

The Leadline

The Voice of NATRC Region 1 Competitive Trail Riding



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Chairman's Message. . .

Spring may be here!

Looking out the window this morning seeing the sun, fresh grass growing, and horses grazing makes me wonder if spring has finally arrived.

Out on the trail a week or so ago, we saw how hard winter really hit us with all the downed trees, wash outs and landslides. When you're out on your next trail ride in your area, you might consider carrying a small hand saw or other tools to help clear the trails of downed brush or trees. If the ground is still wet and steep, be aware of it giving away while you're out riding.

Keep an eye on the ride schedule as it seems to be changing all the time. With the lowest amount of rides ever, we are hoping all the rides will be full this year. If you can't ride for some reason, we can always use volunteers to help out with the rides.

Take care and ride safe.

Region 1 Chair,

Steve Meroshnekoff



An example of some of the winter's damage to the roads and trails.

Region 1 2017 Ride Schedule

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

May 6	Mt. Diablo Ellen D. Simons Sec: Cancelled	Clayton, CA (925) 672-3733 (925) 672-4348	"B" O/N/CP mtnoaks@earthlink.net mtnoaks@earthlink.net
May 20-21	Cowboy Camp Co-chair: Jean Armer Co-chair: Linda Thomason Sec: Betty Young	Williams, CA (530) 755-8301 (510) 708-1439 (530) 222-2978	"A" O/CP/N; "B" N linda.thomason0610@gmail.com pbyoung@sunset.net
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July 29-30	Challenge of the North Laurie Knuutila Sec: Marilyn Dowding	Fairbanks, AK (907) 590-4080 (907) 888-7756	"A" O/CP; "B" N wildroseph@yahoo.com mddowding@yahoo.com
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Remembering

John Randolph "Jack" Chandler, DVM

March 24, 1924 March 22, 2017

Region 1 lost one of our most beloved veterinary judges, as well as a dear friend, in March. Jack not only judged the rides, but he and his wife, Mary, also competed and put on rides. Jack was reknown for being the frequent recipient of the White Cane Award when he rode--let's just say that he often got "lost" and/or "off trail" on his own little private detours. But he was never without a smile and took everything in stride.

Jack was born in San Francisco. Jack's stepfather, Bill Chandler, was the editor of the San Francisco Chronical and Seattle Times, and that situation enabled Jack to meet many wonderful people. Riding the rails to rodeos with a friend, Jack rode in the first rodeo at Cow Palace in San Francisco. After graduating from Lowell High School in 1942, Jack enlisted in the Air Force and became a bomber pilot flying B24s. Jack returned to the Bay area and married Mary Lou Vandiver in 1947; they had two sons, John and Bill. After graduating from UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine, Jack set up a private practice in Willits for approximately 5 years. He then became a veterinarian for the State of California and moved his family to Eu-



reka. His new job caused several moves from Eureka to Sonoma and eventually to his final location in Millville.

Jack married Mary Alexander in 1981. They shared a passion for horses, and their Millville ranch allowed them to pursue it. He was a friend of many of the old timer horsemen. Ed Connell stayed with Jack many times while he was writing "Hackamore Reinsman" and other books or between clinics. Jack knew a lot of the braiders while working on ranches. Mary has pictures of Jack on horses with Ray Hunt, Tom Dorrance and many others and recalls, *"He just seemed to know these people. He got into packing with a man from Bishop. The neighbors all knew to call him to ride or do vet work*

at the ranches; he loved it. BUT you had to feed him - that was his rule. He seemed to always have a horse going. When he started a colt here, it didn't matter if it was raining or not, it got ridden, and all his horses were bought by the ranches around here - but one went on to being the top pick up horse for Rose Rodeo, and the other went to a Search and Rescue person in OR.

Jack became an NATRC veterinary judge in the 1980's. He and Mary put on the Whistkeytown NATRC Ride for several years in the 1980's and the Hat Creek Ride in 2006 near their summer cabin at Old Station.

Jack was kind, honest, quick to smile, and always wanted to do right by the horse. He loved people, and we loved him.

Jack leaves behind his loving wife, Mary, sons, John (Marian), Bill; stepdaughter, Cathy (Joe), stepson, Houston (Cindy); grandchildren, Abby, Jenny, Lela, Heidi, Jason (deceased); and greatgrandchildren, Jack, Susie, Taylor, Trace, Samantha, and Violet.

At his request, no services are planned. Jack will be dearly missed by all.

In loving memory...

In loving memory of HM RAINA BO SURLEY. Owned and much loved by Haley Schlerf. Doodah was a pistol, a hot head and an incredible trail horse. She taught Haley so much including love, patience, and passion. She was one of a kind.



Region 1 2016 Year-End Awards Presentation

Credits:

- **R1 Mini-Convention:**
Davern Kroncke
- **Membership/Voting:**
Phil Young
- **Awards:**
Betty Young & Davern Kroncke
- **MC:**
Maria Pilgrim
- **Program:**
Jamie Dieterich
- **Projectionist:**
Linda Thomason
- **Convention Photography:**
Donna Stidolph
- **Photos:**
Lisa Keenan, Linda Thomason, Wayne Stidolph, Serena Dudas, Pete Harris, Kim Naugle

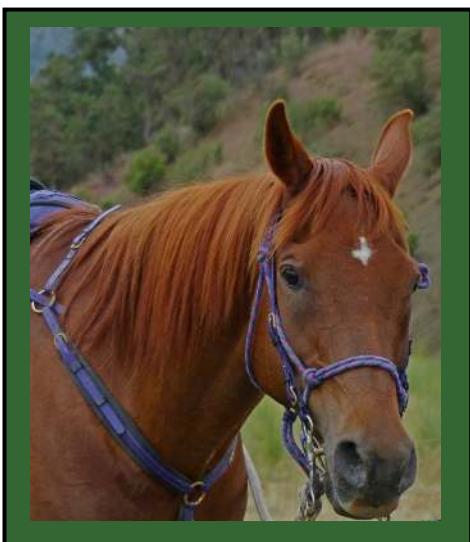
Thank You, Year-end Awards Sponsors!

From Betty Young, Year-End Awards Chair

Once again, I would like to thank all those who so generously supported our Region 1 year-end awards program. With our rides as small as they have been in recent years, we are unable to generate the rider fees that once funded so many of our expenses. It would be difficult to continue to provide nice awards without the help that many of you have given. Please know that you are appreciated more than I can say.

In Remembrance:

Palistar



Thank you to our generous R1 award sponsors:

Gold (\$100-\$199)
Eileen & Jeff Cichocki
Ashley & Joe Dillard
Susan Flagg - In memory of Casey Davisson
Davern & Mark Kroncke - In memory of Palistar
Darlene & Brian Schlerf
Eric Schroeder
Betty & Phil Young - In memory of Palistar

Silver (\$50-\$99)
Nancy Kasovich
Haley Schlerf
Linda Thomason
Debbie & Ron York

National Sponsors:

Be sure to thank and support our national sponsors.

Carri-Lite Corrals
Chiggerville Farms
The Distance Depot

Prairie Sylvania Arabians
Riding Warehouse
Specialized Saddles

2016 R1 BOD with thanks and appreciation

Gene Boicelli
Jamie Dieterich (NBOD)
Davern Kroncke
Angie Meroshnekoff (NBOD)
Steve Meroshnekoff
Donna Stidolph
Stephanie Swain
Linda Thomason (Alt. NBOD)
Phil Young

Outgoing R1 BOD: Gene Boicelli

Incoming R1 BOD: Steve Meroshnekoff (re-elected); Lee Cannon (newly elected)

2016 Ride Secretaries with gratitude and appreciation

Mt. Diablo
Jessie Simons
Cowboy Camp
Jean Armer
Round Valley
Linda Thomason

Jackson Forest Summer
Maria Pilgrim
Jackson Forest Fall
Davern Kroncke
Knik River Ramble
Rae Arno

Thanks Also To:

Leadline Editor:
Laurie Knuutila

Webmaster:
Donna Stidolph

Region 1 Year End Awards

Novice Division

Novice Lightweight Horsemanship

1st place sponsored by Eileen & Jeff Cichocki
Ribbons sponsored by Debbie & Ron York

1st Micheline Pino
2nd Sheila Christiansen

Novice Junior Horsemanship

1st place sponsored by Sue Flagg (in memory of Casey Davisson)
Ribbons sponsored by Haley Schlerf

1st Claire Cichocki
2nd Kirsten Johnson
3rd Savanah Gipson
4th Natalie Niderost
5th Anais Monlux
6th Lia Xerogeanes

Novice Heavyweight Horse

Ribbon sponsored by Linda Thomason

1st Pop Star / MFT
Linda Cannon and
Athena Davidson

Novice Lightweight Horse

Ribbons sponsored by Debbie & Ron York

1st Chism / Must
Micheline Pino
2nd NHR Bravo / Morg
Sheila Christiansen

Novice Junior Horse

1st place sponsored by Ashley & Joe Dillard
Ribbons sponsored by Sue Flagg (in memory of Casey Davisson)

1st Lucky Eddie / Grad
Claire Cichocki
2nd Serafina / SSA
Kirsten Johnson
3rd Valentyne / Grad
Savanah Gipson &
Alexis DiMartino
4th Abishagg / Arab
Natalie Niderost
5th Mistress Jezabel / Grad
Lia Xerogeanes
6th Lola / Grad
Anais Monlux

Competitive Pleasure Division

Competitive Pleasure Horsemanship

Ribbons sponsored by Darlene & Brian Schlerf

1st Joe Dillard
2nd Ashley Dillard
3rd Debbie York
4th Linda Cannon
5th Ron York
6th Vicki Boicelli

Competitive Pleasure Horse

1st OM El Nairobi / Arab
Ashley Dillard
2nd OM El Bilbao / Arab
Debbie York
3rd OM El Shakeeb Dream / Arab
Joe Dillard
4th Tura Lura / Hconn
Linda Cannon
5th MK Vangouh / Arab
Ron York
5th Stealth Knight / H-Ar
Vicki Boicelli

Open Division

Open Heavyweight Horsemanship

1st Place sponsored by Eric Schroeder
Ribbon sponsored by Linda Thomason

1st Gene Boicelli

Open Lightweight Horsemanship

1st Donna Stidolph
2nd Angie Meroshnekoff

Open Heavyweight Horse

Ribbons sponsored by Linda Thomason

1st Amiraborr / Arab
Gene Boicelli

Open Lightweight Horse

1st place (Tie) sponsored by Davern & Mark Kroncke (in memory of Palistar) and Betty & Phil Young (in memory of Palistar)

1st CR Sierra Sunrise /Arab
Donna Stidolph
1st Desert Reinbeau / Must
Angie Meroshnekoff

Region 1 High-Point Breed Awards:

Awards Created by Angie Meroshnekoff

Arabian: OM El Nairobi / Ashley Dillard

Half-Arabian: Stealth Knight / Vicki Boicelli

Half-Connemara: Tura Lura / Linda Cannon

Missouri Fox Trotter: Pop Star / Linda Cannon & Athena Davidson

Morgan: NHR Bravo / Sheila Christiansen

Mustang - tie: Desert Reinbeau / Angela Meroshnekoff
Chism / Micheline Pino

Shagya Arabian: Serafina / Kirsten Johnson

Grade: Lucky Eddie / Claire Cichocki



Region 1 Appreciation

Joe Villerot

By Linda Thomason

Joe Villerot or "little Joe" as he's affectionately known, arrived a few years ago with Kay Lieberknecht's team to see what competitive trail was about and to help Kay. He must have enjoyed the experience as he continued to help out at many rides.

Joe was called upon to fulfill many roles. He never refused a request, even if he really would rather have done something else. Agreeing to be the timer for Cowboy Camp one year, he read the Rule Book and some notes

from Kitty Weber. It was pouring rain, he didn't have an umbrella, but Joe never complained as he sat there in the rain, recording everyone's time.

With a smile on his face, he's one of THOSE who comes around and asks if there is anything else he can help with. Ride management has not only enjoyed Joe's presence, but has depended on him as an able-bodied, dependable helper and as the on-call horse shoer.

Sadly, we will not see Joe at the rides this year. He has followed his fiancée and will soon be tying the knot and shoeing horses in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Volunteers like Joe are the backbone of most organizations. We'll miss Joe, but we wish him happiness in his marriage and success in his business. Region 1 extends a big THANK YOU for everything he has done for us.

Cal Fire – Wilbur Creek Station

By Linda Thomason

The CAL FIRE team at Wilbur Springs Station has been supporting the Cowboy Camp Ride for many years. They have provided water, mowed the weeds, and brought brownies to our pot lucks. A wonderful, generous group of hard working fire

fighters, they've driven their truck to the ride site, given us demonstrations, and allowed us to tour their truck and gear. We cannot single out individuals as the team members change every year and rotate throughout the state.

CAL FIRE is primarily responsible for the fire protection and stewardship of over 31 million acres in California. In addition to firefighting, CAL FIRE also assists the Conservation Corp with vegetation management as well as programs to control wood boring insects and tree diseases. CAL FIRE resources are available to federal, state and local agencies for all disaster

related incidents such as floods and other weather related situations. They provide emergency services in 36 of the State's 58 counties. CAL FIRE is the largest full service all risk fire department in the Western United States! It operates MORE fire stations year round than New York, Los Angeles and Chicago fire departments combined!

In addition to all these responsibilities, they still take time to help Region 1 with the Cowboy Camp Ride! Region 1 extends a heartfelt thank you to this hard working group of men and women who protect our California trails and campsites.

FINANCIAL HELP for Ride Managers!

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

ONLY TWO REQUIREMENTS

1 Managers must be NATRC members.

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

To apply, please contact our **National Office**.

RIDE MANAGEMENT SUPPORT FUND

Just for Juniors

4-H Junior Rider Year End High Point Award

Are you a 4-H member? Know someone who is? Encourage your friends to do competitive trail rides. They and you can compete against each other to win NATRC's 4-H Junior Rider Year-End High Point Award.

To be eligible is simple. Just compete in any division, nominate yourself, and prove that you are a 4-H member! Here are the specifics.

- The award goes to the high point horse and high point rider **regardless** of the rider's division.
- Your self-nomination must occur before the end of the ride year, which is the second Sunday in November. (For 2016, that will be November 13th.)
- You must (1) be an NATRC member, (2) send an email to Sarah Rinne (natrc@natrc.org) stating that you are a 4-H member, and (3) have your 4-H leader also send Laurie an email verifying that you are a 4-H member.

Additionally, in a number of states (Colorado is one example), 4-H now recognizes competitive trail as an activity that qualifies as a 4-H member's project. How cool is that?!

Questions?

Contact Cindy Keen, cindytk@hotmail.com
Chair, Riders and Juniors Committee

Region 1 Special Awards

Bob Smith Award

High Point 1st Year Novice or CP Horse
Sponsored by
Nancy Smith Kasovich

Chism / Micheline Pino

Pat Ersepke Award

High Point Novice Horse/Rider Combo
Sponsored by
Darlene & Brian Schlerf

Lucky Eddie / Claire Cichocki

Fran & Carol Duport Award

High Point 1st Year Open Horse

No horse qualified

100% Club

For attending all R1 2016 rides as rider or volunteer and the R1 Awards Program

New Recipients

Claire Cichocki

Davern Kroncke

Lee Cannon

Repeat Recipients

Angie Meroshnekoff

Steve Meroshnekoff

Stephanie Swain

Region 1 Awards at the National Level

Presented February 18, 2017, at the National Awards Banquet, Chattanooga, TN.

National Appreciation

Linda Thomason
Text in Hoof Print

Worker Hall of Fame

Angie Meroshnekoff
Text in Hoof Print

Team Awards – Sponsored by Darlene & Brian Schlerf

Team awards recognize 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 Division

Novice Lightweight Team

1. Chism / must

Micheline Pino 49 pts.

2. NHR Bravo / morg

Sheila Christiansen 46 pts.

Novice Junior Team

1. Lucky Eddie / gr

Claire Cichocki 63 pts.

2. Serafina / saa

Kirsten Johnson 55 pts.

3. Abishagg / ar

Natalie Niderost 36 pts.

4. Mistress Jezabel / gr

Lia Xerogeanes 30 pts.

5. Lola / gr

Anais Monlux 28 pts.

Competitive Pleasure Division

1. OM El Nairobi / ar

Ashley Dillard 86 pts.

2. OM El Shakeeb Dream / ar

Joe Dillard 84 pts.

3. OM El Bilbao / ar

Debbie York 70 pts.

4. Tura Lura / hconn

Linda Cannon 50 pts.

5. MK Vangouh / ar

Ron York 41 pts.

6. Stealth Knight / har

Vicki Boicelli 34 pts.

Open Division

Open Heavyweight Team

1. Amiraborr / ar

Gene Boicelli 38 pts.

Open Lightweight Team

1. CR Sierra Sunrise / ar

Donna Stidolph 53 pts.

2. Desert Reinbeau / must

Angie Meroshnekoff 49 pts.

2016 Horse High Mileage Awards

1000-Mile Horse Award

Tura Lura
Stealth Knight
Amiraborr

HConn
Arab
Arab

Linda Cannon / R1
Vicki Boicelli / R1
Gene Boicelli / R1

Apologies

Apologies are in order for errors in the Power Point awards program in Santa Rosa.

In the CP Horse Division, Stealth Knight, ridden by Vicki Boicelli, should have been listed as tied for 5th, not as 6th place.

Gold sponsors, Betty and Phil Young, may not have been correctly listed "in memory of Palistar".

Gold sponsors, Darlene and Brian Schlerf, while listed among the Gold sponsors at the beginning of the program, were not listed specifically as sponsors for the Pat Ersepke Award for High Point Novice horse and rider combo. In addition to the Pat Ersepke Award, Darlene and Brian sponsored the ribbons for CP Horsemanship and all the Team Award ribbons.

Hard-earned recognition is important. Please accept my apologies.

Jamie Dieterich

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. For more details and an application, please go to: www.natrc.org.

Reminder from the Points and Data Committee

1. To be eligible for year-end awards, membership dues must be paid by the second Sunday in November, the end of the Ride Year.
2. It is the responsibility of the owner of the horse to accurately report/verify the horse's breed to NATRC.
3. Year-end breed awards. Many breed organizations sponsor year-end high point breed awards. Memberships in NATRC **and** the breed association are required.
4. Questions about the horse and/or rider records should be directed to NATRC, natrc@natrc.org.

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, R1 Treasurer, for more details.

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NATRC R1 is once again searching for an individual interested in trails and keeping fellow riders informed of what's happening on this front. Our previous trail advocate for R1, Trisha Taniguchi, has been accepted into a rigorous training program for the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and is currently training at the law enforcement academy in Chico. Due to the demands of the job, she cannot continue on as the R1 trails advocate. We congratulate Trisha on her new position, but we will miss her on the trails this year and her quarterly trails newsletter. Trisha did a great job as our trail advocate, and we wish her every success in her new endeavors. We hope to see Trisha back on the trails in 2018.

The trail advocate position does not require attendance at R1 BOD meetings. The trail advocate submits trail information as a quarterly report to the R1BOD for publication to R1 members. Some of the information is also sent out via E-Blasts when there are important trail issues that members need to weigh in on promptly. So what does a trail advocate actually do?

1. Works with members of other organizations with similar interests to promote equestrian access to trails. California Horseman, AERC, and Back Country Horseman are examples of organizations that are proactive in keeping trails open.

2. Would be on mailing lists to receive news of governmental, regional rule changes that might open or close trails to equestrian use. He or she would convey pertinent information to NATRC members and alert them if action is required. Actions could consist of: signing petitions for trail access, encouraging members to write to their government representatives to advocate for laws governing park access, alerting members to attend local meetings so that equestrians have a voice in local trail use, or simply notifying members that certain parks or trails will be closed for maintenance. An example of this type of action was the "Use it or Lose It" notification sent out regarding Skillman Horse Camp last year.
3. Would be the "go to" person whom members would alert if they become aware of trail information that should be disseminated to fellow riders. Every rider should be aware of trail issues in their area and utilize NATRC to spread the word. If we don't take action to keep trails equestrian friendly, we may lose future access. It's important for everyone to be involved.
4. Inform members of opportunities to work on trails and represent our organization/sport.

NATRC members are encouraged to participate in trail maintenance days and wear an NATRC t-shirt or jacket to let the public know that trails are important to equestrians. If the general pub-

lic doesn't "see us", then they're not aware that the trails are important to us. Participation in clearing trails will probably be vitally important for all equestrian groups after the destruction caused by this past rainy season.

This is a great opportunity for someone interested in working with other people/groups to help keep trails open for equestrians and informing NATRC members what they can do to help accomplish this. This position is "open" in that you'd have the opportunity to explore boundaries and create a really fun, interesting position while being a resource for fellow riders. The trail advocate, working in conjunction with the NATRC national trail advocate and the R1 board of directors, would guide the actions of NATRC R1 regarding trails. If you are interested, YOU could be the person to represent NATRC and your fellow riders to ensure that equestrians are not "locked" out of future or current trail use.

If you're interested or have questions, please contact Linda Thomason, R1 Board of Directors member at (510) 708-1439 (cell). Text or e-mail to linda.thomason0610@gmail.com

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No Experience Necessary!

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Deadlines:

Spring issue - Submission: April 15; Publication: May 1
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 Fall/Winter issue - Submission: Dec 15; Publication: Jan. 1

Advertising rates per issue:

Full page—\$40
 Half page—\$20
 Quarter page—\$10
 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.

Minutes of the NATRC Region 1 BOD Meeting - January 29, 2017

The meeting was held at Santa Rosa, CA.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:32 am by Chair, Steve Meroshnekoff.

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

Absent: Gene Boicelli (excused)

Guest: Betty Young

Secretary's Report: Need approval of minutes of 03 June 2016 and 19 August 2016 Region 1 Board of Directors meetings following final edits. Angie moved to approve, Linda seconded. All agreed.

Treasurer's Report: Detailed report submitted electronically via email.

Checking balance: \$24,251.80 (as of 12/31/16)

Some bills were paid out today – will be posted at next report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Physical Resource Coordinator: Linda Thomason – TV/VCR and Karaoke machine were donated to Goodwill. The new storage area at Linda's is 'up and running'!

Historian: Davern Kroncke has three boxes of historical materials, primarily past issues of Hoof Prints in binders. She will bring some of the older ones to display at Mini Convention. Jamie stated that there are also old photo albums, but the photos are of poor quality. Early ride videos exist, but no one seems to know their whereabouts.

Wonder Workers: Steve Meroshnekoff - after tallying 2016 numbers, no WW awards to be presented. Will present the 100% Club awards at Mini Convention. Jamie to provide him with recipient list.

Points/Membership: Donna Stidolph – 2016 year-end point standings have been determined with some help from Jamie. Jamie will also work with Donna to produce the 2017 Roster. Linda has been working to keep up member contact list(s), but we need someone to maintain our various mailing lists/mailing labels.

Publicity/Outreach Coordinator: Linda Thomason – discussed advertise-

ments to be placed in BAEN, Stable.com, CMDTRA, Horse'n Around calendar, Loomis Basin Horseman's Assoc., Gold Country Arabian Horse Assoc., Tri-Valley Trailblazers, and requested suggestions of other publications/ organizations to send ride info to. Betty suggested Back Country Horsemen and Stephanie suggested contacting AHA for a list of local Arabian Horse clubs in our region.

Linda will send e-blast to membership with 2017 Ride Schedule. Jamie will email Free Membership flyer for us to print and post/distribute.

The Leadline: Phil Young – ~30 printed copies mailed to those members who don't receive the e-version. Phil will bill for reimbursement at end of year.

National BOD: Angie Meroshnekoff and Jamie Dieterich – next NBOD meeting will be held February 16, just prior to National Convention in February.

Suggested rule changes that may be considered include:

1. What to do with Juniors that 'Novice out' but are not ready to compete with adults or move to Open. One possibility is to have age and/or weight divisions in CP. After some discussion, R1 BOD feels that having age divisions (Junior/Adult) in CP seems best.

2. Allow the use of ice boots – favored/suggested by the Vet Drug Committee. Most of R1BOD had favorable response.

Bylaws: Change to National Bylaws probably required:

1. Change the title of Executive Administrator to Executive Director. It is felt that there is a difference in perception and a greater degree of respect given to the title of Director than to the title of Administrator. The job description would remain unchanged.

Region 1 Website: Angie Meroshnekoff and Jamie Dieterich – All is well.

Ride/Clinic Management: Jamie Dieterich – 2017 Ride Calendar has been posted. All rides have been sanctioned except Round Valley – Linda will contact Gene for update. Stephanie will look into putting on a clinic in the North Bay area late spring/early summer. Donna meeting next week with AERC Fireworks Ride management – will discuss repeating reciprocal waiver of non-member fees between certain NATRC

and AERC rides, and provide flyers for NATRC 2017 free membership for new members.

Benefit Ride: to be held at Cowboy Camp, Jean Armer and Linda Thomason – co-ride managers. Sanction approved, insurance secured, judges lined up. Angie will arrange for water in May (must be done in person).

Trails Advocacy Coordinator: this position is open as our wonderful Trisha Taniguchi will be busy training for her career full time. Linda will compose a recruitment letter to be published via e-blast following approval by the R1 BOD.

Bylaws: Jamie Dieterich, Phil Young – all R1 BOD members should read the bylaws carefully with an eye toward any changes that will need to be made as we pursue non-profit status (see Old Business). Some changes could include: disposition of assets should dissolution of the corporation occur; update specification of meetings to include electronic meetings utilizing modern communications technology; realignment of elections to line up with National BOD elections.

Donna will create a link on the website to the bylaws.

The issue of realigning R1 BOD elections with National BOD elections will be brought up and discussed at the General meeting at Mini-Convention and voted on by the members.

Judging Issues: Nancy Kasovich, Angie Meroshnekoff, Jamie Dieterich – No news.

OLD BUSINESS:

501c(3) Incorporation: Linda has been working on our 501c(3) application and will be ready to file the amended articles soon. Her CPA has donated 3 hours of his time to this project and has agreed to review the application

2017 Mini Convention: Davern Kroncke – all is in order, waiting on insurance certificate to finalize and pay for rental of venue. General meeting will be held during the meal. Dr. Bowen (speaker) will donate her time – gift certificate to local restaurant to be given to her as a thank you. Kirk Adkins (speaker) fee is \$250. Linda working on convention registration form – once proofed/approved, will send out to members.

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NEW BUSINESS:

Ride Management options: Angie noted at a recent ride in AZ that there were High School ROTC members volunteering their time as part of their ROTC requirements to perform community service. This could be a possible source of helpers at rides. Linda will inquire for

Round Valley ride helpers, possibly other rides.

NEXT MEETING:

Time: Close of Convention
Date: 04 March 2017
Location: SCDRA Clubhouse, Santa Rosa, CA

CLOSE OF MEETING:

Stephanie Swain moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:24 pm; Donna Stidolph seconded. All agreed.

Respectfully Submitted,
Stephanie Swain

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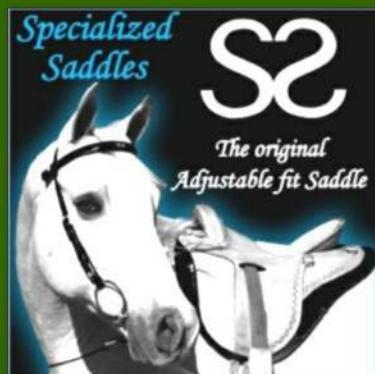
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