

# The Leadline



The Voice of NATRC Region 1 Competitive Trail Riding

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## NATRC Region 1 Convention and Awards Luncheon

The 2018 Region 1 Convention will be held at the Sonoma County Driving and Riding Club in Santa Rosa, CA on Saturday, March 3, 2018. Photographs from the 2017 R1 convention, held at the same venue, can be viewed on the [R1 website](#). This venue was well received last year and we look forward to more good times, good food and a chance to catch up with friends and fellow riders before the competitive ride season begins. Please plan to join us.

Davern Kroncke has agreed to be the convention manager again in 2018. Please contact Davern ([horsies4dk@gmail.com](mailto:horsies4dk@gmail.com)) if you know of vendors who might wish to participate or if you have any ideas that she can use for the convention. Last year Stephanie Swain shared a warning about stinging nettles at Point Reyes and the dangerous allergic reactions a horse can have. If there are other trail stories or useful rider information, please contact Davern so we can share it at convention.

Conventions are a lot of work and help is always needed, whether it be physical work or ideas. Contact Davern if you can help out. One important way to help is soliciting raffle and silent auction items, both for the convention and the 2018 benefit ride. Every item helps raise funds for Region 1. Please keep this in mind over the winter and holidays and set aside any items you are willing to donate. January is a good time of year to solicit donations as businesses are usually more willing to part with left over items from the holidays and clear out room for incoming summer items.

Region 1 is now officially a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and can provide a tax deductible donation receipt! Donation receipts are available from the R1 treasurer, Linda Thomason ([linda.thomason0610@gmail.com](mailto:linda.thomason0610@gmail.com)).

We have two interesting speakers for the 2018 convention:

**1. Maxine Freitas**, Equine Science Program Coordinator and Instructor at Santa Rosa Junior College. She is the founder and director of Equi-Ed. The power, strength and gentleness of the horse is used to improve the lives of those with physical and emotional challenges. Watch the organization's [video](#) for more information.

**2. Kathy Campbell**. Kathy is a former fire fighter, NATRC competitor in the 1980's, and AERC competitor. Kathy rode Tevis in 1991 on a horse conditioned to NATRC Open standards. She is currently involved with AERC International as a chief steward for FEI level endurance. She has researched hydration in the distance horse and how it affects the horse before the ride, during and after. She feels that we owe our horses the best possible and most knowledgeable support as we ask them to perform in ways they were not designed for. Come hear some of the current updates on hydration.

The Region 1 mini-convention is open to everyone. Bring your riding friends, listen to these interesting speakers and join in the camaraderie.

Additional information will be sent out over the next 2 months, and in January we should have the registration forms available on the Region 1 website.

Contact Linda Thomason, [linda.thomason0610@gmail.com](mailto:linda.thomason0610@gmail.com) 510-708-1439 for more information.

## Chairman's Message. . .

With the ride season well over and now heading in the Holiday season as I write this, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all Happy Holidays.

If you're planning on going to the national convention this next year, check out all the details and info on the [national website](#). While you're at it, check out Region 1's site, <http://www.natrcregion1.org>, for details on our regional convention.

I hope to see all of you at all of next year's rides.

Region 1 Chair,

*Steve Meroshnekoff*

## Award Sponsors Are Needed!

Region 1 year-end awards are just around the corner and will be presented to the winners during the Region 1 Mini-Convention on March 3rd. Please consider supporting your region by sponsoring an award. Your donations help R1 to continue giving high quality year-end awards.

The cost of sponsoring an award is:

- ▶ \$100 for a first place Horse or Horsemanship Award for each of the classes (a total of 6 awards for 2017)
- ▶ \$50 per class for ribbons, Horse or Horsemanship (a total of 6 ribbon sets). Classes available this year for sponsorship are: Open LWT, Novice JR & Competitive Pleasure.
- ▶ \$65 for a special memorial award. These include: Bob Smith Perpetual Award (High Point First Year Novice/CP horse); and the Pat Ersepke Memorial Award (High Point Novice Horse/Rider Combination).

Any other donations in the amount of your choice will, of course, be gratefully accepted. You might even consider getting together with someone to sponsor a class or memorial award together.

Contact Betty Young at 530-222-2978 for more information or to reserve a particular award.

Please mail your donation, made out to NATRC Region 1, specifying your first and second choice of awards that you wish to sponsor. Kindly send them by Feb. 19th so that your sponsorship can be acknowledged in the awards program.

Mail to:

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Thank you in advance for your support of Region 1.

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See [www.natrc.org](http://www.natrc.org) for a complete list National Board members and Committees.



# LOST!!

Does anyone know the whereabouts of the perpetual wooden plaque that went with the Pat Ersepke Award prior to about 2014? It had been filled with names over the years and was replaced with a new one. But we would very much like to get the old one back for safe keeping with our historian. If you can provide any leads to its location, that would be greatly appreciated!

Contact Betty Young at [pbyoung@sunset.net](mailto:pbyoung@sunset.net).

## Junior Rider Rebate

Junior riders who are NATRC members by the second Sunday in November of a ride year and complete 3 or more rides in that same ride year are eligible to receive a rebate of \$30 per completed ride for up to 3 rides. Please contact [Linda Thomason](mailto:Linda.Thomason@natrc.org), R1 Treasurer, for more details.

# 2018 NATRC Region 1 Ride Schedule

<http://www.natrcregion1.org/>

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<b>May 19-20</b>	<b>Cowboy Camp</b> Co-chair: Jean Armer Co-chair: TBD Sec: Linda Thomason	Williams, CA (530) 755-8301  (510) 708-1439	"A" O/CP/N; "B" N <a href="mailto:armer@citlink.net">armer@citlink.net</a>  <a href="mailto:linda.thomason0610@gmail.com">linda.thomason0610@gmail.com</a>
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Business card—\$5

Classified ads are free to Region 1 members in good standing, one per issue, up to 30 words. Submit ads to the Editor via email or as hard copies via regular mail; hard copies will be scanned as submitted. Make checks payable to NATRC Region 1.

# Disaster Preparedness for Horses

By Linda Thomason

Adapted from: The Humane Society of the United States,  
2008, "Disaster Preparedness for Horses"



2017 saw some of the worst fires in California history. I know people who were impacted and people who were involved with horse rescue during the Napa area fires. Most of us hope it never happens to us and our four-legged friends, but if it does, we need to learn from this year's events and improve our emergency preparedness. Our horses and our other pets/ livestock depend on us for their safety.

Disclaimer: I am NOT an expert in emergency preparedness. However, I am an avid reader and a horse, dog and cat owner. Being the responsible party for my four-legged family, I decided to read several emergency preparedness articles, educate myself as to what I could do, and share this information with my NATRC friends.

I have limited my discussion primarily to fires since that is what affected us most dramatically this year. If you think that disasters only happen when you live on an earthquake fault line, flood plain or densely wooded area, you are mistaken. Disasters can happen anywhere and can include barn fires, hazardous material spills, propane line explosions, train derailments as well as forest/grass fires. Horses, due to their size and the requirements for transporting them, require extra consideration.

During an emergency, the time you have to evacuate your horses will be limited. If you wait too long or are unprepared, you may be told by emergency officials that you must leave your horses behind. If you leave your property, you have no way of knowing how long you'll be kept out, and your horses could be unattended for days.

So here is the information I've gathered:

**Barn Fires** (one of the leading disasters for horse owners). Barn fires can be a fire in a single building or the re-

sult of a major grass or forest fire. Some simple rules are:

1. No smoking around the barn.
2. Don't park tractors/vehicles inside the barn; engine heat and backfires can spark a flame.
3. Don't store flammable materials (gasoline etc.) inside the barn.
4. Keep appliances to a minimum. Don't run fans, space heaters, or radios when no one is around.
5. Inspect electrical systems regularly. Rodents can chew through wiring insulation and cause damage that can become a fire hazard.
6. Make sure hay is dry before storing it. Moist hay can spontaneously combust over time. Store hay outside the barn in a covered, dry area if possible.
7. Keep aisles, stall doors and barn doors free of debris and equipment. If you need to evacuate quickly, you need a clear path.
8. Mount fire extinguishers around the stable, especially at entrances. Check yearly for expiration dates. Teach yourself and others on your property how to use them properly!
9. Post emergency telephone numbers at each telephone and entrance. Include phone numbers for the barn manager or owner, veterinarian, local emergency responders and the numbers of other qualified horse handlers who might be able to help in an emergency (especially if there are not enough trailers on the property to evacuate all horses). Keep your barn's street address CLEARLY posted so that anyone responding to the fire can call 911 and emergency services with the correct location.
10. Consider installing smoke alarms and/or heat sensors in the barn.
11. California law requires 100 feet of defensible space (free of flammable vegetation and other materials) around your home and other structures. For some specific information see: <http://www.readyforwildfire.org/Defensible-Space>.
12. For a fast moving grass fire, your horses may be able to survive if they are turned out in a large open area or a plowed field or a large fenced arena. This doesn't work well if the areas are surrounded by thick woods and brush because of the intense heat that is generated.
13. In a fire or storm, do not turn the horse loose in a pasture with power lines running through it; these can come down and create a major problem.
14. Make sure to keep 3-7 days' worth of hay and grain available for emergencies. Roads may be closed and you may not have access to feed.
15. Keep water troughs full and plan on having a generator to run the water well pump if the power is out. You can always fill garbage cans with plastic bags and fill them with water. Plan to have 12-20 gallons of water per day per horse.
16. Keep chlorine bleach on hand to purify contaminated water. To purify water, add two drops of chlorine bleach per quart of water and let stand for 30 minutes. Good for human consumption too!

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17. ALWAYS have an emergency medical kit in the barn and horse trailer. Check yearly for expired or contaminated products.
18. Prepare a "tool" emergency kit consisting of hammer, nails, wire cutters, chain saw and fuel, fence repair tools and anything else you can think of for emergency repairs.
19. After the fire has passed through, walk the pastures to remove any dangerous debris and check for hot spots.
20. If you have used Red Maple trees for landscaping, make sure that no branches fell or blew in the pasture. Just a few wilted leaves are very toxic to horses. Clinical signs of Red Maple toxicity are dark, chocolate colored gums, anorexia and red urine. Contact the vet! Although Red Maples are primarily an East Coast tree, their use has spread and there are trees found in the Pacific Northwest.
21. Consider hosting an open house for emergency services personnel in your area to familiarize them with your property layout and so that you can provide a demonstration of proper horse handling. Some of them may never have been around horses!
22. Familiarize your horse with emergency procedure activity and sounds. Get your horse familiar with flashlights, flashing lights from emergency responder vehicles, water hoses, human noise. **Train it to load into a horse trailer at night.**

In Case of a barn fire: Call 911 or local emergency services. **DON'T** enter the barn if it's already engulfed! If safe to enter the barn, evacuate horses one at a time starting with the most accessible horse. **Always use a halter and lead rope when you open stall doors as horses have a tendency to run back into a burning barn out of fear and confusion.**

Move horses to a safe place, far enough away from the burning area.

**NEVER let a horse loose in an area where they're able to run back to the barn!**

After the fire, check each horse's eyes and limbs for damage. Make sure a veterinarian checks all horses as smoke inhalation can cause serious lung damage and respiratory complications. Horses are also more prone to colic after the stress of a fire.

**Horse Evacuation Tips:**

1. Make prior arrangements to have your horse trailered if you're not there or if you don't own a trailer. **MAKE SURE your horse is trained to load into a trailer.** Practice even if you don't often trailer off the property. If your horse can't be loaded, he/she may be left behind.
2. Know where you can take your horses in an emergency. Contact local animal care and control agencies for information about shelters in your area.
3. Inform friends and neighbors of your evacuation plans. Post detailed instructions in several places: barn, tack room, horse trailer, barn entrances. Make sure this information is readily available to emergency workers in case you aren't able to evacuate your horses yourself.
4. Place your horse's Coggins test, veterinary papers, identification photos and vital information (such as medical history, allergies, and emergency phone number of family, friends, the horse's vet etc.) in a watertight envelope. Store the envelope in a safe place that can be quickly reached. Friends and family should know how to locate this information.
5. Most articles recommend a leather halter. Nylon halters can snag on debris and trap the horses. Also, you can attach a metal ID tag to leather halters - similar to what you put on your saddle.
6. Be sure each horse has some form of ID, especially if they are being transported to evacuation shelters. Some ideas presented were:
  - Keep chalk/paint handy, if there is nothing else available,

mark your name and phone number on the horse.

- Use luggage ID tags, label them with a waterproof marker and braid into the horse's tail.
- Attach some form of waterproof ID to horse halters. If all else fails, duct tape a zip lock bag onto the horse's halter which contains owner name, markings/breed of horse for ID purposes and contact phone numbers.

I hope and pray you won't need to use this information in a real life emergency, but being prepared may save your horse's life.

I would like to take this opportunity to express Region 1's loving thoughts and prayers to all those who endured and/or suffered losses in this year's fires. The horse community is a close knit group and what affects one, affects all of us. Although I was not physically near the fires, I spent many sleepless nights worrying about friends and animals. It will take a lot of time and effort to fix the broken lives, but please know that you all have friends to help you along the journey.

## Ride Managers!

\$ Apply for a grant of up to \$1,000 to help defray the upfront costs of your NATRC sanctioned CTR.

ONLY 2 REQUIREMENTS

- 1 Managers must be NATRC members.
- 2 1-page applications & supporting papers must be submitted 90 days prior to the ride.

To apply, download application at [natrc.org](http://natrc.org).

## RIDE MANAGEMENT SUPPORT FUND

## 2017 Region 1 Year-End Point Standings

Must have completed 3 rides

### Novice Heavyweight - Horse

None qualified

### Novice Lightweight - Horse

None qualified

### Novice Junior - Horse

PI	Horse	Breed	Rider	Pts	Miles
1	Lucky Eddie	Grade	Anais Monlux / Grace Boles	28	100
2	Denebaborr	Arab	Alexis DiMartino	23	140
2	Desert Whiskey	Mustang	Claire Cichocki	23	100

### Novice Heavyweight - Rider

None qualified

### Novice Lightweight - Rider

None qualified

### Novice Junior - Rider

PI	Rider	Pts	Miles
1	Natalie Niderost	37	120
2	Claire Cichocki	33	120
3	Grace Boles	25	100
4	Alexis DiMartino	22	140

### Competitive Pleasure - Horse

PI	Horse	Breed	Rider	Pts	Miles
1	OM El Sharav	Arab	Ashley Dillard	56	160
2	OM El Shakeeb Dream	Arab	Joe Dillard	54	160
3	OM El Bilbao	Arab	Debbie York	34	120
4	Dundee's Playboy Bunny	MFT	Robyn Berwick	28	120
5	Pistol Pete DF	Arab	Jean Armer	20	120
6	Bodacious Tailfeathers	Grade	Kay Lieberknecht	19	140

### Competitive Pleasure - Rider

PI	Rider	Pts	Miles
1	Ashley Dillard	58	160
2	Joe Dillard	50	160
3	Kay Lieberknecht	31	140
4	Debbie York	30	120
5	Robyn Berwick	22	120
6	Jean Armer	20	120

### Open Heavyweight - Horse

None qualified

### Open Lightweight - Horse

PI	Horse	Breed	Rider	Pts	Miles
1	Desert Reinbeau	Must	Angie Meroshnekoff	44	240

### Open Heavyweight - Rider

None qualified

### Open Lightweight - Rider

PI	Rider	Pts	Miles
1	Angie Meroshnekoff	38	240

### Open Junior - Horse

None qualified

### Open Junior - Rider

None qualified

## Combined

### Novice Lightweight

None qualified

### Novice Heavyweight

None qualified

### Novice Junior

PI	Horse	Breed	Rider	Pts
1	Desert Whiskey	Mustang	Claire Cichocki	56
2	Denebaborr	Arab	Alexis DiMartino	45
3	Lucky Eddie	Grade	Grace Boles	42

### Competitive Pleasure

PI	Horse	Breed	Rider	Pts
1	OM El Sharav	Arab	Ashley Dillard	114
2	OM El Shakeeb Dream	Arab	Joe Dillard	104
3	OM El Bilbao	Arab	Debbie York	64
4	Dundee's Playboy Bunny	MFT	Robyn Berwick	50
4	Bodacious Tailfeathers	Arab	Kay Lieberknecht	50
5	Pistol Pete DF	Arab	Jean Armer	40

### Open Heavyweight

None qualified

### Open Lightweight

PI	Horse	Breed	Rider	Pts
1	Desert Reinbeau	Must	Angie Meroshnekoff	82

### Open Junior

None qualified

# NORTH AMERICAN TRAIL RIDE CONFERENCE



## YEAR-END AWARD SPONSORSHIP

NATRC™ invites you to consider sponsoring a year-end award. Make this your yearly tax-deductible donation to NATRC. We appreciate any individual sponsorship or that of a club or business. Your sponsorships ensure the continued high quality of our awards. All sponsorships will be acknowledged in *Hoof Print*.

You may sponsor entire awards, portions of awards, or a certain horse's or rider's award. We try to accommodate requests for specific sponsorships. Please indicate both a first and second choice. Date of receipt will receive priority. The awards will be presented at our national convention. See [www.natrc.org](http://www.natrc.org) for registration information.

PRESIDENTS CUP: \_\_\_ SILVER BUCKLE: \$150 \_\_\_ BLANKET: \$135 \_\_\_ RIBBON: \$10

NATIONAL CHAMPION HORSE: \_\_\_ BLANKET: \$135 Horse Name \_\_\_\_\_  
NATIONAL CHAMPION HORSE: \_\_\_ BUCKLE: \$135 Horse Name \_\_\_\_\_  
NATIONAL CHAMPION HORSE: \_\_\_ JACKET: \$100 Horse Name \_\_\_\_\_

JIM MENEFFEE HIGH POINT COMBINATION HORSE/HORSEMANSHIP: \_\_\_ SILVER BUCKLE: \$150 \_\_\_ RIBBON: \$10

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OVERALL HIGH AVERAGE COMPETITIVE PLEASURE HORSE AWARD: \_\_\_ SILVER BUCKLE: \$150 \_\_\_ RIBBON: \$10

OVERALL HIGH AVERAGE COMPETITIVE PLEASURE HORSEMANSHIP: \_\_\_ SILVER BUCKLE: \$150 \_\_\_ RIBBON: \$10

OVERALL HIGH POINT OPEN & CP HORSE AWARDS: Total Needed - Four Sets: Heavyweight, Lightweight, Junior, and Competitive Pleasure.

\_\_\_ SET of SIX RIBBONS (First through sixth place): \$60/set: Division/Class \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_ SINGLE RIBBON (First through sixth place): \$10/ea  
Horse Name \_\_\_\_\_ Region \_\_\_\_\_

OVERALL HIGH POINT OPEN & CP HORSEMANSHIP AWARDS: Total Needed - Four Sets: Open Heavyweight, Lightweight, Junior, and Competitive Pleasure.

\_\_\_ SET OF SIX RIBBONS (First through sixth place): \$60/set: Division/Class \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_ SINGLE RIBBON (First through sixth place): \$10/ea  
Rider Name \_\_\_\_\_ Region \_\_\_\_\_

REGION HORSE & RIDER TEAM AWARDS: Total Needed - 42: Seven Sets per region for seven regions.

\_\_\_ SET of RIBBONS (First through sixth place): \$60/set Region \_\_\_ R1 \_\_\_ R1A \_\_\_ R2 \_\_\_ R3 \_\_\_ R4 \_\_\_ R5 \_\_\_ R6  
Division \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_ SINGLE RIBBON: \$10 Horse & Rider's Names: \_\_\_\_\_ Region \_\_\_\_\_  
Division: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

SPONSOR NAME & ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_ and Email address \_\_\_\_\_

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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT. WE APPRECIATE IT!**

# National Board of Directors Meeting Summary

Kansas City 11/10-11/ 2017

Submitted by Angie Meroshnekoff & Jamie Dieterich

The NBOD met in a formal session Friday evening, 11-10-17, to discuss our finances and our future. At the end of September, our expenses had exceeded our income by \$10,000. Ride numbers and membership, the two biggest factors in driving our income, have been declining over the last 5 years. We will be revisiting our strategic plan next year. Comments and/or ideas welcome.

Barriers to recruitment and retention could include cost, rules, judging, distance. We discussed the option of adding, on a trial basis for now, a type "C" introductory ride to hopefully help draw people in; 10-12 miles long, basic judging, reduced ride fee. This would address cost and distance concerns. The hope is that riders would be enticed to move up to other divisions and would give us a chance to evaluate the appeal (or not).

We've included marketing in our budget for a few years but haven't come up with the right manpower to do it. We agree that ride managers and all our other volunteers are stretched thin enough already. Marketing help has to come from outside.

Formal meeting all day Saturday, 11-11-17.

Membership- 65 people who took advantage of the free new membership in 2016 signed up as paying members for 2017. So far for 2017 we have 207 new members

Revisions to the bylaws – approved by the all of the membership returning votes to Sarah; approved by

the NBOD. Thank you all who took the time to read them and vote.

Proposed rule changes. We all hate to spend too much time on rules, but we all need to be aware of the changes.

The proposal to allow the use of ice boots passed. Be sure to check with the veterinary judge for any time restrictions.

The proposal to split CP into Adult and Junior classes passed.

The proposals to allow Novice Juniors to accrue more points before "novicing out" and to allow them to compete in Novice Heavyweight and Lightweight classes passed.

The proposal to change the requirements for National Championships (for placings, B rides would count as ½) passed. Although data for 2016 shows that only 1 CP horse and 2 Open horses ended up using B rides in their ride count, it seems to be a matter of perception and a big problem in other regions.

From Equisure – our policy states dogs must be on a leash and not in the management area. There seem to be several rides where this is overlooked, and we were reminded to all help monitor this.

There were two drug test positives in 2017. For 2018, all rides will pay \$5/horse (CA rides will not have to pay the NATRC drug testing fee as we have to pay CA). All regions will be tested, including CA rides.

Scorecards. We all want to see the official ride results as soon as possible.

Inaccuracies on scorecards from riders entering the wrong information when they sign up to judges scoring inconsistently to math errors to errors in data entry in RMS can all delay the process. Do what you do correctly.

CRI. The NBOD approved a protocol last July and a scoring method at the November meeting. We'll use the median count, start deductions at 14 (instead of 13 as for P&R's) and use the second number if the count goes down. Thus a 13/15 would be scored as a 14 (-1), but a 15/13 would get no deductions. The ride chair has the final say if it is used or not. The CRI gives valid, objective information about the metabolic status of the horse.

RMS. Jamie is part of a small committee working with Peter Yovich to make several "quick fixes" to RMS. Bigger improvements to come.

Honorary and appreciation. Greg Fellers, a joint nomination from R1 and R2, was chosen to receive the honorary Lifetime Achievement Award. Linda Thomason was one of two selected for the Worker's Hall of Fame. Phil Young was one of three selected for National Appreciation.

Elections.

President – Angie re-elected (she's doing a great job, by the way)  
VP – Shari Parys (R6) re-elected  
Treasurer – Gayle Munch (R4).  
More complete minutes will appear in *Hoof Print*.

## News From California Animal Health Division

Submitted by Dr. Greg Fellers, DVM

The Animal Health Division is now paying border entry personnel to stop incoming livestock transport and to inspect papers on every vehicle. So entry or re-entry has become a much more laborious process. The Division has created an Equine Only - California Entry Document. It can be downloaded from the website and, if filled out ahead of time, can really expedite the process. The link for the form is [here](#).



## Minutes of the NATRC Region 1 Board of Directors Meeting

Meeting held at Santa Rosa, CA,  
March 4, 2017

### Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 3:56 pm by Chair, Steve Meroshnekoff.

Present: Stephanie Swain, Linda Thomason, Angie Meroshnekoff, Steve Meroshnekoff, Phil Young, Davern Kroncke, Donna Stidolph, Lee Cannon and Jamie Dieterich (by phone).

Guest: Betty Young

### Election Results:

Steve Meroshnekoff (3-year term), Lee Cannon (3-year term)

### Election of Officers:

Treasurer – Linda Thomason  
Secretary – Stephanie Swain  
Chair – Steve Meroshnekoff

### Secretary's Report:

Minutes of meeting held 29 January 2017. Linda moved to approve, Phil seconded. All agreed.

### Treasurer's Report:

Detailed report submitted electronically via email.

Checking balance: \$24,251.80 (as of 02/28/17)

- increase of 3322.89 over 01/01/16
- 2016 National Convention netted 3915.76
- 2016 Benefit Ride made 2429.80
- 2016 NBOD expenses 3735.45

2016 End of Year Awards expenses not in yet, but sponsorships were down from 2015.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Physical Resource Coordinator:** Linda Thomason. Angie moved to sell the laptop, Linda seconded. All agreed.

**Historian:** Davern Kroncke – Boxes have been inventoried. Angie to borrow some photos to scan.

**Wonder Workers:** Steve Meroshnekoff - No update. Betty will watch for jacket sale for next year.

**Points/Membership:** Donna Stidolph – Working on 2017 roster; awaiting spring renewals to finalize.

**Publicity/Outreach Coordinator:** Linda Thomason – advertisements to be placed in BAEN, California Horse Trader, CMDTRA, Horse'n Around calendar, Loomis Basin Horseman's Assoc., and California Horse Property website. Per Angie, Jonni Jewell did a Facebook poll that showed 75% of participants found NATRC by word of mouth. With that in mind, Angie suggested we carry brochures and copies of ride calendar to give to interested parties.

**The Leadline:** Phil Young – submitted his bill for the cost of the past three (3) issues of LL - ~\$186.00. Only about 30 print copies being mailed, so the cost per copy has increased.

**National BOD:** Angie Meroshnekoff and Jamie Dieterich  
Drug fee will increase from \$3 to \$5 as of November 2017 (start of new ride season); CA already pays \$5.

Rule Proposals:

Rule adjustment to bring mileage into line with AHA requirements – 25 miles for completion of CP B ride, 35 miles for completion of Open B ride. Jamie to send written explanation.

- 1) Region 1A – create a national championship system for CP which would mirror Open.
- 2) Ice boots – currently ice can be held on the horse by hand; this would change the rule to allow ice to be attached by the use of wraps/boots.
- 3) Create a Junior CP class.
- 4) Raise the point level for Nov-ice-out to 5 firsts, 225 points (currently 5 firsts, 160 points), and 14 & over; any rider under 14 can stay in Novice.
- 5) National Championship criteria – concern that some rides have 2 B rides and riders do both B rides to get more placings.

**Region 1 Website:** Angie Meroshnekoff and Jamie Dieterich – Donna is doing a great job!

**Ride/Clinic Management:** Jamie Dieterich – Stephanie to look into locations for May/June 2017 clinic location; Linda looking into 'Camelot' at Lake Oroville for 2018 clinic.

**Benefit Ride:** per Jean Armer – We

have insurance, sanction, awards, Vet judge confirmed. Schlerf's will cook. Linda will contact BLM/CDF re: water after 4/2. Still need horsemanship judge.

**Trails Advocacy Coordinator:** Linda to write advertisement for trails advocacy coordinator position to be posted in the Leadline.

**Bylaws:** Jamie Dieterich, Phil Young – to be amended at a later date as required by incorporation.

**Judging Issues:** Angie Meroshnekoff, Jamie Dieterich – looking at obstacles and how much influence they have in rides – holdups on trail due to obstacles give advantage to first horses/riders through, result in either rest or anxiety for those waiting. Send letter to ride managers stating that they have the ultimate authority and need to tell judges to minimize holdups on trail - need to get away from staged obstacles.

### OLD BUSINESS:

501(c)(3) Incorporation – Amended Articles of Incorporation (with similar wording to Region 2's, which were approved) to be submitted soon (goal is by May). Filed for tax extension to end of year. Linda's CPA is donating his time to review and file the documents.

### NEW BUSINESS:

Establish reading of action items before the close of each BOD meeting, complete with assignee and due date. Give status report at start of next meeting.

### NEXT MEETING:

Time: 11:00 am

Date: 26 May 2017

Location: Round Valley Ride, Brentwood, CA

### CLOSE OF MEETING:

Stephanie Swain moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:24 pm; Linda Thomason seconded. All agreed.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Stephanie Swain

# Minutes of the NATRC Region 1 Board of Directors Meeting

Meeting held at Cache Creek, CA, May 19 2017.

### Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at approximately 12:00 pm by Chair, Steve Meroshnekoff.

Present: Linda Thomason, Angie Meroshnekoff, Steve Meroshnekoff, Phil Young, Davern Kroncke, Donna Stidolph, Lee Cannon and Stephanie Swain (arrived late) Absent: Jamie Dieterich (excused). Guests: Betty Young, Jean Armer and Kim Ross

### Secretary's Report:

Need approval of minutes of meeting held 04 March 2017. Minutes read and approved.

### Treasurer's Report:

Submitted electronically.  
Checking balance: \$24,302.69 (as of 05/16/17)  
Since submission new expenses include: 50 rosters for \$70, \$50 for Leadline, and \$53 for docs for Benefit Ride.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Physical Resource Coordinator:** Linda Thomason – Report submitted via email

**Historian:** Davern Kroncke – No report

**Wonder Workers:** Steve Meroshnekoff - No update

**Points/Membership:** Donna Stidolph – 2017 roster is completed

**Publicity/Outreach Coordinator:** Linda Thomason – Report submitted via email

**The Leadline:** Phil Young – No report

**National BOD:** Angie Meroshnekoff and Jamie Dieterich

R1 vote on 2018 Proposed Rule changes:

- 1) Ice boots – currently ice can be held on the horse by hand; this would change the rule to allow ice to be attached by the use of wraps/boots. R1 votes NO – all against
- 2) Create a Junior CP division. R1 votes YES – all agreed
- 3) Juniors can compete as adults in Novice (HW/LW); raise the point level for Novice-out to 5 firsts, 225 points (currently 5 firsts, 160 points), and 14 & over; any rider under 14 can stay in Novice – R1 votes YES – 7 agreed, 1 abstained
- 4) National Championship criteria – change qualification criteria from 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> place in any type of ride in any 2 states or Regions (2 rides), to 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> place in 2 rides in any 2 states or Regions, where an A ride counts as one ride and a B ride counts as half a ride (e.g. 4 B rides would count as 2 rides) - R1 votes YES – all agreed

Proposed rule adjustments:

- 1) R1A National Championship can take 3 years to quality; proposed CP National Championship criteria to mirror Open criteria. YES - All agreed.
- 2) Rule adjustment for mileage to allow horses to get AHA credit. AHA requires 25 miles for Novice, 35 miles for Open. Proposal to change NATRC mileages from 15-24 miles for a Novice B ride to 15-25, not to exceed 25; and from

30 miles for an Open B ride to 35 miles. YES – all agreed

**Region 1 Website:** Angie Meroshnekoff and Jamie Dieterich – Website is looking great!

**Ride/Clinic Management:** Jamie Dieterich – 2017 Ride Schedule submitted via email.

**Trails Advocacy Coordinator:** Open Position – ad in Leadline.

**Bylaws:** Jamie Dieterich, Phil Young – see Linda's report

**Judging Issues:** Angie Meroshnekoff, Jamie Dieterich – No report

### OLD BUSINESS:

501(c)(3) Incorporation – Amended Articles of Incorporation have been approved, CPA to file with State of California. Once recorded by the state, the Articles will be submitted to the Internal Revenue Service. Initially, this may have some tax implications for the current year, but should that happen, a form will be filed for reimbursement.

### NEW BUSINESS:

2018 Mini Convention – propose to hold at Sonoma County Driving and Riding Clubhouse again, speaker topic to be Dealing with Horse Emergencies and Emergency Preparedness. Note: 2018 National Convention to be hosted by R3 in Albuquerque, NM; 2019 National Convention to be hosted by R2 in Reno, NV.

### NEXT MEETING:

Time: TBD  
Date: 13 October 2017 (Friday) – If not at ride, possibly 15 October at Davern's?  
Location: TBD

### CLOSE OF MEETING:

Steve Meroshnekoff moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:57 pm; Stephanie Swain seconded. All agreed.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Stephanie Swain



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	1-Year	3-Year			
ADULT .....	___ \$60	___ \$165	Single adult member (1 vote)	ADULT .....	___ \$ 5,000 (1 vote)
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