

**Board of Directors Meeting
Phone Conference
March 2, 2016**

Meeting called to order at 6:05 pm by President Richard Brandon

Present: Richard Brandon, Jeff Mundorf, Dan Gill, Anna Guthrie, Tom Blasdell, Campbell Forsyth, Tim Gifford, Bob Wagner, Steve Wight, Jennifer Quinton, Jimmy Walker (joined late)

We need to replace the South Central Director after Mike Minor resigned. Dan Gill moved to appoint Jimmy Walker; Campbell Forsyth seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

President's Message

- Due to ongoing health issues, Richard Brandon is stepping down as President, but will remain as a Director.
- Dan Gill moved to have our current Vice President, Jeff Mundorf, step up to the President position. Jimmy Walker seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- Jeff Mundorf continued the message, discussing what the NCA has accomplished in the past 5 years. Then discussed the need to appoint a new Vice President and a new Treasurer.
- Dan Gill moved to appoint Jimmy Walker as the new Vice President; motion seconded by Richard. Motion carried unanimously.
- Steve Wight made the motion to appoint Bob Wagner as the treasurer (to replace Mike Minor); Jimmy Walker seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

- Regional boundary shifts
 - There was more discussion on the ongoing issue of re-working the North West and South West regions. After several months of discussion and input from those regions' Directors, Steve made a motion to form the following regions:
 - West Coast Region: CA, AZ, OR, WA, NV
 - Mountain Region: UT, ID, MT
- Some discussion ensued, particularly on when the change would take effect. For purposes of upcoming nominations and elections, it would be best to have the change in effect at the beginning of the qualifying year, so April 1, 2016.
- Because people have already earned points toward their Regional Finals, the change will be retroactive as far as qualifying for Regional finals. For those who earned points recently, say in Utah (which is currently in the South West region), those points will count toward the new region, the Mountain region, for that region's upcoming Regional Finals. The motion was amended to the above, seconded by Jennifer Quinton, and carried unanimously.
- Finals
 - Everything looks good, will just need to double check the schedule.
 - Richard Brandon asked if the Purina tents can be used for the on-deck handlers, as before.
 - Discussion on bringing the backdrop that Shane Christian made to Meeker. It may also be used for the Meeker Sheep trial, as well.
- Course committee update - All courses are in; Patty Koller is working on getting them drawn up. They should be sent to Meeker by mid-March.

New Business

- Additional insurance to cover cattle costs at trials. Jeff Mundorf will send out an email to all Directors with the detail of a policy that will give good coverage for costs of potential cattle lost or damaged at a trial. This would be available for all NCA trials.
- Director's Code of Ethics

- Discussion of the draft that Richard Brandon sent to Directors. It was decided to form a committee to look into this further, in particular the issue of disciplinary actions should an offense occur. Richard Brandon, Anna Guthrie, and Jennifer Quinton volunteered to form that committee and report back at the next meeting.
- Denver Stock Dog Sale - Discussion of moving forward from here and working together as a united Board. No actions taken.
- Asked if we need to replace Mike Minor as the Open Course Director at the Finals this year. Dan Gill said that Mike Minor is willing to fulfill his obligation to be the Course Director. Dan Gill moved to have Mike Minor continue in this position; Steve Wight seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- Tom Blasdell mentioned that he has spoken with Mary at Meeker, and there will be an area where people who are bringing horses can set up their portable corrals, or they can take their horses to the fairgrounds. Bob Wagner will make sure members are aware of their options.

Next meeting: April 6, 2016.

Campbell Forsyth made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Tom Blasdell seconded. Motion carried unanimously; meeting adjourned.