

**CoVRHA**  
**Organizational Meeting Minutes**  
**January 6, 2013**  
**Elizabeth, Colorado**

Paulette Marshall called the meeting to order at 3:25 p.m. MST.

In Attendance – Paulette Marshall, Cori Atteberry, Debbie Raymond, JG Marshall, Kathy Clemons, Rebecca Jennings, Dave Currin, Cindy Abshire, Tom Cobb, Lisa Hauschildt, Cindy Rose, Tim Rose, Todd Hoffman, Lori Hoffman

**1. START-UP FINANCING.** Paulette Marshall reported that she spoke with the NVRHA Treasurer, Carol Ackerman, and NVRHA will be sending us approximately \$1,100 as per the 2012 Level 1 Affiliate Agreement with NVRHA which is half of the profit of Colorado's 2012 clinics and competitions.

Paulette will purchase insurance for the Association as soon as money from National office is received.

**2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS.**

Paulette Marshall was nominated by Cindy Rose to be President. Debbie Raymond seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Cori Atteberry was nominated by Cindy Rose to be Secretary/Treasurer. Paulette Marshall seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Debbie Raymond was nominated by Paulette Marshall to be Vice President. Cindy Rose seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**3. ELECTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**

The following persons agreed to serve on the initial Board of Directors: Lynn Cool, Cindy Abshire, Rebecca Jennings, Todd Hoffman, Cindy Rose, Kathy Clemons, Rita Lauby.

**4. BYLAWS.**

Attendees received a copy of the draft Bylaws. It was discussed that attendees have an opportunity to review and make suggested changes. The Bylaws will be approved at the next scheduled Board of Directors' meeting.

## **5. MEMBERSHIP FEES.**

Paulette started the discussion of membership fees. The following was decided:

Youth \$10; Individual \$20; Couple \$30; Family \$50; Lifetime Individual \$100; Lifetime Couple \$150; Lifetime Family \$250.

A youth membership is 18 years of age or under.

A youth in a family membership is 18 years of age or under.

For youths whose 19th birthday is prior to January 1, the membership card will expire on December 31. The age of the youth as of January 1 will be the age maintained the entire year (regardless of the time of day the youth is born). For example, a youth who has a birthday in July and is 18 years of age January 1 must show the entire year as a youth.

Cindy Rose made a motion to approve fees as agreed. Rebecca Jennings seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## **6. WEBSITE PRESENTATION.**

Attendees were given the first look at the new website. Dave Currin suggested posting the NVRHA rulebook and the CoVRHA rules (when created and approved). It was suggested and agreed to that we post the reining and trail patterns with the event on the Event Calendar page. This is, after all, an educational association.

## **7. EVENTS.**

**A. Management.** There were discussions on how to make event management more efficient.

Debbie Raymond suggested making event packets ahead of time – “Welcome to the Event” information, reining pattern, trail pattern, back numbers, etc.

Paulette Marshall started the discussion that Cindy and Tim Rose, when they would do an event, used an Offsite Manager and an Onsite Manager. Offsite Manager took care of the venue, cattle, entries, etc.; and the Onsite Manager took care of any issues during the event with the idea being to have more than one person on an event management team.

As a checks and balance: The Event Managers will submit a budget to the Treasurer for approval at least 60 days prior to Event.

Dave Currin suggested, as part of the planning, that the events have different fun things to do.

Dave Currin also suggested a rotation of experienced event managers and new event managers working on subsequent events.

**B. Proposed Event Dates:**

2013 events currently in the planning stages:

May 11-12, Latigo Trails

Event Manager: Paulette Marshall

Clinician/Judge: Dolly Wallace

\*\* Debbie Raymond, Lisa Hauschildt and Cindy Abshire volunteered to manage Latigo Trails

June 8-9 Spicer Arena

Event Manager: Carol Ackerman and Rita Lauby

Clinician/Judge: unknown

July 6-7, Elbert County Fairgrounds, Kiowa

Event Manager: Paulette Marshall

Clinician/Judge: possibly Jim and Jill Cook

August 1-4, Del Norte, CO

Event Manager: Tim Rose

Clinician/Judge: unknown

September 7-8, T-Cross Ranch

Event Manager: Tim Rose

Clinician/Judge: probably Jay and Gina Henson

October [unknown – early in month]\_\_, Cactus Creek

Event Manager: Paulette Marshall

Clinician/Judge: unknown

There was discussion about having an Event Liaison (or go to person) at each show for Association questions. Cindy Rose and Dave Currin volunteered whenever they are attending shows.

Event Managers agreed to have more details by next meeting.

**C. Event Equipment:**

**i. Trail Obstacles.** For most of the 2012 events Bill and Lisa Hauschildt loaned to NVRHA their trail obstacles complete with trailer to haul them in. Discussed ensued about gathering obstacles amongst ourselves and

finding a trailer to store and haul them in for the year. Lisa Hauschildt volunteered the trail obstacles and trailer whenever needed.

**i. Cattle Numbers.** Todd Hoffman donated the use, for the season, of cattle numbers he had made during his days as a team penner. These are re-usable numbers and event managers can coordinate with Todd to obtain and return.

**D. Budgets and Costs.** There were discussions on how to make event management more efficient – controlling venue costs, etc.

**8. FUNDRAISING.** Lynn Cool has volunteered to coordinate fundraising. Tim Rose offered to work with Lynn to hold an auction at the October awards event during the Saturday Night Dinner. More discussion of fundraising at next meeting

**9. AFFILIATE SPECIALTIES.**

**A. Limited Open Division.** There was a lively discussion about creating another Open class specifically for anybody who does not qualify as an amateur but is not a “professional versatility ranch horse trainer.” It was decided that (1) it be a “Limited Open” class that matches exactly the Amateur Limited class (if the professional wants to rope and go down the fence they move to the regular Open class); (2) open to anybody who takes money; and (3) does not have to own horse. It was agreed that for the first year CoVRHA will operate the limited open division with minimal parameters to see what kind of participate there will be.

**B. Jackpot.** Paulette opened the discussion on having a jackpot. It would be voluntary, \$25 jackpot fee (\$5 per class), and the association would keep 10% of the pot to go toward year-end awards. The jackpot will be paid out based on entries. It was suggested that the Jackpot Table shown in VII.G.11. of NVRHA’s Rulebook be used (see below):

Jackpot Table:	
Number of Horses	Payback
1- 3	1st - 100%
4 - 7	1st - 60%, 2nd - 40%
8 - 12	1st - 50%, 2nd - 30%, 3rd - 20%
13 or more	1st - 40%, 2nd - 30%, 3rd - 20%, 4th - 10%

It was noted that CoVRHA rules will need to be created to cover anything that is special/different with respect to CoVRHA and not part of the NVRHA rules.

A draft will be emailed around for review and will be discussed and approved at the next meeting.

The next meeting has been schedule for March 3, 2013 at 3 p.m. at Paulette Marshall's home north of Elizabeth, Colorado.

Meeting adjourned at 5:11 p.m.