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Stirrup

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Upcoming Rides

**USAFA GEN. ALBERT P. CLARK
 MEMORIAL RIDE - MAY 23-24,
 COLORADO SPRINGS**

**COLORADO TRAIL- JUNE 6-7,
 BUFFALO CREEK, CO**

**HIGHLANDS RANCH BACK
 COUNTRY, JUNE 20-21
 LITTLETON, CO - NEW!!**

**CHICKEN CREEK (REGION 3
 BENEFIT), JULY 25-26
 MANCOS, CO**

Website

<http://www.natrc3.org>

**Ride Management System
 (RMS)**

www.natrc5.org/rms/logon.asp

President's Message

A big Thank You to Sharon Roper-Dashner for her service these past two years as President of Region 3. I was lucky enough to work along side Sharon as her Ride Secretary for Rabbit Valley the past 2 years. I learned many good things from Sharon and the "stand out" is Sharon never stops saying "Thank You" to members of her NATRC family. So back at you Sharon, "Thank You" for all your hard work and dedication to Region 3.

Our Regional Convention in Taos, New Mexico was AMAZING. Beth and Jerry Simms, Chuck Smith, John Volkerding, Jeff and Kathy Brown, all of you should take a bow for all your hard work. Other NATRC members were involved in the success of the convention, Syndi Scott, aka Vanna White - Silent Auction Chair; Dr. Bill Cumberworth and the Judges Panel, Jerry Sims, Judy Cumberworth, Dr. Kay Gunckel, and Dr. Boyd Emond; Dr. Bessie Babits - Andalusian demonstration; Jim and Lin Ward - Auctioneers and everyone of you who contributed or attended the convention, give yourselves a "Pat on the Back".



I came to Taos with **NO** intention of being elected President. In fact, I had been stepping back from leadership roles in other volunteer organizations as family illness pulled me away from home several weeks a month. Several board members and/or officers would have made better presidents than myself but for a variety of reason standing up and accepting the nomination seemed in the best interest of my NATRC friends. I promise to do my very best to represent the interests of Region 3. I will need loads of help to make 2015 a success. We have a good start with a successful, profitable convention in our rear view mirror and an exciting year ahead with 9 rides scheduled.

The convention attendees who had to endure my rather disorganized General Membership Meeting will find the following a bit redundant. I want to recap for the members who were unable to attend the convention my love for NATRC and my goals for 2015.

My NATRC journey began in 2006 when I was looking for something to do competitively to do with my horse. Trail riding and horse camping was my absolute favorite things to do with my horse when I was a teenage. Giving a NATRC ride a try seemed like a perfect fit. I was immediately hooked on NATRC after my 1st ride.

I am madly in love with NATRC. I love that NATRC has improved my horsemanship skills 1000%. Love all the things that I have learned at every ride I competed in, or helped with. Love the relationship I have built with my paint mare, Kookie. Love the beautiful trails I have ridden for the past 9 years. Love getting my horse conditioned for NATRC because it forces me to get out and ride. Most of all I love all the wonderful friends I have made and look forward to seeing at every ride.

My plans are to be at every ride in 2015 and I challenge all of you to be at as many rides as possible. Even if you aren't riding this year, volunteer to help at a ride. Volunteer to be a judges secretary and you will learn more in a weekend than at any clinic.

The oldest problems with NATRC is also the current ones, keeping members and recruiting new ones. The Region 3 theme for 2015 is to "Reach Out." Reach Out to riders in your area and invite them to go on a ride with you. Reach Out and offer to bring someone to a ride with you. Reach Out to new faces at the rides and welcome them. Reach Out to folks camped beside you at rides and visit with them and welcome them to the NATRC family. Reach Out to and explain to non-members how the price of a membership pays for itself with just 2 rides. See article entitled Reach to All New CTR Riders on Page 8 for full explanation.

We all need to share our Passion for NATRC with all of our horsey friends, with folks we know and those we don't know. I would like to encourage all of you to REACH OUT in an effort to recruit at least one new NATRC member in 2015.

Juleen Feazell
 President Region 3



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****If any corrections to the above need to be made please let John Volkerding jvnatrc@aol.com know****

From the Editor...



Over the past few weeks I have had several reminders of time.

While Chuck was at the Caballo Canyon horse ride I watched Interstellar, a great lesson in Einstein's theory of relativity.

This past week we were in Corpus Christi and Lukas was running on the beach in and out of the waves, a lady came up and said watching him brought tears to her eyes as it reminded her of when she was there with her son, who is now 33.

And the Mar-Apr Stirrup is being sent in May.

Time flies! With beginning of the 2015 ride season remember to enjoy your time.

~ John



**Awards Announced at 2015 Convention by Juleen Feazell****CP High Average Horse Rider**

Summer and Betty Wolgram - 96.38

Ruth Tyree

Ken Wolgram - 96.57

Ken Burkdoll

Awesome's Fire n Ice and Ken Wolgram - 99.36

Best Managed Ride

Island In The Sky - 2014

Judy Wise Mason and Juleen Feazell

Bill Smith "Buddy" Award,

Chuck Smith & John Volkerding

Sue Bretag

Chuck Smith & John Volkerding

Novice Year End Awards for 2015 by Juleen Feazell

Prior to the convention and input received during the convention a problem was brought to light. Many of the Novice competitors were unaware of the awards available for the Novice Division. In an effort to do a better job of communicating with new riders we agreed to re-publish a list of the awards in the Stirrup. Also some of the newer riders may not even be aware that we have a Stirrup. So in an effort to combat part of that problem, a similar list of the novice awards will be provided in a file to each of the ride secretaries. The ride secretaries are encouraged to print a copy of the Novice Awards and put the list in the Novice rider packets given out at rider registration.

1. **HIGH POINT FIRST YEAR NOVICE HORSE:** This is a Special Year End Award given to the High Point Novice Horse in the horse's 1st year of competition. All 3 classes in the Novice Division; Novice Junior, Novice Lightweight, Novice Heavyweight, will be combined to determine the winner. To be eligible, a minimum of three Region 3 rides must be completed by the horse. Both the owner and rider of the horse must be a member of NATRC. The High Point First Year Novice Horse Award is donated by John P. Horne and Dianna Thearin.
2. **DR. JOE QUINTANA HIGH AVERAGE NOVICE HORSE AWARD:** This is a Special Year End Award given to the Novice Horse with the Highest Average Score for the 2015 Ride Season. All 3 classes in the Novice division; Junior, Lightweight, and Heavyweight will be combined. Novice division horse and riders must enter a minimum of 75% of the rides in 2015 to be eligible for year-end High Average Horse Award. All rides started will be counted.
3. **PAT JUBB HIGH AVERAGE NOVICE HORSEMANSHIP AWARD:** This is a Special Year End Award given rider with the Highest Average Horsemanship Score for the 2015 Ride Season. All 3 classes in the Novice division; Junior, Lightweight, and Heavyweight will be combined to determine the winner. Novice division riders must enter a minimum of 75% of the rides in 2015 to be eligible for year-end High Average Horsemanship Awards. All rides started will be counted.
4. **NOVICE CHAMPION HORSE AWARD:** All horses in the Novice division; Junior, Lightweight, and Heavyweight will be eligible to be declared a Region 3 NATRC Novice Champion Horse when all the following requirements are met during the Region 3 ride season of 2015. Multiple horses may win this award and the prize will be a horse blanket/cooler with horse's name, award name and year embroidered on the blanket.
 - Horse is awarded at least one 1st place and one 2nd place (or two 1st places) in the Novice Division.
 - Horse accumulates a minimum of 65 points in the Novice division.
 - Only Region 3 rides count.
5. **NOVICE HORSE AND RIDERS YEAR END HIGH POINT PLACINGS:** Riders and Horses must enter a minimum of three rides per season to be eligible for Year End High Point Placing. High point placing are medallion awards, places 1-6 given to the High Point Horse and High point Horsemanship in all three classes of Novice Junior, Novice Lightweight, Novice Heavyweight.
6. **LAND OF ENCHANTMENT AWARD:** A special award is given each year to the highest scoring Novice horse who competes in one or more rides of the San Juan Valley Trail Riders. The horse scores will be added together for Caballo Canyon, Navajo Lake, Chicken Creek and Chokeycherry Canyon. The more of the above mentioned rides you enter more you will learn and also have a better chance of winning the Land of Enchantment trophy.

Additional information regarding these awards or if you need help understanding how points are calculated please contact Juleen Feazell, Awards Chair, by emailing her at gjfeazell@tds.net or calling 970-985 1182.



Region Three Board of Directors Meeting Minutes, March 27, 2015

CALL TO ORDER by Sharon Roper, 5:10 p.m., March 27, 2015.

ROLL CALL: It was determined that there was a quorum and a sign-in document was passed around the room. Those in attendance were: Sharon Roper (president), Kay Gunckel (board member), Jerry Sims (national Representative), Janna Combs (safety Chairperson and board member), Juleen Feazell (awards chairperson and Board member), John Horne (national Representative), Betty Wolgram (membership Chair), Diane Wingle (Ride Chair), Bill Wingle (guest), Syndi Scott (publicity Chair), Sandra Clayton (board member and Secretary), Chuck Smith (treasurer), Calleen Olson (guest), Donna Dandy (guest).

PRIOR MEETING MINUTES: September 19, 2014. Call for any corrections. None were noted. Sims moved to accept minutes, Clayton seconded. Motion approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT. Sharon stated that we would have elections tonight as well as all the discussions planned in the Meeting's outline for this Board meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT by Chuck Smith: Chuck discussed the year's finances and the comparison to the last couple of years. He discussed the \$1,298.99 profit we had for 2014 and the basis for the small profit. We had a loss the year before. The main discussion was the CDs the club had. There is over \$18,342.40 in CDs. The CDs are still in Colorado Banks. In a prior Board meeting, the Board had provided Chuck authority to transfer the banking to a NM Bank (that is where he lives). But, in order for Chuck to transfer them to NM Banks, he needs the signatures of Kathy Shanor or Susan Peters (their names are on the CDs from prior Board member positions). The CDs are set up to expire and be renewed every 6 months. He does not want to bother Susan Peters right now and Kathy is coming to Colorado the 1st week of May. Chuck stated that he and Kathy plan to get together and transfer her name to Chuck's at each bank. That way when they expire, Chuck can transfer them to a NM Bank. There is very little interest being earned for the CDs. For 2014, we only made \$37. It was proposed that the Board approve the Treasurer's Report provided by Chuck by John. Kay seconded the motion. All approved—no dissensions.

The Board also discussed the large amount of money the Region has. Maybe we could do a scholarship program or assist youth riders with some of the extra monies. It was discussed about trying to lower youth (family) costs for each ride too. The members who volunteered to do research on this and present at the next meeting were Chuck, Kay, Bill Wingle, and Lexi Combs.

The Board also discussed whether we want to pursue a 501c3 status. More research needs to be done and further discussion tabled until next meeting.

NATIONAL BOARD REPORT by Jerry Sims: Jerry discussed the membership concern. We have 1005 members nationally. If we go under 1,000, we could lose some of our national sponsors. Right now the National Organization has an on-going profit.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT by Betty Wolgram: Betty stated that the region is down approximately 1% in our membership. We had a goal of 200 members for 2014. We only missed it by 2 members---198. We had 44 riders compete last year that were not members. The Board discussed starting an agenda where special items are put in non-members ride packages and assign a person to give those riders a special "welcome". Region 3 had 7 rides in 2014 and averaged 39 riders per ride. The national average for each ride is 33 competitors.

STIRRUP REPORT by Chuck Smith for John Volkerding: Chuck said that John can't issue a Stirrup without information. He needs articles. The Board discussed types of articles that can be submitted and to encourage everyone to write articles. Sandy stated she was hosting two clinics---one on fear of riding and the other on biomechanics of the horse. She would see about the instructor writing something up for us.

RIDE BOOK by Diane Wingle: Diane stated that one of our members, Calleen Olson, got over \$500 in revenues. The rest was contributed by Jerry Sims and Diane.

The Board discussed the concern over two rides being only a week apart. That is too hard on riders and horses. Diane explained that it was the only date offered for the Granby ride. This may greatly affect the attendance on the Chokecherry ride. Next time, Diane said she will contact the Board with any issue like that.

PUBLICITY REPORT by Syndi Scott: Nothing to report. She has now moved and should do better in getting more publicity. Would appreciate any input to help in this assignment.

HISTORIAN REPORT by Chuck Smith: Chuck has a lot donated to him and is still looking for more. He would like to put it together in a book format. It would cost about \$11 a booklet. Everyone attending the 2015 conference would get one free. The group also requested that they input some of the rides' background history. Everyone agreed this was a great venture and that Chuck's ideas were great!!

SAFETY REPORT by Janna Combs: Janna said that she was given several boxes of items but could not locate any ride bags and minimal equipment. She said she would need to buy bags (one for each District) and new supplies. Betty Wolgram stated she knew we had bought good bags in the past. Chuck checked the Treasurer information and stated we spent \$200 for bags and safety equipment in 2011. Janna stated she would closely go through all the boxes and make sure she was not mistaken. The Board members agreed that we need good safety bags with proper supplies before the first rides. Janna nominated that the Board approve up to \$150 to upgrade the safety gear before the first rides of the 2015 season. Diane Wingle seconded. All approved---no dissensions.

WORKER POINTS by Beth Sims: Beth is resigning this position and Dianna Thearin is taking over the job. Beth says we had 196 volunteers for 2014; 97 will receive recognition and we had 56 new ones. She feels she has cleaned up the back records and everything



is on Excel for Dianna. Worker awards will be presented tomorrow during lunch time.

AWARDS by Juleen Feazell: Juleen presented an awards report. Total spent on 2014 awards was \$2,752.41. The worker point awards cost \$1360.26; Rider/ Horse awards were \$1,269.15; and 100% club jackets cost \$123.

Juleen discussed her concerns of only one Novice winning our three new novice awards. She had wondered whether the criteria were too high. After researching the results over the prior 4 years, Juleen found that at least one participant would have won based on the current criteria. Therefore, Juleen recommended that the criteria remain the same. The rest of the Board members agreed.

Juleen had Syndi model a jacket that has the two regular decals on the front but has a large NATRC logo on the back. The Board members really liked this and agreed on its use for the 100% club jackets. Members who have jackets from prior years can give them to Juleen or Syndi to have the large NATRC logo engraved on the back for an approximate cost of \$5-\$7.

WEBMASTER by Chuck Smith: Chuck is working on improvements. No other major information was provided.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Donations for deceased members—Since the Board meeting was running out of time, it was requested that we table this topic. The concern was that it was tabled at the last meeting. The Board requested that we develop a research committee for this topic. Chuck Smith and Juleen will work together on a proposal for deceased members and present it at the next board meeting. Sandy moved that we table the topic until the committee proposal is presented, Janna 2nd the motion. All approved---no dissention.

2. Standing rules review. Covered at the September meeting.

3. Clinic Rules. Covered at the September meeting.

4. Benefit Rides. There was concern that some of the prior benefit rides have lost money. And there was concern about the benefit objective. Some of the Benefit rides have been held to provide extra funds to the Region 3. The Region is not in need of extra funds at the present time. It was suggested that we may want to do the benefit rides towards youth entries.

5. Novice Ribbons. Janna reported that there was a shortage on novice ribbons for first and second places. There were plenty of lower level ribbons. Betty made it clear that it was the responsibility of the Region to buy the Novice ribbons. Janna stated she will go through and get an actual count and let the Board members know via email.

6. Walkie-Talkies. Bill Wingle presented the board with a list of various walkie-talkies, their features and the prices. The board asked Bill what his recommendation was. He stated he recommended the Motorola ones (#1 on list). The Board discussed how many they needed and it was determined that we needed nine new walkie-talkies at approximately \$300. Kerry Bingham made a motion that the Board allow Bill to buy the new walkie-talkies with a budget not to exceed \$300. Jerry seconded the motion. All approved---no dissentions.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Convention 2015. A thank you was given to all the coordinators that were present. Jerry reported that all expenses were paid --- including the saddle---and a small profit should be realized.

2. E-Mail Business guidelines. Bill Wingle discussed the proposal that he and Betty had worked on. Betty presented a possible conflict with Roberts Rules of Order for amendments to an amount proposed by the president. After discussion, the Board approved the proposal as revised (see below) and it will also be placed in the Region 3 Standing Rules:

Between regular meetings of the Region 3 BOD, the president may present, by e-mail to all board members, a motion or motions which require a vote of the board. Any motion(s) presented will be limited to one(s) which must be decided before the next regularly scheduled Region 3 board meeting, and any motion(s) that contain a financial decision will be limited to \$500.00. Immediately after a comment period of 7 days, the president will call for an up or down vote on the original motion. A quorum of 5 directors will be needed to vote on the motion. No amendments will be allowed, but depending on board member comments, the president may withdraw the original motion and present another motion. On the final vote, no ties will be allowed; any abstention will count as a no vote. The president will inform the secretary to add the motion and the resulting majority vote to the next regularly scheduled Region 3 board meeting minutes.

3. Ride dates and Planning. Discussed by Diane Wingle in her ride book report.

4. Election of Officers. Jerry Sims nominated Chuck Smith for President. Chuck accepted the nomination but also mentioned he still wanted to remain as Treasurer too. Sandy mentioned possible "conflict of Interest." Betty brought up that, according to the Region 3 By-Laws (revised), the President must be a Board Member. Chuck is not a Board member. Nomination of Chuck was withdrawn. After more discussion, Juleen was nominated for president, accepted the nomination, and was unanimously elected. Betty Wolgram was nominated for the Vice President position and unanimously elected. Chuck Smith was nominated as Treasurer and unanimously elected. Sandy did not want to do the Secretary duties again. Kerry Bingham was nominated as secretary and unanimously elected. Officers for 2015 are:

President: Juleen Feazell
Vice-President: Betty Wolgram
Secretary: Kerry Bingham
Treasurer: Chuck Smith

Next meeting to be held at the Colorado Trail Ride on Friday, June 5, 2015, time to be announced.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:10 p.m



2015 Region 3 General Membership Meeting, March 28, 2015

LOCATION:

Sage Brush Inn and Suites
Taos, New Mexico

CALL TO ORDER:

The annual General Membership Meeting for NATRC REGION 3 was called to order at 8:10AM by outgoing Region 3 President, Sharon Roper-Dashner.

SPECIAL THANKS:

Sharon thanked Beth and Jerry Sims this year's convention chairs for organizing the convention in Taos, New Mexico. Chuck Smith, the convention secretary, was recognized for the excellent job he did pulling the convention together. Kathy Brown was thanked for selecting the venue and organizing the afternoon's speaker, Dr. Bessie Babits, Medicine Wheel Equine Center.

INTRODUCTION:

The new Region 3 President, Juleen Feazell, was introduced by outgoing President, Sharon Roper-Dashner, and the ceremonial wooden gavel was passed between the women. Juleen thanked Sharon for all her hard work as President.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the general membership meeting in Grand Junction in 2014 were unavailable.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Juleen was honored and humbled by being elected to serve as President of Region 3 and promised to do her VERY best.

Juleen then told the membership why she loved NATRC:

5. Loves all the things she has learned at every NATRC ride.
6. Loves the relationship she has built with her beautiful Paint Mare, Kookie.
7. Loves the beautiful trails she has ridden for the past 9 years.
8. Most of all she loves the wonderful friends she has made and looks forward to seeing her old friends and making new friends at every ride.

Juleen decided to make her presidency about new members. She was astounded at the Board meeting last evening when Jerry Sims reported we had 44 non-members at our rides in 2014. We only have 1005 members Nationally. If we drop under 1,000 members we may lose some of our sponsors. We all need to help recruit new members.

- Reach Out should be the theme for 2015.
- Reach Out and get more "horsey" folks involved in NATRC.
- Reach Out and go riding with folks in your area and encourage them to give NATRC a try.
- Reach Out by smiling and greeting new riders at NATRC rides and going out of your way to welcome new competitors and encourage them to become members.
- Suggestions were made from the floor to put a Green Ribbon on the truck antenna and/or trailers as well as on the rider and on the horse's tail, so everyone knows how to recognize the Newbies. Great Idea, will pass it along to Ride Management.

Please if you have ideas to improve things, let your board members, officers and your NATRC National Directors know. We can't fix something if we don't know it's broke.

NEW OFFICERS:

The new Vice-President for Region 3 is Betty Wolgram. Betty will also be the nomination chair for 2015.

Chuck Smith will continue as Treasurer, Historian, and Webmaster for 2015.

Kerry Bingham will be the secretary for 2015.

Welcome all and thank you for stepping up.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Chuck Smith reported Region 3 is currently on solid ground financially. The Region 3 checking account balance is \$26,000. There is another \$18,342 in CDs and Savings. There was also a profit made at the Regional Convention even with the expenditure for the Specialized Saddle.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

Betty Wolgram reported that Region nearly met all of its goals for 2014.



a. Region 3 National Goals & Measurements

Ride Goal 2014 = 7 - Actual 2014 = 7

Ride Goal 2015 = 8 Currently 9 rides are scheduled in 2015

average riders per ride goal was 40, Region 3 = 39 in 2015

members goal was 200, Region 3 had 198.

Region 3 has the largest membership in the country. This is incredible since Region 3 draws the vast majority of its members from just two states. Betty thanked all those present at the general membership meeting for their loyalty to Region 3.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM LAST NIGHT'S BOARD MEETING:

Rest assured you have a wonderful Board of Directors. Everyone seems to have NATRC and Region 3's best interests at heart.

7. National Board - Jerry Simms

- No Raffle in 2015.
- 2016 will be the 6 Guest Ranches - Jim Ward to investigate and select the 6 ranches.
- 1005 Members Nationally
- 56 Competitions
- 44 Non-Members at Rides in Region 3.

The report of 44 non-members at our rides was an amazing statistic. Board members asked themselves, why is this happening? Kerry Bingham said she remembered the 1st ride she went to; she was approached by Jenny Smith with her big smile, explaining how the cost of the membership pays for itself if you do just 2 rides. The ride secretaries need to call non-member riders and explain this. All of us need to be like Jenny Smith with a big smile, welcome riders and encourage them to become members of the NATRC family.

- Ride Book - Diane Wingle
 - Calleen Olson \$500 in Ads
 - Diane Wingle \$650 in Ads
 - Ride Book made a profit for 2015.
- Ride Coordinator - Diane Wingle
 - 9 rides scheduled for 2015.
 - 2 new rides - Caballo Canyon (mispronounced by Juleen 999 times) and Highlands Ranch Back Country, southwest of Denver.
 - Chicken Creek and Rocky Mountain Dream ride are back.
 - Air Force Academy Ride may be the only ride in jeopardy.
- Publicity - Syndi Scott
 - New Big Logo on the back of jackets - help advertise NATRC. Syndi, Juleen and Chuck will work together to come up with something so you can order the jackets off of the Region 3 web site.
 - Also if you have an old 100% club jacket, give it to Juleen or Syndi at one of the rides and we can get the logo added for \$5 to \$7.
- Historian - Chuck Smith is planning to make a history book with photos and significant information about the History of Region 3. He plans to give the books as gifts for those attending the convention in 2016. Those who can't make the convention in 2016 can purchase the History Journals. He received boxes of information from Ike Musgrave's family and plans to use much of Ike's memorabilia for his history project.
- Safety and Supplies - Janna Combs
 - The board approved money to purchase new Walkie Talkies for the 2015 ride season. Bill Wingle did the research on the Walkie Talkies
 - The board approved up 2 sets of safety rider kits for humans and horses.
- Worker Points - Beth Sims
 - Beth Sims will be stepping down after years as Chair of this daunting task.
 - Dianna Thearin is assuming the position.
 - 96 volunteers received worker points.
 - 97 people will receive recognition at the awards luncheon.



- 56 new names were added to the list making the total list of volunteers 766.

- Awards - Juleen Feazell

- Only one Novice Rider was eligible for the 3 new novice awards.
- Researched back to 2009, all three awards would have been given out in past years, with multiple horse blankets given out most years. Indicates the criteria is obtainable.

CLOSING:

Juleen thanked everyone for their support and participation in the General Membership meeting. She plans to be at every ride and hopes most of the folks in the room will be at as many rides as they can possibly attend. Juleen sees the biggest problem and the oldest one:

- Getting new members
- Keeping old members

Let's all share our passion for NATRC with everyone we know and everyone we don't know. Juleen hopes and prays that at the end of her term as president she will still be as passionate about NATRC as she is today.

NATIONAL BOARD REPORT:

(Juleen failed to introduce the National Board members during the General Membership Meeting - sorry gentleman-it was taken care of immediately following)

Jerry Sims, John Horne are your National Board Members with Chuck Smith as the alternate. (all three were present at the convention).

ROLL CALL (No formal Roll Call conducted), Officers, Board of Directors and Committee Chairs present at the convention were:

Juleen Feazell, District 2, Incoming President
Sharon Roper-Dashner -Outgoing Board, Outgoing President
Chuck Smith - Treasurer, Historian, Webmaster, and National Director Alternate
Sandra Clayton - District 1 Board, Outgoing Secretary
Kay Gunckel-District 1 Board
Kerry Bingham - District 2 Board, Incoming Secretary
Diane Wingle - Ride Book/Ride Coordinator, Outgoing Board
Janna Combs - At Large Board, Supplies and Safety Chair
Donna Lewis - At Large Board
John Horne - National Board of Directors
Jerry Sims - National Board of Directors
Beth Sims, Outgoing Worker Points Chair
Dianna Thearin, Incoming Worker Points Chair
Linell Miller-Inman Outgoing Supplies and Safety Chair
Betty Wolgram - Membership Chair, Incoming Vice President
Syndi Scott - Publicity Chair

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:15 a.m.

REACH OUT TO ALL NEW CTR RIDERS, by Juleen Feazell

Region 3 is REALLY REACHING OUT trying harder than ever to get new members to join up and come ride with us in 2015. We need everyone to help "Spread the Word" of our exciting new offer for 2015. A Special Meeting of the Board of Directors was called at the Caballo Canyon Ride. They came up with a great offer, thanks to a very generous anonymous donation at the convention in Taos.

Region 3 is refunding 100% of the cost of Single Membership or Family Membership to any 1st Time NATRC member joining NATRC in 2015 who then starts 3 rides in 2015. The refund check will sent at the end of the 2015 ride season as soon as all the ride results are entered in the NATRC National database.

If new folks become members and ride three rides the cost of the membership was nearly paid for because members always ride at a reduced rate. Plus after three rides you are eligible for year end awards. Why would anyone not become a member?

Reach Out and help new members fall in Love with NATRC. Tell them about how much they will learn, money they can save and how great it is to become NATRC members especially in 2015!!!



Help Advertise NATRC by Syndi Scott, Publicity Chair

Those of you who were unable to attend the Region 3 Convention in Taos missed out on a plan we (Chuck Smith, Juleen Feazell, Syndi Scott) are in the process of formulating to help advertise NATRC. We don't have all the details worked out yet, so stay tuned. Soon you will be able to order jackets, vests and or baseball caps with a large NATRC logo on them from the Region 3 web site.

I modeled the prototype in Taos, but apparently no one got a photo of me wearing the jacket, so you are stuck looking at the back of Juleen's head, but you get the idea. The logo really makes a statement and shows off our sport. Hopefully other horsey folks will see the jacket and inquire about NATRC.

Most of you are familiar with the 100% club jacket award which started in 2011. We are not trying to replace those jackets or the special significance to those marvelous people who support Region 3 by attending every ride. The 100% Club winners will still have their name, year, NATRC Region 3 and 100% club embroidered on the front. As of 2014 the large NATRC logo will be added on the back of the beautiful fleece jackets. The Region will continue to sponsor those jackets and the embroidery as a big "Thank You" to those who attend every ride.

Past winners of a 100% club jacket can get the large logo added to the back of an existing 100% club jacket. We don't really wanted to get involved with shipping because then the only winner is the USPS. Syndi and or Juleen plan to be at every ride, so bring your jacket, give it to one of us, we will take the jacket back to Cedaredge, get them embroidered and return them to you at the next ride. We can get the large logo put on the back of your jackets a cost to you of just \$6.00. We plan to be at every ride so this should be very doable.

We are not planning to make a profit in this 1st phase, which is just to get the logo on existing 100% club jackets. We will also have some black and blue coffee mugs for sale at the rides.

Phase 2 will be jackets, vest and baseball caps which you will soon be able to order from Region 3's web site. We plan to bring samples of the previously mentioned items to rides so you can see the colors, check out the quality and the logo. These new jackets WILLI NOT have you name, year, or NATRC Region 3 embroidered on the front. That honor will be saved for the 100% Club.

So if you see Syndi or Juleen in camp at a NATRC ride, hopefully they should be modeling the new hats or jackets and selling the coffee mugs. Help us advertise this sport we all love so much.

If you have any additional ideas for advertisement or suggestions for how to get more folks involved in NATRC contact syndi_scott@yahoo.com.





Caballo Canyon Photos





Barn News



We wanted to express our appreciation for both the Sue Bretag and the Bill Smith "Buddy" Award

They both mean a great deal to us!

Thank you, Chuck Smith and John Volkerding

For sale

Stonewall "classic" trail saddle in very good condition. Includes 2 Stonewall-type saddle pads (one wool, one synthetic), 3 girths, nylon web trail-type breast collar, spare ring covers, leather-covered stirrups, and mounted water bottle holders. No-charge extras: 11' Parelli lead rope and Lovell-of-Mack cantle bag and horseman's raincoat. Approx 14" seat; fits a medium-sized woman nicely. See www.stonewallsaddles.com/classicsaddle.html for saddle photo & description. Today this saddle sells new for \$1620 without inclusions. Whole trail-ready package for \$1000. Colorado Springs area; contact Karen Moe at (719) 661-7058 or winkieboots@q.com.

Lightweight (18 lb.) Western trail saddle (Big Horn #102), cordura and leather, in very good condition. Ideal for Competitive Trail Riding in Western saddle. Rounded rear skirt accommodates a shorter-backed horse. Includes woven string Western breast collar and girth and leather flank strap. See www.horsesaddleshop.com/15bighorcorr.html for saddle photo & description. Approx 15" seat. No-charge extras: very nice thick wool-and-fleece saddle pad, works perfectly with saddle, and leather bridle with rolled reins. Today this saddle sells new for \$600 to \$730 without inclusions. Whole trail-ready package for \$300. Colorado Springs area; contact Karen Moe at (719) 661-7058 or winkieboots@q.com.



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