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TAIL WINDS

It's hard to believe it's nearly time for a new ride season to begin! Hopefully, as spring melts into summer and the weather warms, everyone will plan to ride or work and, either way, bring some new people along.

I would like to welcome our two newly elected Region 1 Board members, Gene Boicelli and Stephanie Swain. Both will bring energy, new ideas and perspectives to the Board. I look forward to working with them.

A special thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make our National Convention a successful event. I personally really enjoyed the Dave Stamey concert on Friday evening. He is a very fun and entertaining Country singer with local roots. One of his song titles, "Come Ride With Me", even matches NATRC's slogan (I kept wanting to sing "Come Ride With Us"). AND, what a surprise to find out that our own Ashley Dillard was his eighth grade teacher!!

Hope to see you all at the rides.

Phil Young, Chairman

Malikah's First Year

by Karina Hoog

I am glad I went to the Convention. It was great to meet/see everybody again and see what's going on. It was particularly nice to see that there is open talking about issues. (No, I won't talk about speed) It was great to be there, and it was nice to connect with the group.

It was with VERY great pleasure for me to see Malikah doing so well. She is (was) a LBI (left brain introvert, now much more extrovert) in Parelli language, and was always underestimated even by vets since she seemed sometimes too relaxed - like not wanting to go. We were both green when we started together, so SHE took care of ME and then suddenly I wanted her to walk faster, longer, wilder..... to get the right forward took me a long time. That's why I was SO MUCH full of joy on that first wet Diablo ride - that was the very first time I did NOT make her get going. She found her love and I did too, and all the rain couldn't change that. It was the proof for me of what I knew is under her hood. We needed/enjoyed the challenge to learn to bring it out. She is easily bored, and doing the slow part of LSD (just walking) was pretty boring for both of us. But that time is over now.....

As recipients of the Bob Smith award for 2009, I also would like to let you know about how we felt: Happy. Confident. Helpful.

Nothing is perfect, but it was close to it.

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National Board of Directors Meeting Report

In case you missed it, Region 1 hosted the NATRC National Convention February 19-20 in Reno, NV. It was informative, fun, and productive.

Financially, we've decreased our deficit. The best thing we can do to improve the bottom line is to have more members, more rides and more riders. If you haven't renewed for 2010, please do so. And get a friend to join!

There are several rule change proposals. The full text of these can be seen in the Hoof Print. PLEASE talk about these with others and with your R1 Board of Directors (Phil Young, Jim Ferris, Angie and Steve Meroshnekoff, Linda Thomason, Stephanie Swain, Gene Boicelli, Jamie Dieterich and Sue Flagg. The process is that new proposals are presented at the February National Board meeting, the wording is finalized (or completely rejected) at the July meeting, and they are voted on at the November meeting. We welcome your comments all through the process.

There could also be some proposals for changes in the bylaws concerning how elections for our national board representatives are held. Again – wording will be finalized at the July meeting. Changes in the bylaws are voted on **by the entire membership**, so you'll have a direct say after the final wording is decided.

Our national sponsor chair has done a FANTASTIC job of getting sponsors for us. Please see the list elsewhere in this issue. Show your support by buying from them, and tell them "thanks" for being a sponsor of NATRC. Go to the R1 web site for links to their web sites.

This is the 50th year for NATRC, and our actual 50th anniversary will be celebrated at next year's national convention in Nashville, TN, February 10-13. Meanwhile, our national Marketing Committee has been busy developing ways to make us more visible and recognized. The National BOD approved a newer, simplified logo (shown below). It is essentially what we've had before, but simplified to not include the map in the background.

More information and files you can use will be posted on the NATRC web site for your convenience.

A newly formed Technology Committee is developing a commercial subscriber-based mass email marketing system by Constant Contact to send news to different groups within NATRC. We'll get information to you when it's ready to go.



Respectfully submitted,
Jamie Dieterich

2010 Region 1 General Meeting Report

Since there was no Secretary present, this report is short and, of necessity, limited to my feeble memory. This meeting was held on 2-21-10.

Phil Young called the meeting to order shortly after the Region 1 Awards breakfast. There were roughly 30 brave souls in attendance, including most of the Region 1 Board Members.

The first order of business was to announce the results of the annual election. All of those running were elected. We have two new regular BOD Directors, Gene Boicelli and Stephanie Swain, both of whom are regular competitors. The one returning Director was Phil Young. It was also announced that, in a prior National election this year, Sue Flagg was elected as one of our Dual Directors (ones that serve on both the National BOD and the R1 BOD), replacing Lynne Hutnick. Jim Ferris was appointed at the National BOD meeting on the previous Thursday to serve out the remainder of Sue's Alternate Dual Director term.

The next order of business was an abbreviated financial report by the Treasurer, Jim Ferris. The Region still has a positive balance sheet. Further detail is elsewhere in this Leadline.

Phil Young then gave a report on meetings and discussions the R1 BOD had during the year regarding the direction they felt NATRC was heading and suggested changes. Those suggestions included, but were not limited to, providing more difference in pace and distance between the Divisions while staying within the current rules and providing a graduation in awards quality from Open to Novice, both for Ride and Year-end awards. After a lengthy but lively discussion, the

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consensus was for the BOD to continue trying to implement the changes and get feedback on the results.

Jamie Dieterich then gave a report on some of the rule changes and topics that National is proposing for next year. A lively discussion was held on those items as well. These will be covered in detail in the next issue of the Hoof Print.

The meeting was finally adjourned so that everyone could head home if they wished or attend the R1 BOD meeting which was to follow immediately in the Hospitality room.

Submitted by Phil Young

Letter to the Editor,

It was great to be at the NATRC National Convention in Reno this year. As always, it was so fun to put names to faces from other Regions, and reconnect with old friends. The organizers did a fabulous job.

Holding the convention in conjunction with AERC is always a great idea as we get access to a great trade show and excellent speakers. Hands down the most fascinating speaker was Jim Moore, with his animated models of the horse's gut to explain the mysteries of colic. No one who attended that talk will ever look at their horse the same way again!

Another excellent speaker was Rick Potts of the National Park Service. Here was our opportunity to interact with an inspirational man who is a fellow equestrian, who also happens to be in charge of the National Trails System. Wow! The really sad thing, however, was that Rick's two talks were both very sparsely attended. I mean, the speaker on horse nutrition had the place packed, but very few people bothered to hear about trails. I think this is a pretty sad statement about where a lot of people's priorities are. TRAILS are what we are about! TRAIL is the "T" in NATRC! There is no "H" in NATRC.

I know a lot of horse people think that preserving trails is someone's else's job, but some day a lot of us are going to find our trails closed. You may not feel like getting involved until it's YOUR trail that is threatened, but you can at least take advantage of an opportunity to hear a knowledgeable individual talk about trail preservation. You can hang on to some of those ideas for when you need them down the road. You can enjoy Rick's beautiful pictures of packing in the Bob Marshall Wilderness. I hope that next time we have someone to speak about saving our trails, you will at least take the time to listen. Those who did not hear Rick Potts missed out. I hope there will be a next time."

Thanks!

Helen Steenman

Convention Silent Auction and Raffle from Betty Young

I want to thank all of you who donated items for the Silent Auction and the raffle that took place at our National Convention in Reno. Because of your generosity, and all the great things we had to offer, the auction netted \$2,008.55, which includes \$250 earmarked for the Region 1 Junior Fund, and the raffle took in \$735.50, for a grand total of \$2,744.05. That amount will, I'm sure, make a big difference in the financial bottom line for the Convention.

Many Convention attendees commented on the wonderful array of items we had for the Silent Auction. Thanks again to everyone for coming through in such grand style!

Outreach/Publicity News

During the ride season, the Outreach person or Outreach helpers try to make first time competitors feel welcome to the sport of Competitive Trail and the NATRC family. We do this by visiting the first time rider campsites to say "hello", to answer questions and provide assistance in whatever way we can. New rider "welcome bags" are given out as well as an NATRC mug for the first time competitor high point horse/rider combination. Not all members are aware that there is someone at most rides to assist first time competitors. Please help new riders in whatever way you can but be aware that there usually is someone they can be directed to who can address their questions/concerns. If you find yourself parked next to a first time competitor, please make sure to ask who the Outreach person is for the ride (usually me or Sherry Lindley) and see that someone visits their campsite to offer assistance or just a welcome.

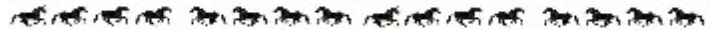
If you're a ride manager/ride secretary, please try to let the Outreach person at your ride know who the first time competitors are so that they can be welcomed. This information assists the Outreach person to keep track of the ride results and make sure that the first time high point rider/horse "NATRC Mug" is given.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Sherry Lindley for offering to assist me in doing Outreach at the rides this year. Sherry has volunteered in numerous capacities this past year and deserves a big ThankYou.

Here's to a great ride season. See you out on the trail.

Linda Thomason

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Return to the Livermore Wine Country for the 2011 Region One Mini-Convention

Having just braved the snow to attend the Reno convention, you're probably saying "What ?? Convention?? When?? As your friendly Convention Chairperson for 2011 I'm putting the bug in your ear for March, 2011 as we head back to the Bothwell Art Center and the Livermore Wine Country. The location, venue and hotel worked out well in 09 and the goal is an even more fun weekend in 2011. So friends, start thinking about suggestions for speakers, vendors, raffle items.... If you come across anything in the next few months that might be useful for convention, PLEASE let me know. During the next 10 months, please talk to local stores/manufacturers and help obtain raffle prizes etc. Let me know if you've heard a dynamic speaker and think this person might be suitable for our group. This is a great opportunity for new comers to pitch in and help the organization. Putting on a convention takes a lot effort and time (and Advil, etc) and we need the support of all members. Thanks in advance!!

For those of you who live in the Livermore area, please note that the Livermore museum on Main Street is presenting an exhibit through Spring and Summer focused on the contributions of the horse to the Livermore Valley.

Linda Thomason

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NATRC Region 1 2009 Awards Presentation

Welcome by Jamie Dieterich

Honoring:

Parents who helped with rides last year: David & Julia White, Catherine de la Cruz, Bob & Pam Dorsey, Brian and Darlene Schlerf. All the parents who helped and supported us along the way.

Credits:

Convention Chair: Sue Flagg

Convention Secretary: Lynne Hutnick

Convention Artwork: Nancy Bacon

Hospitality Room: Kathy Nixon and Diane Uchtyl

Bartenders: Helen Steenman, Michelle Pimentel, Joe Pimentel and Robert Weldin

Gift Baskets: Linda Thomason

NATRC Booth: Linda Cannon

Convention Program: Jamie Dieterich and Sue Flagg

Saturday Awards MC: Greg Fellers and Maria Pilgrim

Membership/Voting: Phil Young, Jim Ferris, and Sherry Lindley

Silent Auction and Raffle: Betty Young and Darlene Schlerf

Meal Arrangements: Sue Flagg

Caterer: Grand Sierra Resort & Casino

Table Decorations: Grand Sierra Resort & Casino

Awards: Kathy Nixon

Program: Jamie Dieterich

Photos: Jamie Dieterich, Bob Dorsey, Donna Stidolph, Lavonne Nicolai, Judy Hayamizu

Region One also sends special thanks and appreciation to Jim and Jan Jeffers. Jim and Jan have been huge contributors to our awards, especially the first place awards. They did the embroidery on the rump rugs for Novice, nylon blankets for CP, and coolers for Open horse awards, and on the jackets for all the horsemanship awards. They always give us a great price break. Our awards wouldn't be the same without their support and generosity.

Award Sponsors:

Sue Flagg – National Team Awards

Tom & Nancy Kasovich – Bob Smith Award

Ashley & Joe Dillard – Pat Ersepke Award

Lynne Hutnick & Lynda Burch – Duport Award

Kathy Nixon – Max Barmettler Award

Kathy Nixon – Breed Awards

Schlerf's – Open Junior 1st Place

Nancy Bacon – CP Rider Ribbons

Outgoing Board Members:

Lynne Hutnick (National BOD) and Robyn Berwick (Region 1 BOD)

Incoming Board Members:

Phil Young (re-elected), Gene Boicelli and Stephanie Swain. Sue Flagg new National Board representative, and Jim Ferris new alternate National Board representative.

Mentors:

Angie Meroshnekoff

Debbie Coe

Kay Lieberknecht

Ride Chairmen:

Ellen Pofcher – Mt. Diablo

Vickie Myers – Mt. Quarry

Helen Steenman – Georgetown

Laurie Knuutila - Challenge of the North

Kathryn Lewandowsky - Pilchuck

Steve Meroshnekoff – Jackson Forest

Chere Barger - Harvey Bear Ranch

Joe Pimentel – Oakland Hills/R1 Benefit Ride

Gene Boicelli – Round Valley

Region One Appreciation Certificates

Jean Armer

by Angie Meroshnekoff

Many riders who find themselves unable to ride their horse for a time due to an injury usually take advantage of that time to do something outside of NATRC. Not this recipient. Finding herself sidelined from surgery, she continued to go to every ride that season knowing that she could fill in and help wherever needed. This past year she was well enough to ride but found her horse wasn't, so once again, she volunteered her services at all the rides.

While none of us can remember quite how long, she has been a member of NATRC for a very, very long time. She is a person with a generous spirit and is willing to give

her time, knowledge or support to anyone in need. She can be counted on to offer a hand where needed or loan you any equipment you left at home

She is an experienced judge's secretary and has been an impromptu ride secretary. She's often found herself as ride timer, fill in cook, new rider buddy, P&R person and general gofer. She chaired the Region 1 Mini-Convention for several years, a project which is a huge undertaking.

Jean Armer, you have gone way above and beyond for us and your Region really appreciates you!

NATRC Region 1 2009 Awards Presentation, continued

Lee Canon

by Steve Meroshnekoff

Lee showed up at a ride several years ago at the P/R check in as a new volunteer. Lee had been around horses a lot, but had no real experience with NATRC, so I made him assistant timer.

Lee figured out that game very fast. One day I asked Lee if he could do P/R checks. Well, I got the same answer I usually get "I don't know about this." I hooked him up with an experienced teammate, and before long I had to break Lee off a team and place him on his own.

One day at the Jackson Forest Ride, I needed a driver for a judge, but we had no vehicle to drive around. Coming

to my rescue, he unhooked his truck from his horse trailer and became a judge's driver not knowing what he was getting into (the terrain at this ride is pretty darn tough and the driver's map was not the best).

It seems like every ride now is short a driver, so I do a search for Lee's campsite where I hear "I figured you would be looking for me, What do you need now?" with a big smile on his face.

We deeply appreciate Lee's becoming a reliable "Judge's Taxi".

Brian Schlerf

by Steve Meroshnekoff

I met Brian when his daughter started riding at our ranch about six months before my second ride at Jackson Forest. I learned Brian loves to barbeque, so I asked him if he could help out at as a cook at the ride. Brian said "Yup I can do that." Job title didn't matter to Brian, so there he was helping setting up the kitchen area, the lighting, the tables and organizing the kitchen trailer. After the first meal was served, Brian was heading out of camp to help with the "road crossing" as a crossing guard. Later that morning Brian was spotted cleaning up manure and helping fill water tanks in camp. He said he hated standing around. After the

ride Brian helped with breaking down the kitchen area, loading up all the equipment, securing all the lights, cleaning up all the manure in the camp and hauling a truckload of stuff back to my ranch.

Brian came along and offered to help at the next ride while his daughter, Haley, rode. It wasn't long before Brian was running the timing at the P&R's, loaning out his truck for driving the judges around, and doing anything else that needed to be done.

THANK YOU, Brian, for all you do!

Wonder Workers

Hats were presented to Neil Weber, Jean Armer and Brian Schlerf.

They were all thanked for their many years of dedicated help.

Region One Appreciation at the National Level

Chere Barger, Kitty Swindle, Judy Hayamizu
Lynne Hutnick

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National Appreciation

Peter Rich

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Quarter page—\$10
Business card—\$5

Classified ads free to Region One members in good standing, one per issue, up to 30 words. Ads may be emailed, or hard copies mailed to the editor can be scanned as submitted. Send ads to Editor and make checks payable to NATRC Region One.

End of Year Placings

Novice Division

Novice Heavyweight Horsemanship

- 1st Doug Brown
- 2nd Joe Pimentel
- 3rd Gary Fitts
- 4th Chris Crowe
- 4th Daniel Kirchgasser
- 6th Becky Mertens

Novice Lightweight Horsemanship

- 1st Stephanie Swain
- 2nd Tanya Ballard
- 3rd Cliveden Chew Haas
- 4th Ellen Carter
- 5th Elisabeth Chemouni
- 6th Karina Hoog

Novice Junior Horsemanship

- 1st Bailey Dorsey
- 2nd Kaysha Isgrigg
- 3rd Sonya Diaz
- 4th Alexis DePaolis

Novice Heavyweight Horse

- 1st Jazz - Othr / Doug Brown
- 2nd Garnet - Grad / Daniel Kirchgasser
- 3rd Royal Prancer - Pfin / Joe Pimentel
- 4th Fames Baydal BL - Arab / Gary Fitts
- 5th Digger - Othr / Chris Crowe
- 6th Tosca BL - Arab / Becky Mertens

Novice Lightweight Horse

- 1st TA Mira-Image - Arab / Stephanie Swain
- 2nd Malikah - Arab / Karina Hoog
- 3rd Renno - Appy / Tanya Ballard
- 4th Crimson Diamond Cash - Paint / Ellen Carter
- 5th Helvitias Prince - Othr / Cliveden Chew Haas
- 6th Azzana BL - Arab / Elisabeth Chemouni

Novice Junior Horse

- 1st Redwind - Grad / Bailey Dorsey
- 2nd Chi - Must / Kaysha Isgrigg, Alison Anderson, Kimberly Allen
- 3rd Buzzard - Grad / Kaysha Isgrigg
- 3rd Mesa - Paint / Sonya Diaz
- 5th Cypress - Paint / Emma Casey & Alexis DePaolis

Competitive Pleasure Division

Competitive Pleasure Horsemanship

- 1st Susan Arnold
- 2nd Ashley Dillard
- 3rd Vicki Boicelli
- 4th Joe Dillard
- 5th Dannon Yeagley-Brown
- 6th Kay Lieberknecht

Competitive Pleasure Horse

- 1st Majnu - Arab / Ashley Dillard
- 2nd Stealth Knight - H-AR / Vicki Boicelli
- 2nd Simplicity Sue - Arab / Susan Arnold & Nancy Bacon
- 4th OM El Shakeeb Dream - Arab / Joe Dillard
- 5th Victory Glow - Arab / Dannon Yeagley-Brown
- 6th Garnet - Grad / Kay Lieberknecht

Open Division

Open Heavyweight Horsemanship

- 1st Gene Boicelli
- 2nd Linda Cannon

Open Lightweight Horsemanship

- 1st Angie Meroshnekoff
- 2nd Damara Mullens
- 3rd Michelle Pimentel

Open Junior Horsemanship

- 1st Olivia Armstrong
- 2nd Ariel Thurman
- 3rd Drina LaRose
- 4th Haley Schlerf

Open Heavyweight Horse

- 1st Phantom Dusk - Arab / Gene Boicelli, Gina Shaman, Debbie Coe
- 2nd Tura Lura - Othr / Linda Cannon

Open Lightweight Horse

- 1st Desert Reinbeau - Must / Angie Meroshnekoff
- 2nd DMS Apple Jack - Grad / Damara Mullens
- 3rd Marilyn - Mule / Michelle Pimentel

Open Junior Horse

- 1st Kami Ko - Grad / Ariel Thurman
- 2nd JB Rockem Sockem Red - H-AR / Olivia Armstrong
- 3rd Abbishagg - Arab / Haley Schlerf
- 4th Kaylee - H-AR / Drina LaRose

Region One High Point Breed Awards

Half-Arabian:Jazz/ Doug Brown

Arabian:Majnu/ Ashley Dillard

Appaloosa: Renno/ Tanya Ballard

Connemara Cross:** Tura Lura/ Linda Cannon

Grade: Kami Ko/ Ariel Thurman

Mule: Marilyn/ Michelle Pimentel

Mustang: Desert Reinbeau/Angie Meroshnekoff

Paint:Crimson Diamond Cash/ Ellen Carter

Paso Fino: Royal Prancer/ Joe Pimentel

Quarter Horse: Coco-Nu/ Laura Harvey

** National breed award

Region One Awards at the National Level

Team Awards

These awards were presented February 20, 2010, at the National Awards Banquet, Reno, NV. They are awarded for combined horse and horsemanship. All points for rides in which the same horse and rider combination competed are added together. At least three rides must be completed to qualify for annual awards.

Novice Heavyweight Team

- 1st Jazz - Othr / Doug Brown
- 2nd Royal Prancer - Pfin / Joe Pimentel
- 3rd Garnet - Grad / Daniel Kirchgasler
- 4th Fames Baydal BL - Arab / Gary Fitts
- 5th Digger - Othr / Chris Crowe
- 6th Tosca BL - Arab / Becky Mertens

Novice Lightweight Team

- 1st TA Mira-Image - Arab / Stephanie Swain
- 2nd Renno - Appy / Tanya Ballard
- 3rd Azzana BL - Arab / Elisabeth Chemouni

Novice Junior Team

- 1st Redwind - Grad / Bailey Dorsey

Open Heavyweight Team

- 1st Phantom Dusk - Arab / Gene Boicelli
- 2nd Tura Lura - Othr / Linda Cannon

Open Lightweight Team

- 1st Desert Reinbeau - Must / Angie Meroshnekoff
- 2nd DMS Apple Jack - Grad / Damara Mullens

Open Junior Team

- 1st JB Rockem Sockem Red - H-AR / Olivia Armstrong
- 2nd Kami Ko - Grad / Ariel Thurman
- 3rd Abbishagg - Arab / Haley Schlerf
- 4th Kaylee - H-AR / Drina LaRose

Competitive Pleasure Team

- 1st Simplicity Sue - Arab / Susan Arnold
- 2nd Majnu - Arab / Ashley Dillard
- 3rd Stealth Knight - H-AR / Vicki Boicelli
- 4th OM El Shakeeb Dream - Arab / Joe Dillard
- 5th Garnet - Grad / Kay Lieberknecht

National Awards

Presented February 20, 2010, at the National Awards Banquet, Reno, NV.

Overall Open Junior Horse

- 3rd Abbishagg - Grad / Haley Schlerf
- 4th Kami Ko - Grad / Ariel Thurman
- 5th JB Rockem Sockem Red - H-AR / Olivia Armstrong
- 6th Kaylee - Grad / Drina LaRose

Overall Open Junior Horsemanship

- 4th Olivia Armstrong
- 5th Haley Schlerf
- 6th Drina LaRose

Region One National Champion

Desert Reinbeau - Must / Angie Meroshnekoff

Rider Mileage Award

6030 miles - Jim Ferris

Horse Mileage Award

4000 miles - Desert Reinbeau

Workers Hall of Fame (*Text published in Hoof Print*)

Sue Flagg

Region One Special Awards

Bob Smith Award

High Point 1st year Novice or CP horse

Malikah ridden by Karina Hoog (Novice)

Fran & Carol Duport Award

High Point 1st year Open horse

JB Rockem Sockem Red ridden by Olivia Armstrong

Pat Ersepke Award

High Point Novice horse/rider combo

Jazz ridden by Doug Brown

Max Barmettler Award
Honorary Region 1 Lifetime Membership
Linda Thomason
by Betty Young

One of Region 1's most special annual awards is the Max Barmettler Honorary Regional Lifetime Award. Given in memory of our late, much loved Max, it primarily honors those who have worked "in the trenches" at our Region 1 rides for many years.

This year's recipient is Linda Thomason, who has worn many different hats throughout her years of involvement with NATRC. She has been our Mini-Convention Secretary in both 2002 and 2003; she has been the region's Publicity Chairman, including for the 2004 National Convention that we hosted here in Reno; and she was the Chairman and one-woman show for last year's Mini-Convention in Livermore. She is also currently serving on the Region 1 Board of Directors.

However, today we're spotlighting all the jobs she has filled at Region 1 rides. Linda has often driven hundreds of miles and taken countless vacation days from work just to be at our rides as a volunteer—on P&R teams, as a Judge's Sec-

retary and as Rules Interpreter. But perhaps she most shines in her role as Region 1's Hostess with the Mostest. She is always so warm and welcoming to new riders, answering their questions, offering suggestions and presenting them with gift bags filled with goodies, purchased at her own expense. At the end of the ride day, she walks through camp with trays of cheese, salami and crackers for riders and workers alike. If the Judges and their Secretaries are still working on scoring cards when dinner is served, she makes sure they have meals brought to them.

In short, whatever needs to be done at a ride, she is there to do it.....always gracious and smiling and always promoting our sport. We are enormously grateful for her and wish to offer her our sincerest thanks. I am very honored to be able to present Linda with the Max Barmettler Honorary Lifetime Award today, and to say.....HATS OFF TO YOU my friend!!

NATRC Student Loan Program

Student loans are available up to \$5,000 per person /year, at the discretion of the NATRC National Board of Directors, after proper application has been submitted.

Preference will be given to a full-time student who has been a member of NATRC or whose family has been an active member for at least three years. Consideration will also be given to a student or a student's family who has been an active member of NATRC for less than three years but more than six months.

A loan will be made based upon financial need, scholastic achievement, and character of the applicant as determined by the Student Loan/Scholarship Committee.

A loan is to be repaid in monthly installments, with an annual interest rate of 3% charged on that loan, beginning not later than six months following graduation or when the recipient ceases to be a full-time student.

For an *application*, contact the NATRC Executive Administrator at natrc@natrc.org Please complete the form in Word

and submit via email to the NATRC Executive Administrator at natrc@natrc.org

NATRC Student Scholarship Program

Student scholarships are available for individuals planning a career in equine related fields. Up to \$5,000 will be available annually with distribution at the discretion of the NATRC National Board of Directors.

Applicants need to complete the **Bev Tibbitts Memorial Scholarship** form as well as submit three (3) letters of support for your scholarship candidacy. Letters may be written by a teacher, NATRC judge, ride chairperson, regional or national board member, veterinarian, or any other person involved in the horse industry.

For an *application*, contact the NATRC Executive Administrator at natrc@natrc.org Please use Word 2003 if sending via email.

Deadline for the application is January 15th for the following Fall semester.

NATRC Region 1 Board Meeting Minutes - Summary
January 10, 2010

Board Members Present: Phil Young, Sue Flagg, Jim Ferris, Robyn Berwick, Angie Meroshnekoff, Steve Meroshnekoff and Linda Thomason. **Absent:** Jamie Dieterich

Guests: Sherry Lindley, Lynne Hutnick, Gene and Vicki Boicelli

The meeting was called to order at 9:38 a.m. at 20849 McDaniel Road, Big Oak Valley, California 95977, by Phil Young, Chairman.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of September 27, 2009 meeting were sent to everyone via email by Sue Flagg. Corrections: Jamie and Jim Ferris sent some corrections. Unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Checking: \$9,436.01

Convention Checking: \$251.78

Savings CD: \$11,691.99

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Physical Resource Coordinator: Linda made a list of things she is storing for Region 1.

Historian: Kathy Nixon. No report.

Wonder Workers: Steve Meroshnekoff. Will be handing out three hats at Convention.

Points/Membership: Jim Ferris. Final point reports done. Jim received a few corrections on horses with multiple riders. 116 paid members for 2009. 32 so far in 2010.

Publicity: Linda Thomason. Went to local tack stores and got freebie magazines. Will allow a few lines in freebies, online stuff allows a paragraph. Linda will send in to online calendars for Convention.

Benefit Ride: Oakland Hills – Sue Flagg. Michelle Pimentel has agreed to be ride chair for the weekend. Park is reserved, judges have agreed to do a AA Open ride. Sue and Michelle will re-time the Friday trail -- will be Open Sunday trail backwards. Sue still not finished with financial report. Kathy Nixon has again agreed to cook. Need someone to coordinate volunteers – Angie volunteered. Sherry Lindley offered to secretary for Doreen Portner. We'll get a dumpster

this year for manure. Sue needs checks for sanction fee, park fees, special event permit.

The Leadline: Phil and Betty have taken over making hard copies and mailing. Need to not print more copies than necessary. Jim has worked out a way to note the ones who want paper copy. Phil sent a message with Convention issue asking if those members would like to receive it via email if they want to continue to receive. He said he would not send again if he didn't hear. Also will be sending via email to National Board Members and other Regional Newsletter editors. Need issues to be smaller, hold to 12 pages to keep postage at one ounce.

National BOD: Jamie Dieterich, Lynne Hutnick & Sue Flagg. The following rule changes were approved for 2010. (were printed in Hoof Print)

Region 1 Website: Angie Meroshnekoff. New National sponsors have been added. National Convention registration info and 2010 Tentative R1 Ride Schedule are posted.

Ride/Clinic Management: Jamie Dieterich. 2010 rides will probably be Mt. Diablo, Mt. Quarry (?), Arnold Rim May 22, Harvey Bear, Benefit Ride in Oakland, and Round Valley. Georgetown won't go in 2010.

Outreach Coordinator: Linda Thomason. Linda is getting help from Sherry at the rides she can't come to get out packets to first time riders with information about NATRC. Would like to have a list of first time riders ahead of time. Angie's first time rider briefings are great.

Trails Advocacy Coordinator: Judy Etheridge. No report.

Bylaws: Jim Ferris, Jamie Dieterich, Phil Young, Sue Flagg, Nancy Kasovich. No report.

Judging Issues: Jamie Dieterich, Betty Young, Sue Flagg. No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

R1 Handbook - Phil forwarded Ride Chairperson description to Sue. She still needs to review.

National Convention 2010: Sue Flagg, Chair. Still need a raffle chair. Helen Steenman and Joe Pimentel will help with bartending. Linda Cannon has agreed to coordinate the NATRC booth and organize the volunteers. Nancy Bacon wants two t-shirts and two

sweatshirts for doing the drawing. Will order t-shirts and sweatshirts from Blue Moon Productions. Decided on chicken and salmon for dinner. Beef was too expensive. R1 will need to subsidize a portion of the cost of the Sunday breakfast. Lynne has 23 registrations plus 11 for dinner only.

T-Shirt/Sweatshirt Sales: Angie. Angie researched prices for t-shirts. Hold off until after Convention.

Junior rider paybacks. Jim has received two requests for 2009 – Ariel Thurman and Kaysha Isgrigg.

NEW BUSINESS:

Vet judges' membership. Phil will co-ordinate the sending of thank you/reminder cards to vet judges reminding them of Region 1's policy on paying the following years dues if they judge one ride in the current year.

Vacant BOD seat with no one running yet. Jim mentioned that the terms of the National Board members and the regional board members do not coincide. We need to work out how we should proceed when a sitting regional board member is elected to National Board. Robyn is going off, Sue replaced Lynne as National Board member, Jim will replace Sue as National Board Alternate. Two vacancies for full-term, and one vacancy to finish out Jim's R1 board seat. Phil and Gene Boicelli are running. Need a third person.

2011 Region 1 Mini-Convention. Linda willing to do it again, but would like someone to help with vendors, raffle and secretarial duties.

NATRC computers – Jim has an old desktop, and everything is now on new laptop that is used for digital projector. Suggestion to donate old desktop to school district.

Next meeting on Sunday, February 21, 2010 in Reno, Nevada, immediately following the Region 1 Awards Breakfast. New board will be elected and Region 1 board meeting dates for 2010 will be selected.

Meeting adjourned at 12:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Flagg, Secretary

FOR SALE: TWH, 4 yr. old gelding, striking palomino, 15.1 + h. Ridden in mtns. Surefooted, curious, brave, quick learner. Loves to be in front but also willing to be in back, loves water crossings. Good with other horses. Come see him in Avery, minutes from ride camp for May 22 Arnold Rim Trail Ride. Contact Margo Anthony at mmanthony20@comcast.net or 209-728-9245 for more info or pics.

**NATRC Region 1 Board Meeting Minutes - Summary
February 21, 2010**

Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Phil Young at 11 AM in Reno, NV.

Board members Present: Phil Young, Stephanie Swain, Angie Meroshnekoff, Steve Meroshnekoff, Gene Boicelli, Jim Ferris, Jamie Dieterich, and Linda Thomason. **Absent:** Sue Flagg. **Guests:** Laurie Knuutila and Sherry Lindley.

Election of Officers

- Chairman: Phil Young
- Recording Secretary: Stephanie Swain
- Corresponding Secretary: Linda Thomason
- Treasurer: Jim Ferris

Treasurer's Report & Budget

- Checking: \$18,451.66
- Convention Checking: \$251.78
- Savings CD: \$11,705.93

Discussion of projected vs. actual profit/loss for 2009. Spent less than projected for NBOD travel and Year End Awards. Donations for Year End Awards not all accounted for as of this time, but projected to be much less than for 2008.

2010 Budget – Projected performance

Wonder Worker Patches/Chevrons – no allotment. Will need three 30-Ride jackets and embroidery for 2010 Year End Awards. Steve Meroshnekoff to get prices for patches and jackets and report at next meeting. Linda Thomason is working on badges to identify volunteers. Also suggested fanny packs w/NATRC logo patch as possible awards or sale items.

Jim Ferris proposed a \$600.00 expense be added to the budget for the Wonder Worker awards.

Membership - Jim Ferris reported a slight increase in membership over 2008 as evidenced by an increase in membership dues collected. Moneys returned to Region 1 by National for membership dues for

Region 1A will be forwarded to them approximately June of 2010. Any dues collected after that time will be forwarded as they come in.
Publicity - Linda Thomason to keep list of all expenses and submit in its entirety.

Roster & Postage - Maintain same allocation as for 2009.

Leadline - Maintain same allocation as for 2009.

NBOD - Jamie Dietrich discussed NBOD expenses. NBOD totals travel expenses of all members, then averages them among the members. Jamie's current estimate is approximately \$350 plus per diem per meeting for each R1 NBOD member.

Convention 2010 - Need to get all figures in to do a financial report.

Mini-Convention 2011 - Jim Ferris proposed an estimated \$1500 profit for 2011 Mini Convention. Add line item to 2010 Projected Performance to cover deposits for 2011 Mini Convention venue/etc.

NBOD Report: Jamie Dietrich reported regarding the NBOD meeting held 18 February 2010.

Proposed boot rule change (details in Hoof Print)

Proposed by-law changes to be voted on by membership (details in Hoof Print)

- 1) Hold National elections electronically
- 2) Have Regions conduct National elections
- 3) Term limits for NBOD – 2 terms, then have to be out at least 1 full term

Ad-hoc Drug Committee working on adapting AERC drug use policies for NATRC – will report at July NBOD meeting

NEW BUSINESS

Laurie Knuutila will try to keep the newsletter down to 6 double sided pages per issue in order to save postage. Laurie encourages ride reports to be included in Leadline PRIOR to the deadline! No need to wait – send them in as soon as they're available. Also, there is currently only one advertiser – we need more ads.

Discussion of Leadline – 3 newsletters vs. 4. Resolved to send 3 issues plus 'e-blasts' to inform members about rides, meetings, important info. Can we use RMS to obtain email addresses? Linda Thomason to explore implementation with Sherry Lindley to help.

Meeting Schedule

NBOD meetings 10 July 2010 and 13 November 2010.

Region 1 BOD meetings will be held 27 June, 2010, 12 September 2010, and 23 January 2011.

National Convention will be held the weekend of 10-13 February 2011.

Region 1 Mini Convention will be held Saturday 12 March 2011 at Livermore, CA.

Phil Young moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:22 p.m. The motion was seconded by Steve Meroshnekoff.

Respectfully submitted,
 Stephanie Swain



2010 REGION 1 RIDE CALENDAR

May 1	Mt. Diablo Ellen Pofcher Sec: Martha Flannery	Clayton, CA (925) 672-3733 (925) 673-9858	"B" O/N/CP mtnoaks@earthlink.net
May 22 	Arnold Rim Robyn Berwick Chris Markus	Avery, CA (209) 534-0451 (209) 728-3148	"B" O/N/CP boonedoggle@att.net markuschris@hotmail.com
July 17-18	Bald Mountain Butt Busters Diane Sullivan Nancy Williams	Wasilla, AK (907) 688-2250 (907) 376-5137	"A" O/CP "B" N stable@mtaonline.net rio@mtaonline.net
August 21-22	Jackson Forest Steve Meroshnekoff Sec: Maria Pilgrim	Ft. Bragg, CA (707) 743-9973 (707) 795-8163	"A" O/CP "B" N iambrewing@aol.com wolves1961@sbcglobal.net
September 5	Harvey Bear Ranch Chere Barger Sec: Kathi Bruns	San Martin, CA (408) 683-2247 (408) 683-5695	"B" O/N/CP kvbruns@aol.com
Sept. 18, 19	Bort Meadows Reg. 1 Benefit Michelle Pimentel Sue Flagg Sec: Linda Thomason	Oakland Hills, CA (209) 735-1124 (925)890-2144 (510) 651-9470	"A" O/N/CP; "B" N Limit 85 stablemucker2003@aol.com iluvmulestoo@yahoo.com linda.thomason@comcast.net
October 2	Round Valley Gene Boicelli Sec: Sue Flagg	Brentwood, CA (925) 672-6491 (925) 890-2144	"B" O/N/CP Limit 45 geneboicelli@aircloud.net iluvmulestoo@yahoo.com

2010 NATRC MEMBERSHIP FORM

YOU CAN ALSO RENEW, JOIN OR PURCHASE ITEMS ONLINE! www.natrc.org

NEW FOR 2010: Recruit a new member and receive a 10" trailer sticker for your efforts! The current member recruiting the most new member for 2010 will receive a complimentary registration for the 2011 NATRC 50th Anniversary National Convention in Nashville, Tennessee!

New member must list you as the one responsible in helping them in their decision to join NATRC.

Memberships run from January 1-December 31. NATRC offers ten membership plans: six Regular, two Platinum and two Lifetime Annual Platinum Upgrades. The Platinum plans receive all the benefits of the Regular plans plus personal excess liability coverage with a \$1,000,000 policy limit.

CHECK PLAN DESIRED

REGULAR MEMBERSHIP: All NATRC memberships include: one Rule Book (upon request) or as many rulebooks as desired downloaded from www.natrc.org, newsletter, eligibility to compete for NATRC annual high score awards and championships, rider and horse mileage awards, and reduced ride entry fees.

Memberships include both national and regional dues. When you join NATRC you are automatically a member of your respective region.

- FAMILY..... \$60.00 per year Household of 1 or 2 adults and children under the age of 18 as of Jan 1 (2 votes)
- SINGLE ADULT..... \$50.00 per year Single adult member (1 vote)
- ASSOCIATE..... \$50.00 per year Equine-related groups or businesses only (no vote)
- JUNIOR.....\$35.00 per year Single Junior member under age 18 (no vote)
- SINGLE LIFETIME..... \$600.00 Any person of any age (1 vote)
- FAMILY LIFETIME..... \$800.00 Husband and/or wife at the time membership is obtained and children under the age of 18 as of Jan.1 (2 votes)

PLATINUM MEMBERSHIP: Platinum members receive insurance benefits through Association Resource Group-ARG. Platinum members receive personal excess liability coverage with a \$1,000,000 policy limit. Coverage is for claims brought against members of NATRC (Platinum) arising from the use and /or ownership of a horse and for horse-related accidents involving third party bodily injury or property damage. Coverage will apply when engaged in any horse related activity, and coverage is in excess of any existing valid and collectible insurance. There is no deductible. Professional Liability is not included, and business exposures are excluded.

- FAMILY..... \$100.00 per year Household of 1 or 2 adults and children under the age of 18 as of Jan 1 (2 votes)
- SINGLE ADULT..... \$70.00 per year Single adult member (1 vote)
- ANNUAL UPGRADE TO SINGLE LIFETIME...\$20.00annual fee
- ANNUAL UPGRADE TO FAMILY LIFETIME...\$40.00 annual fee

HOOF PRINT SUBSCRIPTION ONLY: \$15.00 per year US or \$20 foreign

NATRC Specialties (Optional)

- Patch (inc. w/new membership).\$5.00
- 10" Round Sticker with NATRC Logo...\$5.00 **Back in stock**
- 4" Round Sticker with NATRC Logo....\$3.00 **Back in stock**
- NATRC Introduction DVD \$8.95

Colorado residents please add 2.9%

\$ enclosed _____

Please list first and last names of all competing family members. We especially need to know if members of the family have different last names:

Name(s) _____

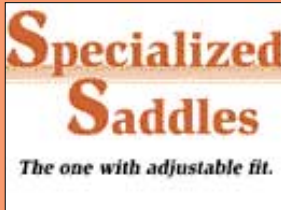
Street _____ City, State, Zip _____

Phone (____) _____ Email: _____ Birthdates of Junior(s) _____

If you are a new member, can you share with us how you find out about NATRC? _____

If you are a new member, is there a current NATRC member that helped in your decision to join NATRC? If so, please list them _____

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