chair, Beth Sims, pointed out, in 2010 we had 233 active volunteers, and 79 of those received an award or multiple awards at this convention. Recognition was given to regional workers, including incoming and outgoing board members and ride workers, including managers, secretaries, and judges' secretaries. We are very fortunate in Region 3 to have so many members who are willing to dedicate their time and energies to keeping our region strong.

Awards/Mileage Chair Jenny Smith prepared an inspiring program for the awards banquet to give national regional team placings, regional high point and high average placings, rider and horse mileage awards, and national and regional appreciation awards. Inside this issue you will find many photos of the recipients of these awards along with candid shots as well. Thanks, Bill, for being our convention photographer this year. Bill also designed and created special calendars for each 1<sup>st</sup> place horse and horsemanship regional winner this year and I know that they will be cherished by those riders.

At the end of the evening, Diane Wingle, our new Ride Book Editor, unveiled and distributed the 2011 ride books. Ride books will be mailed to those members who were unable to attend the convention. If you need any additional ride books, please contact Diane at [dianew0@yahoo.com](mailto:dianew0@yahoo.com). Thanks, Diane, for the great job on the ride book, and thanks Diane, Jerry Sims, and Cheri Westmoreland for selling enough ads to pay for the cost of printing the ride book PLUS some, and many thanks to our advertisers.

See you soon on the trails,

Betty Wolgram, President, Region 3

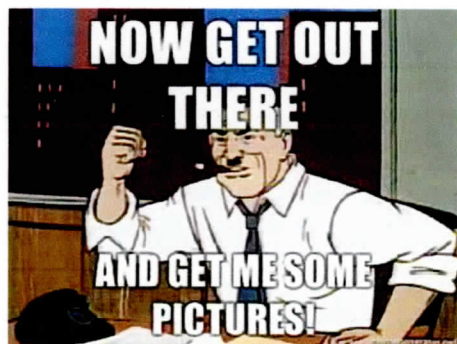


Betty Wolgram &amp; Summer



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**From the Editor...**

As I work on editing the current version of the newsletter I was reflecting on a couple other editors, namely J. Jonah Jameson of the Daily Bugle and Perry White of the Daily Planet (from Spiderman and Superman respectively, just in case). Jameson spent his time yelling at our arachnid enhanced hero, Peter Parker, to get him pictures. White picked on Krypton's favorite super son, Clark Kent, to bring in stories. To make the Stirrup the best it can be this year I am

hoping that each of you will consider taking up the challenge of joining our super heroes (costumes are optional but highly encouraged!) in submitting pictures and stories to the editor. Thanks! John



Dee Overholt  
(14,000-15,000  
worker points),  
Jenny Smith  
(12,500-16,000  
worker points)



Kirt van Poolen,  
Juleen Feazell, Elaine  
Chamberlain, Pam  
Galchutt, Syndi Scott,  
Bill Wingle, Diane  
Wingle



**Pinon Mesa Type A Two Day**  
April 16-17, 2011, Farmington, NM

The San Juan Valley Trail Riders invite you to ride the Pinon Mesa Ride. This is a beautiful early spring ride. The trail has varied terrain- mesas, arroyos and pinon trees, winding through the beautiful high desert. There are many photo opportunities of the Colorado, La Plata Mountains and surrounding vistas in New Mexico. **Rider Limit: 60**



**Directions to Camp:** From the north, turn off US HWY 160 in Hesperus, CO to State Route 140 which changes to Route 170 after you cross the State line into New Mexico. Between the 3 mile and 2 mile markers, start slowing down and look for Coyote Drive, to the east. There will be a NATRC sign. Turn onto Coyote Drive and go east approximately ¼ mile to the Cumberworth's Stable, which will be on your right. From the east or west: On HWY 64 take State HWY 170 north, just west of Farmington. After crossing Culvert and Arroyo, turn Right on Coyote Drive. Approximately ¼ mile to camp.

**Camp Facilities:** City water is available in camp for people and horses. Nights are cool so bring blankets for your horse. NO loose dogs allowed in Camp. Dogs must be tied to your trailer or on a leash. No Dogs permitted at meals. All horse manure will be raked up by competitor and moved to a place set by management. Emergency Phone: San Juan County Sheriff's Dept: 505-334-6107 or Ride Secretary Cell Phone (505) 360-7472.

**Rules:** This ride will be conducted under NATRC Rules. We will be offering the Distance Only (DO) class for those of you who wish to complete the ride for mileage only. New Mexico state law requires that out of state horses have current health papers and Coggins.

**Awards:** Awards will be given in all divisions. Open and Novice Sweepstakes and High Point Combined horse and rider Competitive Pleasure. Please send copies of horse registration papers in with entry for breed awards.

**Schedule:** Check-in starts at 2:00 PM on Friday, April 15th. Please make arrangements for late check-in if necessary. A special First Time Competitor meeting will be held at 5:00 PM Friday.

**Meals:** Friday night bring "junk food and drinks" and mingle with your fellow competitors, judges, and ride workers. Saturday night pot luck, bring your favorite dish. Lunch on Saturday on the trail and Sunday lunch in Camp will be provided by management.

**Entry and Fees:** Total entry fee is \$105. This includes all NATRC fees. Non-NATRC member fee, \$120, this includes all fees. Deposit \$35.00. Make checks payable to Chokecherry CTR and mail to ride secretary. Refunds up to April 10, less \$15 administrative fee; after April 10 at management discretion. No show, no refund.

**Judges:** Ron Stuber, DVM Horsemanship judge: Susan Witter

**Ride Manager:** Tammi Cumberworth, 2101 W. Coyote Drive, Farmington, NM 87401 505-564-8675  
[tcumberworth@gmail.com](mailto:tcumberworth@gmail.com)

**Ride Secretary:** Chuck Smith, PO Box 687, Flora Vista, NM 87415 505-215-2625 [chucksmith2020@earthlink.net](mailto:chucksmith2020@earthlink.net)

**Proposed NATRC Rule Change**

**Proposed Rules Changes approved by the National Board of Directors at its February 2011 meeting to take to the membership. Please read them over and if you have any questions, comments, issues, etc., please let either Betty Wolgram (bkwranch@hughes.net) or Chuck Smith (csmith@advantas.net) know so that we can bring them to the Board's attention at the July 2011 meeting. The Board will vote on the proposed rules changes at its November 2011 meeting.**

**1. Page 5-2, Section 5.F.1. Reads:** 1. Riders must use a saddle. The type of saddle and other equipment is at the discretion of the rider within the bounds of good horsemanship.

**Change to read:** Riders must use a saddle and headgear with attached reins. The type of saddle, headgear with reins and other equipment is at the discretion of the rider within the bounds of good horsemanship.

**2. Page 1-1 Reads:** A. Membership

1. Any person interested in the purposes of this organization may be eligible for membership upon proper application and payment of the required dues.
  - a. Adult Membership: Any person 18 years of age or over.
  - b. Junior Membership: Any person under the age of 18 as of the beginning of the ride year.
  - c. Family Membership: A household of one or two adults and children under the age of 18 as of January 1.
  - d. Associate Membership: Any firm, partnership, group, or any other business sufficiently interested in the promotion of the horse and horse-back riding, upon proper application and the annual payment of dues.
  - e. Single Lifetime Membership: Any person of any age.
  - f. Family Lifetime Membership: A household of one or two adults at time membership is obtained and any children under the age of 18 as of January 1.
2. Each membership, except lifetime, shall be for a period of twelve months commencing January 1 each year regardless of the month in which payment of dues is received. All membership fees are due on January 1 each year.
3. Each Senior and Single Lifetime Membership is entitled to one vote. Each Family and Family Lifetime Membership is entitled to two votes.

**Change to read:**

1. Any person interested in the purposes of this organization may be eligible for membership upon proper application and payment of the required dues.
  - a. Yearly Membership
    - 1) Adult Membership: Any person 18 years of age or over.
    - 2) Junior Membership: Any person under the age of 18 as of the beginning of the ride year.
    - 3) Family Membership: A household of one or two adults and children under the age of 18 as of January 1.
    - 4) Associate Membership: Any firm, partnership, group, or any other business sufficiently interested in the promotion of the horse and horse-back riding, upon proper application and the annual payment of dues.
  - b. Lifetime Membership (NOTE: new lifetime memberships are no longer offered after March, 2011)
    - 1) Single Lifetime Membership: Any person of any age.
    - 2) Family Lifetime Membership: A household of one or two adults at time membership is obtained and any children under the age of 18 as of January 1.
2. Each membership, except lifetime, shall be for a period of twelve months commencing January 1 each year regardless of the month in which payment of dues is received. All membership fees are due on January 1 each year.
3. Each Senior and Single Lifetime Membership is entitled to one vote. Each Family and Family Lifetime Membership is entitled to two votes.

***Purpose: To have the Rule Book match changes made to the dues structure, i.e. the elimination of Lifetime Membership March, 2011.***

Honorary Lifetime Membership will not be affected.

**3. Page 6- 3, Section 6.D.1.:**

Currently Reads: Time penalty points will be assessed for time violations (See Section V.J.7).

Change to Read: Time penalty points will only be assessed for time violations (See Section V.J.7)

Purpose: *To clarify that time penalty points only can be assess for time violations and nothing else.*

**4. Add to Section 7. E. Violations and Enforcement Procedures:**

1. Any rider/owner violating these rules at an NATRC ride shall forfeit any completion or placing for the ride. NATRC may impose additional penalties for violation of these rules on any person responsible for the violation. Normally, the rider and owner shall be considered the persons responsible for the custody and care at a ride. Accordingly, the rider and owner shall avoid liability for additional penalties for violation of this rule only by showing by clear and convincing evidence that:

- (a) some other person outside of the rider or owner's control was responsible for the violation and
- (b) the rider or owner bore no fault for the violation.



## NEWS BITS

## CORRECTION TO AWARDS

Due to a National error in figuring ride percentages/averages, the Ken Burkdoll Combined High Average Horse/Rider Award was mistakenly reported to our Region 3 Awards Chair as Ken Wolgram and Awesomes Fire N Ice.

The winner of the award for 2010 is Brandy Ferganchick and Fawn Creek Thor.

## OPEN RIDER DONATES PREMIER PARKING

Region 3 member and open rider Tom King asked Betty Wolgram to bid for a premier parking spot at a Farmington ride, and she won the premier parking bid for Pinon Mesa. Tom then held a drawing from all the pre-registered Novice entries as of Monday, March 28, and the winner of the drawing was Jennifer Poulton. Congratulations Jennifer and thank you Tom for your generosity.

## DON'T LET THIS BE YOUR LAST STIRRUP!!

If you haven't yet sent in your NATRC membership renewal for 2011, please do so as soon as possible so you won't miss any issues of the Stirrup Region 3 newsletter and the National newsletter Hoofprint. Region 3 needs and appreciates your support.

## UPCOMING RIDES NEED YOUR SUPPORT!!

**The ride season is here!** Our first three rides, Pinon Mesa (April 16-17); Navajo Lake (May 7-8); and The Patriots' Ride (May 28-29) all need more riders. Please sign up as soon as possible. Rides need approximately 35-40 riders to cover expenses, and these rides only have about 25 riders signed up as of March 30.

From WAY UP HERE in northwest Colorado, Ken and I are taking our fuzzy horses (who have had very little conditioning because of all our cold and snowy weather) to Pinon Mesa. The San Juan Valley Trail Riders Club always make sure that this ride is timed slowly to account for such lack of riding, so please support their efforts. Friday night at Pinon is "junk food and drinks" which is a fun socializing time. Saturday night is Potluck so bring a dish to share. Management is serving us lunch on the trail on Saturday and lunch in camp on Sunday after the morning's ride.

Please use RMS or call or e-mail the ride management to get signed up. If you haven't received your ride books, check the complete ride information on the Region 3 website [www.natrc3.org](http://www.natrc3.org).

I have had a few reports that some folks are having problems accessing RMS. Remember, you need to change your password if it's been over a year and you need to update your profile to your new membership expiration date.

Submitted by:

Betty Wolgram

President, Region 3

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## REGION 3 AND 4-H JOIN HANDS

4-H and NATRC Region 3 -- which both stress education, safety and fun -- have joined hands in Colorado to get youth and their families out on the competitive trail.

Colorado 4-H offers competitive trail riding as part of its regular equine project. This year, the 4-H Horse Advisory Committee in El Paso County, which oversees the equine project in that county, agreed to recognize NATRC Region 3 'B' rides in Colorado as approved 4-H CTRs and award achievement points to those El Paso County 4-Hers who compete.

Because 4-H CTR is a statewide project, **ALL** 4-Hers enrolled in the equine project are encouraged to participate in NATRC 'B' Rides. Achievement points depend upon the 4-H rules of each 4-Hers specific county.

According to Colorado 4-H CTR rules, a competition must be between 15 and 25 miles long; there are no two-day rides. A 4-Her also must be rated at least level 1 in their riding skills (able to properly groom, tack and untack their horse, mount, and ride safely at a walk, trot and canter) and pass a written exam. The other 4-H rules are compatible to NATRC rules.

To include 4-H CTR as part of their equine project, 4-Hers in Colorado must maintain a conditioning record (see <http://equineextension.colostate.edu/content/view/220/69>) and turn it in with their project record book at the end of the year. They also must show the conditioning record to ride management at a ride's check in.

To help get 4-H CTR off the ground in El Paso County, the 4-H project leaders contacted Laurie DiNatale in the national office, Region 3 President Betty Wolgram, horsemanship judge Susie Witter, and ride manager Susan Peters. Each has played an invaluable role of support and as well as providing information about the sport to 4-Hers and their families.

For example, Susie Witter and Susan Peters gave presentations to more than 20 4-Hers and their family members at an unmounted 4-H CTR clinic. Laurie DiNatale at the national office provided a variety of informative NATRC handouts.

Thanks to Susan Peters, 4-H competitive trail riders will have the opportunity to volunteer/ride at the Greenland Open Space Clinic. They also will have an opportunity to actually compete, thanks to her 'B' rides at the Patriots' Ride and Tarryall River Romp.

A **BIG** thanks also goes to Betty Wolgram and the Region 3 BOD! At its last meeting, the BOD agreed to offer a \$30 discount per ride for NATRC member junior riders for up to three rides during the 2011 ride season. Region 3 will reimburse ride management the \$30 discount.

For its part, the 4-H CTR project leaders in El Paso County are sponsoring a 4-H combined high point horse and rider award for each Region 3 ride in Colorado. Any junior rider who also is a 4-H member is eligible. If a ride has at least one 4-H member signed up to compete (that information is now available on the entry form, thanks to Region 3), just email Karen Laden at [kingswellponies@yahoo.com](mailto:kingswellponies@yahoo.com) so she can get the award to the ride manager before the ride.

If you have any questions about the 4-H CTR program, please email Karen Laden at [kingswellponies@yahoo.com](mailto:kingswellponies@yahoo.com). Thanks, again, Region 3, for all your support of 4-H CTR!

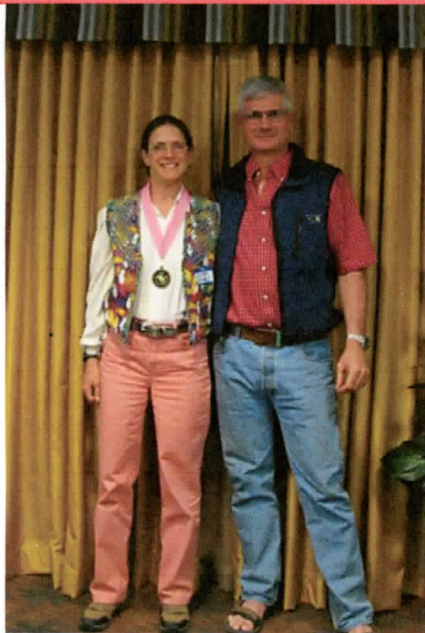
Submitted By Karen Laden, NATRC member and 4-H CTR project leader







Region 3 Convention Photos



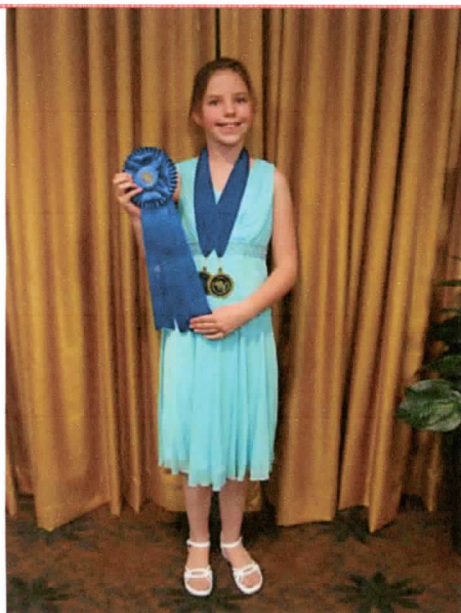
Bill and Diane Wingle  
National Regional  
Appreciation Award



Brandy Ferganchick 2010 winner of  
Region 3 Ruth Tyree high average  
horsemanship and Ken Burkdoll  
high average combined horse and  
Horsemanship



Chuck Smith National  
Regional Appreciation  
Award and 2010 Region 3  
Sue Bretag Service Award



Alexis Combs Region 3 and  
NATRC 1<sup>st</sup> place Open  
Junior Horse &  
Horsemanship



Hannah van Poollen 2<sup>nd</sup>  
place Novice Junior Horse  
& Horsemanship



Maarten van Poollen  
National Regional  
Appreciation Award and  
2010 Region 3 Bill Smith  
Buddy Award





Region 3 Convention Photos



Diane Wingle., Jerry Sims, Gary Inman,  
Ken Wolgram, Dr. Jay Janssen, Dr. Joe  
Qunitana, Matt Baker, Gene Ovnick, Dr.  
Gene Naugle, Kathy Brown, Chuck Smith,  
Betty Wolgram, Jim Ward





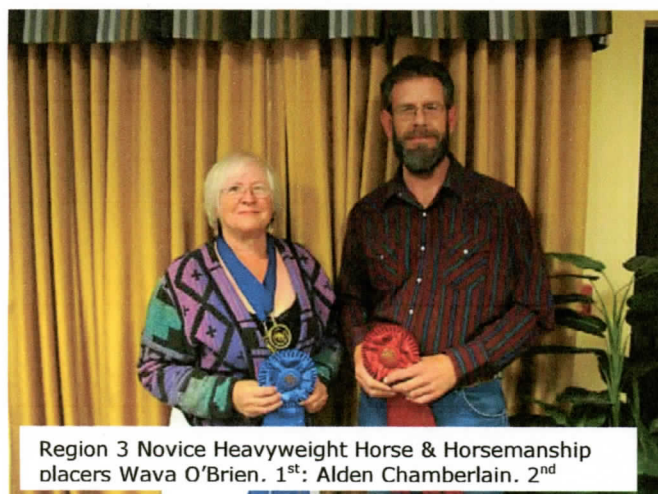




Ride Secretaries Kathy Brown, Ken Wolgram, Judi Tobias, Linell Miller-Inman, Lin Ward, Chuck Smith,



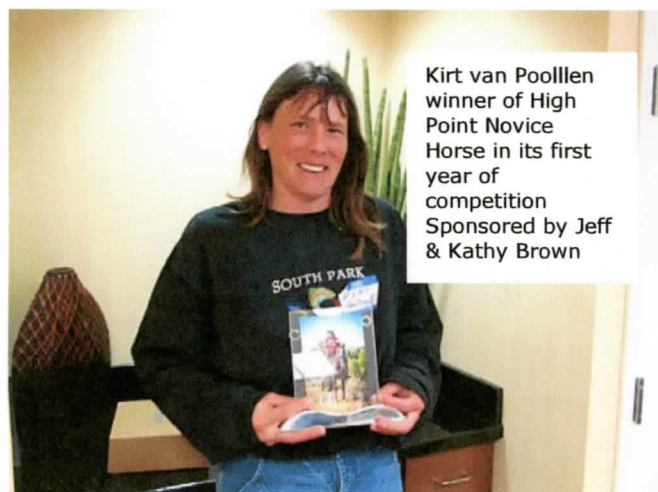
Judges' Secretaries Pam Galchutt, Chuck Smith, Kathy Budd, Diane Wingle, Sherri Halligan, Beth Sims



Region 3 Novice Heavyweight Horse & Horsemanship placers Wava O'Brien. 1<sup>st</sup>: Alden Chamberlain. 2<sup>nd</sup>



Region 3 Open Lightweight Horse placers Judy Mason, 3<sup>rd</sup>; Roxann Lane, 2<sup>nd</sup>; Brandy Ferganchick, 1<sup>st</sup>; Cheryl Jarrett, 4<sup>th</sup>



Kirt van Poollen winner of High Point Novice Horse in its first year of competition Sponsored by Jeff & Kathy Brown



Jeff & Kathy Brown winners of Best Managed Ride of 2010 Chile Line



**Board of Directors Meeting, March 18, 2011**

Betty Wolgram, President, Region 3

**LOCATION:** REGION 3 SEMINAR/CONVENTION

HAMPTON INN &amp; SUITES, 4790 EAGLERIDGE CIRCLE, PUEBLO, CO

**Meeting Call to Order 5:38 p.m.****Incoming and Outgoing Directors Present:**

Betty Wolgram President  
Chuck Smith Treasurer  
Brandy Ferganchick Secretary Outgoing director  
Beth Sims Outgoing director  
Jenny Smith Alternate director  
Sherri Halligan Incoming director  
Janna Combs Incoming director  
Susan Peters Incoming director  
Kirt van Poolen Incoming director  
Diane Wingle  
Jim Sinnett  
Ginger Snip

**Absent Directors:**

John Volkerding Incoming director  
Cheri Westmoreland  
Linell Miller-Inman Outgoing director

**Guests:**

Sandra Dorr  
Sandra Clayton  
Susan Witter  
Mike Mason

**Reading and approval of September 24, 2010, meeting minutes.** Motion to approve: Ginger Snip

Second: Jim Sinnett AIF

**Committee Reports:****Treasurer's Report** – Chuck Smith

Discussion: Everyone enjoyed the new format. Shows comparison clearly. Still showing a profit. Membership dues are incorrect on year-to-year 2009-2010 because National office sends records a month after dues are paid so December renewals are not received until January. Money is there but does not show yet. Bank statements balance. Reimbursement of ride managers must be instigated by ride manager. Not the responsibility of treasurer. YTD Expenses may show differences due to fact that three issues of the Stirrup and postage were donated last year. Awards and Stirrup were largest expenses but the extra ride added monies.

Motion to approve report: Jim Sinnett Second: Jenny Smith AIF

**National Board report/discussion as per written report e-mailed to regional directors** – Betty Wolgram**Membership/Stirrup report** – John Volkerding (**absent**)

Discussion: Thanks were given to Betty Wolgram for encouraging more people to receive the Stirrup online to cut expenses.

Motion to approve report: Jim Sinnett Second: Chuck Smith AIF

**Ride Book/Ride Coordinator report** – Diane Wingle

Discussion: Advertising collected by Jerry and Beth Sims as well as Diane Wingle and Cheri Westmoreland was great and offset the costs tremendously. Motion that extra monies be dedicated for future use creating ride book by Jim Sinnett

Second: Ginger Snip AIF

Motion to approve report: Jenny Smith Second: Jim Sinnett AIF

**Publicity/Advertising Chair report** – Cheri Westmoreland (**absent**)

No discussion:

**Historian Chair report** – Janine Ancell (**absent**) – no report submitted

Discussion: Need to get more members to take part in collecting photos. It is too much for one person.

**Supply Chair report** – Judy Mason

Discussion: One number missing. Jenny's daughter is offering to make a new one. Judy will verify the number and get back with Jenny. All others in good shape. Motion to approve report: Sherri Halligan Second: Jim Sinnett AIF

**Safety Chair report** – Linell Miller-Inman (**absent**)

Discussion: Judy brought safety box and stethoscope. They will be handed off to Sue Peters for her upcoming dinic. Money was advanced in the amount of \$200.00 to Linell to replace disposable items and those that lose quality over time.

Motion to approve report: Kirt van Poolen Second: Diane Wingle AIF



**Awards Chair report – Jenny Smith**

Discussion: Not much different from last year. Compliments to Betty for giving back, from thank you's to helping people/ride managers when needed. Running short on larger mileage glasses and may need to purchase more next year. Jenny is stepping down from this position and handing off to Juleen Feazell. Because of this, we need to make sure that all awards are up to date and kept at the same prices where possible. May need to find where someone has the logo already set up. May need to start with a new company. We have a new logo and probably need to switch for any new purchases. Jenny and Juleen will try to get prices and information by the next meeting. Kirt van Poolen asked about giving something back to those that donate to a ride...possibly free advertising as well as the regular thank you notes. Motion to approve report: Jim Sinnett Second: Sue Peters AIF

**Worker Points report – Beth Sims**

Discussion: Need to order new chevrons. Should run approximately \$300. Need 1000, 1500, 9500, 10,000, 50. (may need to verify these distances) Beth Sims made motion to receive approval for ordering new chevrons, total not to exceed \$500. Second: Jenny Smith AIF.

Beth gave judges' secretary points 150 per secretary even when there were two. Need to check to make sure this is correct. Need to check standing rules to change if needed to account for this. Betty informed Board that Standing Rules worker and ride worker points will be reviewed at the next Board meeting. Has been done consistently for all rides. Motion to approve report: Ginger Snip Second: Sherri Halligan AIF

**Nominating Committee Chair Report – Linell Miller-Inman (absent)– no report needed at this time****Old Business:****Region 3 business cards.**

Discussion: Cards brought and ten counted out for each board attendee. Cards will also be available for those attending the convention and to members at rides upon request. No personal information on them. Hand out to people on the trails to help promote our sport.

Motion made by Diane Wingle to print more cards when needed. Second: Jenny Smith AIF

**Consideration of proposal for Changes to Region 3 District boundaries. Would result in a minor change to by-laws and Standing Rules. If passed, would begin with 2011 regional director elections and National Director election (if by-laws amendment passes for regions to handle elections for their national directors and alternate directors) and go into effect January 1, 2012, and the Board will need to appoint an ad hoc committee to delineate boundaries to be approved at second meeting this year.**

Discussion: Betty explained reasoning...District 1 has only 34 memberships approximately. District 2 has approximately 65 members as does District 3. Representation is not fairly distributed based upon membership. It has also become difficult to get people to run for the board from District 1. Would like to vote to become a two-district region. Boundaries would be decided to get the best equality of membership possible. This could be a problem if membership locals change. Tabled at this time until more information is collected.

**New Business:****1) Consideration and vote on proposal submitted by Susan Witter for advertising in Today's Horse Trader magazine. (proposal attached to earlier e-mail)**

Discussion: Propose that we advertise 1/4 page for 6 months at \$200 per issue; total of \$1200. Would advertise all rides, clinics, and activities. We give the information and they set it up; then get our approval before printing. Would need some way to track how effective the advertisement is. (Possible ride deduction if learned about ride in advertisement) We also need to make a commitment to advertise and encourage on a personal level and not rely solely on printed materials. Possibly, the ride secretaries at each ride could poll first-time competitors to discover how they found out about the ride and NATRC. Collecting data from new riders will give the region the direction/knowledge regarding how we get new members and/or competitors. The *Horse Trader* is just one way to increase advertising for each ride. Suggestion put forth to use Sue Bretag funds to pay for the advertisement but effectiveness of advertising would need to be tracked. Suggestion: In advertisement include a discount coupon to be presented to ride manager when attending first ride. Ride manager sends in with payment to treasurer. No motions made.

Advertising in *Today's Horse Trader*, beginning in May, with a committee to collect data to research effectiveness. Sherri Halligan will be listed as the new rider contact person in the advertisement.

Motion by Ginger Snip to approve 6 months of advertising in *The Horse Trader* using Sue Bretag funds to pay the \$1200. Second: Jenny Smith AIF





**2) Consideration and vote on proposal to reinstate the Region 3 member junior rider reimbursement of one-half of entry amount for up to three rides for 2011 ride season. \*\*Note: Three rides is a suggestion; board may change the number of rides if it approves junior rider reimbursement.**

Discussion: Jenny Smith made a motion to approve 1/2 entry member junior rider reimbursement for up to 3 rides per season. Second: Susan Peters AIF

**\*\*Amended** by e-mail vote finalized on Monday, March 28: Due to the difficulty of separating NATRC and Region 3 rider fees and drug testing fee included in all rides, and meals, camping, and other extras included in some ride entries, in order to arrive at a base entry fee amount, it was decided by a unanimous vote in favor, that **"Region 3 will offer to member junior riders a \$30 discount off the entry amount for up to three rides for the 2011 ride season."**

The Region 3 Rider Fee Sheet will be modified and sent to all ride management so that they may deduct the amount discounted (managers must list the name(s) of junior riders on the rider fee sheet. Susan Peters will keep track of junior riders receiving discounts and notify them if they should reach their 3-ride limit.

**3) Safety rider guidelines/recommendations to ride managers. Discussion of some issues by Kirt van Poolen.**

Discussion: Some safety riders are not suitable to be safety riders. Horses and riders become a problem. Kirt suggests that safety riders must pass vet checks/p&r's the same as competition horses. Could help to keep all safer. One problem with this could be lack of adequate p/r people and the need to move to the next station. Will be discussed further at a later time.

**4) Election of 2011 officers.**

Nominations:

Betty Wolgram President

Motion to approve: Janna Combs Second: Susan Peters AIF

Susan Peters Vice-President

Motion to approve: Betty Wolgram Second: Jenny AIF

Chuck Smith Treasurer

Motion to approve: Kirt van Poolen Second: Diane Wingle AIF

Janna Combs Secretary

Motion to approve: Betty Wolgram Second: Jim Sinnett AIF

**5) Schedule remaining two board meetings for 2011: The Patriots' Ride, Friday, May 27, Noon; and Chokecherry CTR, Friday, September 23, Noon.**

Betty informed the board that NATRC National Office has purchased "Go to Webinar" software for online conferences/meetings and regions may use it. We can investigate the possibility of using it for our final meeting of the year.

**Motion to adjourn. at 7:36 p.m. by Kirt van Poolen Second: Chuck Smith AIF**



Region 3 Board of Directors Chuck Smith, Diane Wingle, Brandy Ferganchick (outgoing), Jim Sinnett, Linell Miller-Inman (outgoing), Sherri Halligan, Beth Sims (outgoing), Janna Combs, Kirt van Poolen, Ginger Snip, Susan Peters, Betty Wolgram, Jenny Smith (Alternate)





### Greenland Clinic 2011 Call for Volunteers

The Third Annual Greenland Clinic will be held Saturday, May 14, 2011, at the Greenland Open Space (off I-25 between Monument and Castle Rock). This year's format will duplicate last year's successful event with Susie Witter providing an hour of lecture followed by a turn at the obstacle course and a 4 mile obstacle course.

The management team consists of Susie Witter, horsemanship judge; Bill and Diane Wingle, Trail Masters; Pam Galchutt, secretary; and Susan Peters, clinic manager. Again, we need enthusiastic NATRC volunteers to act as obstacle judges, safety riders, and P&R educators. We had a great group of riders and volunteers last year, and we had a grand time in spite of last year's cold, nasty weather. With a later date this year we are certain to have better weather!! Also, we expect to have a number of 4H participants in the clinic which is certain to make for a fun event. Please email Susan Peters [sapeters@pcisys.net](mailto:sapeters@pcisys.net) or 719-488-2267 if you would like to volunteer.

### Ride Manager Mentorship Opportunities

If you have thought you might want to try ride management but weren't sure about jumping headlong in it, Ride Manager mentorship opportunities are available at the Patriot's Ride (Air Force Academy over Memorial Day weekend) and at the Tarryall River Romp (August 6-7 west of Colorado Springs). You will work alongside an outstanding management team as the ride manager during the ride weekend. Optionally, you can be involved as much or as little as you like in the pre-planning and the post reporting phases of the ride. Contact Susan Peters at 719-488-2267 [sapeters@pcisys.net](mailto:sapeters@pcisys.net) for more information

### Important Announcement Regarding RMS – the Online Ride Registration System

After paying your dues for 2011, it is extremely important that you update your membership expiration date on the RMS online registration system. Even lifetime members need to complete the update. If you don't do the update, you will be registered as a non-member for rider fees and this causes a big headache for both you and the ride management.

To update: Log on to the RMS system. You can do that through the Region 3 website at [www.natrc3.org](http://www.natrc3.org) and click on RMS or you can go [www.natrc5.org/rms/Logon](http://www.natrc5.org/rms/Logon) and enter your ID and password. If you have forgotten your Log On information, there is a space to enter your e-mail address and it will be mailed to you. Some of you may have been entered by ride managers by proxy, so this is a good method to try first before you attempt to register for an account. If you are sure that you have never signed up for RMS, look for the "Don't have an account? Click here" and then follow the instructions to form an account.

After you are logged on to RMS, look under Manage Profile and then next to Rider Profile, click on GO. Check all your information and make any needed changes to address, phone, e-mail, etc. If this information is correct, then update your membership expiration date. Members who have renewed should enter the new expiration date of 12/31/2011. Lifetime members should enter 12/31/2199 again. Then click on "Update Rider" and click on "Return." You will be taken back to the Main Menu and just click on Logout and you are through.

I know that all renewing members in our region are honest and would not even dream of updating their membership expiration date without having renewed. The National NATRC office does, however, send a membership list to all ride managers just prior to their ride which shows new members and membership renewals to avoid any confusion with the RMS System.

Updating your membership expiration date will avoid a lot of unnecessary hassle on your part and on ride management's hardworking ride secretaries, so please take the few minutes to complete this task. If you have any difficulties at all, please feel free to contact me at [bkwranch@hughes.net](mailto:bkwranch@hughes.net) or our Region 3 RMS Administrator Susan Peters at [sapeters@pcisys.net](mailto:sapeters@pcisys.net) and we'll be glad to help. Thanks so much.

Submitted by: Betty Wolgram, President  
Region 3



Region 3 Open Lightweight Horsemanship placers Brandy Ferganchick, 1<sup>st</sup>; Roxann Lane, 2<sup>nd</sup>; Judy Mason, 3<sup>rd</sup>; Cheryl Jarrett, 4<sup>th</sup>; Susan Peters, 5<sup>th</sup>; Gwen Brown, 6<sup>th</sup>

Region 3  
Competitive  
Pleasure  
Horse placers  
Bill Wingle,  
5<sup>th</sup>; Diane  
Wingle, 3<sup>rd</sup>  
(tie); Betty  
Wolgram, 1<sup>st</sup>;  
Sherri  
Halligan, 2<sup>nd</sup>;  
Linell Miller-  
Inman, 3<sup>rd</sup>  
(tie)

