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Stirrup

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Upcoming Events

**REGIONAL CONVENTION
 MARCH 18-19, 2016
 CRIPPLE CREEK, CO**

Website

<http://www.natrc3.org>

**Ride Management System
 (RMS)**

www.natrc5.org/rms/logon.asp

President's Message

With 8 rides completed in Region 3, the 2015 Ride Season has come to an end. What an exciting and interesting year it was for Region 3 competitors, our horses, volunteers and especially first year NATRC members. I take with me so many wonderful memories and lessons learned as well as some disappointing moments from the 2015 ride season in Region 3.

Rocky Mountain Dream Ride located at the YMCA of the Rockies, near Granby, Colorado took place on a glorious September weekend. The aspen trees were beautiful, the temperature was marvelous, and the trails were scenic. Diana Marquardt was a first time Ride Manager, and she did a wonderful job of organizing the ride and ordering the nearly perfect high mountain weather, a bit nippy in the morning, but glorious for the remainder of the CTR.



My favorite memory from Rocky Mountain Dream Ride was witnessing, Dayna Morgan, lend her horse Levi, to Junior rider, Natalie Brooker, for the weekend. Natalie's horse was lame when she arrived, so Dayna withdrew from competition and allowed Natalie to compete on Levi. It was Natalie's 16th birthday and Natalie was so grateful. Dayna was also competing for Top Novice Year End Awards which will be negatively impacted by her decision to lend Levi to Natalie. Thank You Dayna for the good sportsmanship lesson you taught Natalie and all of us.

Rabbit Valley located just off Interstate 70, west of Grand Junction, Colorado had some great October weather, although a little warmer than some of our horses would have liked since they were already getting a little furry for winter. Sharon Roper-Dasher, Ride Manager greeted most of the riders on her ATV and helped them get parked. Sharon had expected 51 riders at Rabbit Valley with at least that many volunteers so parking had to be creative. The trails at Rabbit Valley were just as challenging as I remembered when I last rode this ride in 2007.

One of my favorite memories was watching Betty Wolgram crossed the finish line on Sunday, and seeing her looking at all the banners congratulating from attaining 10,000 Rider Miles in NATRC. Rabbit Valley was Betty's first ride back in 1995. Great job Betty, what an awesome accomplishment.

Another memory from Rabbit Valley was watching Wava O'Brien and all her junior riders, I think she and Dayna Morgan had four junior riders with them. This little pack of six seemed like they were always laughing and having fun, something more of us need to start doing in 2016 at a CTR.

Unfortunately neither ride was clean. There were several Formal Letters of Complaint/Concern from the Rocky Mountain Dream Ride because of the use of the CRI (Cardic Recovery Index) used by the Horse Judge. After the conclusion of Rabbit Valley there was a Formal Protest and a Formal Letter of Complaint received by National. Complaints from Rocky Mountain Dream Ride has been formally responded to and Protest from Rabbit Valley are still being looked into at the National level. (More about the CRI and the Formal Complaint Letter from Rocky Mountain Dream Ride on Page 5 of the Stirrup).

Ride Management Teams deserve a great big "Thank You" for the 8 CTRs in 2015. There is a tremendous amount of organization and planning to just get the ride sanctioned and added to the ride book. Working with land management officials or private land owners can often be an exhausting experience. There is a 57 page Management Manual outlining all the duties of a Ride Manager. A great big "Hats Off" to all the Ride Management Teams in 2015.

There were also a few special volunteers who stood out in my mind as I was fortunate to be able to ride every ride in 2015. Ed Westmoreland was the P&R captain at every ride. Kay Gunckel was the safety chair and rode safety at every ride in Colorado, except Air Force as she was the vet judge. Chuck Smith drove "The Tajamahaul" and cooked for six of our rides. Last but not least was my husband Greg who also volunteered at every ride as a gofer for whatever needed to be done by management or competitors.

Thanks to all the competitors, your horses, judges and the volunteers for a great 2015. Hope to see most of you at the Region 3 Convention on March 18 and 19, 2016 in Cripple Creek, Colorado. Also please remember to send any old photos and or write a tale about your favorite NATRC memory and send them to Chuck Smith so he can publish them in History Book he is creating for the Convention.

Juleen Feazell and SAS's Smokey Annie Oakley



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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...

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!



Halloween is a time people dress up in costumes, historically to trick the dead, who were believed to be able to cross back over on that evening, so the dead didn't know who people were or whether alive or dead so the living weren't carried off to the other side. It is a time of trickery.

That reminds of a quote I have hanging on my wall which goes like

"Don't believe everything you think"

Stepping back and evaluating things is a useful tool because we shouldn't always believe everything we see, read, hear, or even think.

~ John

p.s. I am doing well after my surgery and appreciate everyone's thoughts and prayers. (I learned not to believe everything I read on the internet about the surgery and needlessly working myself up over things)



Chicken Creek 7/25-26/2015

A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 43

Chair: Chuck Smith

Judges: Boyd Emond DVM, Becky Rogers

CP Combo: Summer/Wolgram, Betty

Novice Sweepstakes: Kokopelli Moon/Brooker, Natalie-98

Open Sweepstakes: Awesomes Fire N Ice/Wolgram, Ken-98

Open Heavyweight

- 1/1 Awesomes Fire N Ice/Wolgram, Ken
- 2/2 Dee Bar/Westmoreland, Cheri
- 3/3 Mariah/Wingle, Bill
- 4/4 Bookcliff Mountain Fire/Bingham, Kenneth

Open Lightweight

- 1/2 Turner's Wild Card/Ward, Lin
- 2/1 Mr. Cool/Smith, Terri
- 3/4 BR Elusive Flame/Jarrett, Cheryl
- 4/5 Regala de la Estrellas/Marquardt, Diana
- 5/3 Solid Country Gold Skye/Conne, Linda

Open Junior

- 1/1 Lincoln/Combs, Alexis
- 2/2 GT/Bingham, Sydney

Novice Heavyweight

- 1/1 Dash of Quick Silver/Simons, Sandie
- 2/4 Levi/Morgan, Dayna
- 3/6 Lefty/Guthrie, Jan
- 4/2 Selket Majinsky/Muench, Gayle
- 5/ Anna's Rhett Buttler/Grabbe, Susan
- 6/5 Arizona Outlaw's Kachina MR/Carter, Rose
- /3 A Goodtime Cowboy Casanova/Daney, Devon
- 4K Black Powder/Arnett, Leona
- Legends Legacy Lena/Alley, Paula
- Quarter Cowboy SK/Holmes, Joe
- Shiraz/Horne, John

Novice Lightweight

- 1/2 Emmit/Combs, Janna
- 2/1 Dakota Cole/Olson, Calleen
- 3/3 Blue Diamond Dealer Muench, Fran
- 4/5 Jasper/Kasper, Gwen
- 5/4 Buffnugget G./Halterman, Susan
- 6/6 Sonnet/Hastings, Diana
- Pearl/Holmes, Kathleen
- P Mystic Memory HF/Matthews, Lindsay

Novice Junior

- 1/1 Kokopelli Moon/Brooker, Natalie
- 2/2 Little Bit/Vanpoolen, Sydney

Competitive Pleasure

- 1/2 Summer/Wolgram, Betty
- 2/3 Cedar Valley's Torden Fjell/Ferganchick, Brandy
- 3/ Royal's Rock'N EZ Cinnabar/Garrett, Betty
- 4/1 Strawberry Shortcake/Wingle, Diane
- 5/5 SAS's Aussie/Walls, Sharyl
- 6/ SAS's Smokey Annie Oakley/Feazell, Juleen
- /4 Classic Lines/Scott, Syndi
- /6 Curiosa CR/O'Brien, Wava
- Sixes Peppy Lady/Tucker, Nicole
- Precious Easy Aces/Bingham, Kerry



Commentary by a Rider and Volunteer, By Diane Wingle

Well the 2015 ride season has concluded in our region and what an interesting one it has been.

Losing Linell this past year has been difficult for so many of us. I think about Linell daily. She was my riding partner for approximately 5 years. Not only did we compete together but Gary, Linell, Bill and I conditioned our horses together and also had dinners together where I would make my homemade pizza from scratch and Linell would make a lovely salad. My pizza tradition continues and so will my fond memories of my riding buddie. I miss her!

Bill and I held a competitive trail ride at Highlands Ranch near Denver this year. What an interesting experience it was. We thought we had it made when ribboning the trails on this private property. There would be no one to pull our ribbons down as we had struggled with this at Air Force Academy. Well, weren't we in for a massive surprise! The largest thing to hang a ribbon on was scrub oak and the cattle and elk just loved the taste the pink ribbons. It is funny how you know where you placed every ribbon and which ones were missing when it came time to take down the ribbons. Bill and I want to thank every competitor for their understanding and patience in our ribboning challenges. Perhaps we need to use spray paint on the ground? Suggestions welcome. As of yet, we are waiting to hear back from Carla on the dates we proposed for a 2016 ride.

The ride at Air Force Academy was interesting with the very wet trails. It seemed like the entire camp was pretty happy not to have to do those trails again Sunday and thanks to Bill's mapping skills and having all the tracks ever used available to him, he mapped out a new, drier riding course for Sunday. Next year, the timing of Air Force Academy CTR moved to June after Colorado Trail so the trails will have time to dry out.

I volunteered at Rocky Mountain Dream ride and was in charge of horse water on the trail and changing signs and ribbons after Saturday's ride. I have a new appreciation of the New Mexico water boys, and in fact, for anyone who takes individual horse buckets, fills them, and places them around for the horses out on the trail. Then, it was time to move further down the trail and do it again. I am so thankful that it was only for the open riders. After that chore was done, I headed out to change ribbons and trail signs on the trail. I never realized how much work it is to get all that done. I came back to camp so late Saturday afternoon / evening that I missed briefing, but Chuck Smith and Diana Marquardt had dinner waiting. I didn't have to hear briefing because I wasn't competing but I enjoy hearing the judge's comments and critiquing on what they saw on the trail that day.

I also volunteered at the Rabbit Valley CTR. I got to do my favorite thing, which are P&Rs. I love watching how different people care for their horses and seeing what tack they have. I think I have some new tricks to calm my horse. Those new horses at P&Rs can be so challenging to keep standing still. As some of you competitors on the trail may have noticed, the last P&R of the day was missing, well, P&R crew. As we dashed thru the field to catch you, the "trot to P&R" sign was obviously missing and we had to send some of you back to do it again. I was so impressed with how well the competitors took the news, worked with us, and went back to trot to the P&R. We are just volunteers doing the best we can with what we have. Thank you for your kind understanding!

We are indeed a great NATRC family.



CRI-Conducted at Rocky Mountain Dream Ride by Juleen Fezell

The CRI (Cardiac Recovery Index) was conducted for the first time in Region 3 at the Rocky Mountain Dream Ride using the recently developed NATRC protocol. This protocol had been tested in at least 8 other rides in other regions beginning in June of 2014.

The CRI was conducted at the end of the ride on Saturday at Rocky Mountain Dream Ride. 37 horses lost conditioning points out of the 43 horses that started the CTR. Competitors were very upset. Riders were encouraging me to intervene on behalf of Region 3 as I am the current president. Sunday afternoon I approached the Veterinarian Judge, on behalf of Region 3, and respectfully implored her to not deduct conditioning points from the Horse Score Card. I argued valuable data could still be gathered but the protocol had not been properly followed. The Vet Judge refused and told me I could file a formal protest.

I was unable to file a formal protest as no rule had not been broken. There is nothing in the 2015 Rule Book that states how a CRI should be conducted. I wrote a Formal Complaint Letter because the CRI Protocol Guidelines were not followed properly. I strongly believed competitors and their horse's entire season should not be negatively impacted by this improperly conducted CRI. Year end awards, such as High Average Horse and Team awards would be effected if the results from this poorly conducted CRI are allowed to stand.

Two other Competitors wrote Complaint/Concern letters and also stated it was unfair because only a few of the competitors had actually seen the guidelines for NATRC's CRI and the protocol had not been made available to all the members. There was no information regarding the CRI protocol on the NATRC web site. The fact that the CRI Guidelines were not in the rulebook caused these competitors to question the CRI fairness, use and validity.

All 3 Complaint/Concern letters requested that NATRC National, judges committee, remove the CRI deductions from the Horse score card.

On October 6, 2015, the NATRC Executive Committee and Judges Committee Chairs, informed future Ride Managers of a moratorium on CRI scoring for the rest of the 2015 Ride Year.

On October 30, 2015, a response was sent to the authors of the 3 Complaint/Concern Letters and the Ride Management personnel from Rocky Mountain Dream Ride from the Co-Chairs of the Judges Committee. Following in an excerpt from that letter;

"It is our unanimous opinion and decision that Dr. Hirsch rescind the CRI scoring at this ride and the cards be re-scored without those points. Additionally, the whole issue of the scoring system that was set up and the way the CRI is conducted seem to have raised a lot of questions and concerns. Therefore we are recommending that the whole protocol be sent back to the committee for further study before a final protocol is adopted. We also are putting a moratorium on scoring of any CRI conducted at rides for the rest of this year or until the final protocol is adopted."

Additional CRI Background Information:

A CRI Report published on July 9, 2015 by DVMs Greg Fellers and Jamie Dietrich that gave the Background, Conclusions and Recommendations and the Protocol and Log form for recording a CRI at a NATRC ride. As stated in the above mentioned report "The CRI is used as a measure of the horse's body to oxygenate tissues, the CRI has been used extensively since the 1980's in AERC endurance rides and has become a useful tool in other equine sports. In the words of the AERC Veterinary Handbook, the CRI "measures the ability of the horse's circulatory system to accommodate the level of exertion experienced at the event." The CRI is used as one of the parameters to determine a horse's ability to continue. An abnormal CRI is recognized as one of the risk factors for eliminating an endurance horse from a competition. The importance of the initial (baseline pulse) point as well as the increase to the second pulse is consistently emphasized in articles and discussions of the cardiac recovery index. "

Following is the only information currently on the NATRC web site regarding the CRI.

http://www.natrc.org/documents/Judges_Resources/CRI_Aug2014_EN.pdf



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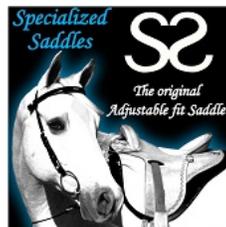
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Minutes Board of Directors Meeting September 18, 2015

NATRC Region 3
Board Of Directors Meeting
September 18, 2015
Place: Rocky Mountain Dream Ride - YMCA - Granby, Colorado

Call to Order by Juleen Feazell at 1:10 pm

Board Members/Officers Present: Juleen Feazell, President; John Horne, National Board Member; Dianna Thearin, Alternate Board Member; Diana Marquardt, At-Large; Kay Gunckel, District 1 Representative; Sharon Roper-Dashner, Former President; Betty Wolgram, Vice President, Membership Chair and Nominating Committee Chair; Chuck Smith, Treasurer, Historian, Webmaster; Diane Wingle, Ride Book Chair stopped in to provide her report verbally; Alexis Combs, Junior Rider Representative came near the end of the meeting.

Juleen asked permission to record the meeting to aid her in writing the minutes since Kerry Bingham, Secretary was unable to attend. All agreed to be recorded.

Standing Rules:

Betty Wolgram was the Ride Secretary for Rocky Mountain Dream Ride and needed to return to her duties, Standing Rules were moved to the front of the agenda. Betty had provided her report to board members prior to the meeting so all had the opportunity to review the Standing Rules information prior to the meeting.

Blanket Motion was made by Betty Wolgram to continue all of the following rules for the 2016 ride season.

- For the ride season 2016, Region 3 will purchase Novice horse and horsemanship placing ribbons for each of its sanctioned rides.

Reasoning for this benefit: After talking with many competitors, it has been determined that novice competitors especially appreciate receiving ribbons rather than such things as certificates as awards. They are usually the newest to our sport whereas open and competitive pleasure riders have, for the most part, been around for a while. This benefit will also be very helpful to ride managers who will be spared the cost of purchasing ribbons, at least novice ribbons. Thirty-six ribbons would normally have to be paid for by the ride manager whether they used them all or not. The region ribbons would not have the ride name engraved nor the year (that could be written on the back of the rosette by the recipient), so unused ribbons should be returned to the region for later use. Estimated cost to region approximately \$400.

Ride managers would, however, be able to "piggy back" on the region's bulk price and order ribbons for Open and CP if they placed their order soon enough. Janna Combs, assisted by Ross Combs, agreed to order and keep track of ribbons and collect/recycle unused ones for ride season 2016.

**Vote on continuation and/or changes by last meeting of each year.

Premier parking, premier check-in/check-out, and donated ride entries shall each be auctioned off to the highest bidder each year at the Region 3 Annual Convention. Auction may be held either verbally using an auctioneer or by silent auction. **Vote on continuation and/or changes by last meeting of each year.

Allow 2016 ride management to deduct \$20 from their total region 3 rider fees due for the cost of premier parking goodies. **Vote on continuation and/or changes by last meeting of each year.

Allow 2016 ride management to deduct the NATRC rider fee/drug fee/region 3 rider fee from their total fees due Region 3 for the winner of the donated entry to their ride. **Vote on continuation and/or changes by last meeting of each year.

Allow for the 2016 ride season the auction of a premier parking spot for each ride. The winner may transfer his/her premier parking spot to another person but not to another ride. If the winner's ride is cancelled, the region will refund the cost of the premier parking spot upon request. ** Vote on continuation and/or changes by last meeting of each year.

Allow for the 2016 ride season the auction of premier check-in/check-out for each ride. The winner may transfer his/her premier check-in/check-out to another person but not to another ride. If the winner's ride is cancelled, the region will refund the cost of the premier check-in/check-out upon request. ** Vote on continuation and/or changes by last meeting of each year.

Allow for the 2016 ride season the auction of donated ride entries for each ride. The winner may transfer his/her ride entry to another person but not to another ride. If the winner's ride is cancelled, the region will refund the cost of the entry upon request. ** Vote on continuation and/or changes by last meeting of each year.

For the ride season 2016, Region 3 will offer member junior riders a \$30 discount off the entry amount for up to 3 Region 3 rides. Management will be allowed to deduct this discount from their total fees due Region 3. ** Vote on continuation and/or changes by last meeting of each year.

For the ride season 2016, Region 3 establishes a CP Champion horse award as follows:
In the Competitive Pleasure Division, a horse shall be declared a Region 3 NATRC CP Champion Horse when all the following requirements are met during a Region 3 ride season:

- 1) Horse is awarded at least one 1st place and one 2nd place (or two 1st places) in the CP division.
- 2) Horse accumulates a minimum of 65 points in the CP division.
- 3) Only Region 3 rides will count.

** Vote on continuation and/or changes by last meeting of each year.



For the ride season 2016, Region 3 will give the choice of either a halter with engraved plate and matching lead rope or an embroidered fleece blanket to its Open riders who earn a subsequent National Championship on their horse (in any year in which NATRC is not sponsoring blankets for subsequent National Championships on the same horse). The blanket or halter plate will state "NATRC National Champion 2016" and the horse's name. On average Region 3 has had anywhere from two to eight National Champion horses each year; of course, that depends on the number of open riders competing which has decreased over the past several years. Prices will be obtained and blankets will be purchased from the most reasonable source. (Estimated Cost: \$80 or less per blanket, \$60 or less for halter/lead rope)

** Vote on continuation and/or changes by last meeting of each year.

For the ride seasons 2015, 2016, & 2017, Region 3 establishes the High Point First Year Novice Horse Award donated by John P. Horne and Dianna Thearin. Should John Horne and Dianna Thearin be unwilling or unable to donate this award in the future, Region 3 will sponsor this award. **Vote on continuation and/or changes by last meeting of each year.

For the ride season 2016, Region 3 establishes the Dr. Joe Quintana High Average Novice Horse Award. Novice division horses must enter a minimum of 75% of the rides per season to be eligible for this award. All rides started in Region 3 will be counted. **Vote on continuation and/or changes by last meeting of each year.

For the ride season 2016, Region 3 establishes the Pat Jubb High Average Novice Horsemanship Award. Novice division riders must enter a minimum of 75% of the rides per season to be eligible for this award. All rides started in Region 3 will be counted. **Vote on continuation and/or changes by last meeting of each year.

For the ride season 2016, Region 3 establishes a Novice Champion Horse Award as follows: In the Novice Division, a horse shall be declared a Region 3 NATRC Novice Champion Horse when all the following requirements are met during a Region 3 ride season:

- 1) Horse is awarded at least one 1st place and one 2nd place (or two 1st places) in the Novice division.
- 2) Horse accumulates a minimum of 65 points in the Novice division.
- 3) Only Region 3 rides will count. ** Vote on continuation and/or changes by last meeting of each year.

For the 2016 ride season, Region 3 establishes a 100% Club award as follows:

To earn a 100% Club jacket a person must compete or volunteer at every ride during the ride season. The jackets will be fleece and have the person's first and last name, NATRC Region 3, NATRC logo, 100% Club and the year on the front. Cost of jackets not to exceed \$75.00 each. **Vote on continuation and/or changes by last meeting of each year.

Blanket Motion Seconded - Sharon Roper Dashner - All were in favor - Motion Passed

Betty next added the following phrases to Standing Rules to keep wording in line with NATRC rules.

Horses receiving annual awards must be ridden by a member during the ride year of NATRC.

Riders receiving annual awards must be members during the ride year of NATRC.**

Region 3 Ballots:

Currently the wording in the Region Ballot Process is as follows:

In order to avoid confusion in voting for district representatives, a separate ballot shall be printed and mailed and/or e-mailed for each district voting for district representatives listing only the candidate(s) from that particular district and the candidates at-large for the entire region.

Ballots shall also include member voting for Sue Bretag award recipient (nominees submitted by the Board but write-ins permitted) and member voting for Best Managed Ride of the year with all rides listed on the ballot.

Positions for district representatives and at-large representatives are two-year terms and are limited to two consecutive terms.

Betty's reason for proposing change in wording. Voting for directors, especially National or National Alternate director, must be completed before the end of ride season and voting for Region 3 Sue Bretag award and Best Managed Ride does not need to be finalized until end of year.

- Betty made a Motion for the following changes in wording: A separate ballot shall also be printed and mailed and/or e-mailed to each Region 3 member to vote for the Sue Bretag award recipient (nominees submitted by the Board but write-ins permitted) and the Best Managed Ride of the year with all rides listed on the ballot. Motion Seconded - Diana Marquardt - All were in favor - Motion Passed

First Time Region 3 Members: At a special meeting of the Board of Directions held at the Caballo Canyon CTR in April, 2015, it was approved that 100% of the cost of a single adult, family, or junior NATRC membership will be refunded to any first-time NATRC member joining NATRC in 2015 who then starts three rides during the 2015 Region 3 ride season**Vote on continuation and/or changes by last meeting of the year.

Betty's reasoning for proposing change. A cash refund removes money from Region 3 which may or may not be used for continuing the membership. Renewal is an investment by Region 3 which keeps the membership viable for at least one more year.

Betty made a Motion for continuation with the following changes: For the ride season 2016, Region 3 will renew the 2017 membership in full for any first-time NATRC Region 3 member (single adult, family, or junior) joining NATRC in 2016 who then starts three rides during the 2016 Region 3 ride season. **Vote on continuation and/or changes by last meeting of the year.

Motion Seconded - Dianna Thearin - All were in favor - Motion Passed



Secretaries Report: Kerry Bingham was not present to review the minutes but all agreed Kerry's minutes from the June meeting were excellent. No changes or corrections to the June minutes.

Treasurer's Report: Chuck Smith provided the Treasure's report. The Chicken Creek Benefit ride currently shows a profit of \$1,169.13 and may increase an additional \$150. Chuck also explained the difference between the two reports on total income was the ride fees for 2014 that were not received by Chuck until 2015.

(see attachment - unable to download into minutes)

Sharon Roper-Dashner made a motion to accept the Treasure's report.
Motion Seconded - John Horne- All were in favor - Motion Passed

CD's being moved to Institutions in New Mexico

Kaye Gunkel questioned if the CD's had ever been transferred from accounts in Colorado to New Mexico? Chuck reported that he and Susan Peters were unable to get together to accomplish this task. None of the CD's renew at the same time and fees are incurred when you don't move them on the renewal date. CD's are paying so little interest now and if we need access to the funds penalties are also incurred. It may be simpler to open up additional checking accounts or savings accounts than moving the CD's. We agreed it was important to keep the accounts separate and to move the funds to New Mexico. Chuck will research the best way move each CD as they become mature and to find institutions that will not charge service fees that eat away at the funds.

Committee Reports:

Membership Report: Betty Wolgram had sent Membership report to all board members prior to the meeting.
Membership Chair Report for Region 3 September 2015 Board Meeting-
(compare to last report for June 2015 Board meeting)

New Life Members from June 1 to September 1, 2015:
none

New/rejoining members from June 1 to September 1, 2015:
Bri Clarke – new junior member
Ivan-Sonny Mills – rejoined single adult
William & Lise Morgan – new family membership

Members renewed from June 1 to September 1, 2015:
Family Memberships:
none

Single Adult Memberships:
Laurie DiNatale

Junior Memberships:
none

2014 Memberships not renewed for 2015:

Name	District
Tammy Beyerle	1
Annette Campbell & Raina Watson (family)	1
Alden & Elaine Chamberlain (family)	2
Lee Ann Clarke	2
Gennie Colazio	1
Caroline Coles	2
Wende Gist	1
Tia Harris	2
Diana & Robert Hastings (family)	2
Liza Jane Hein	1
Perran Howell	2
Nancy James	2
Mike Jubb	1
David Judson	1
Gwen & Pete Kasper (family)	1
Larry & Mary Ellen Keckler (family)	1
Sharon Kettwich	2
Tom King	2
DaNae & Madison Kramer (family)	1
Sheryl Larue	2
Merry Lester	2
Heloise Lynn	2



Pat Montgomery	2
Gene Naugle, DVM	1
Rebecca Noland	1
Elizabeth Pinkston	1
Debbie Pugliano	1
Cynthia Ramsey	2
Barbara Schwan	2
Cindy Simmers	2
Nancy Bob Smith	2
Olga Spanhoff & Todd Blevins (family)	2
Ingrid Spikker	1
Larry & Judi Tobias (family)	1
Fay VonTilius	1
Suzannah Vowel	1
Gail West	2
Morgan Winter	1
James Wright, DVM	1
Terry Yates	2

40 memberships not yet renewed for 2015
 District 1 - 20
 District 2 - 20

Total Members as of June 1, 2015 – 174

Add New/Rejoining from June 1 to September 1, 2015

Single Adult	1
Family	1 x 2 = 2
Junior	1
Total Members	4

Add Renewals from June 1 to September 1, 2015

Single Adult	1
Family	0
Junior	0
Total Members	1

Total Members as of September 1, 2015 - 179

**Note: Above figures are "close approximation" because total membership numbers by region are not reported by National until November of each year.

Region 3 National Goals & Measurements for 2015:

# rides	8 (9 rides on schedule for 2015/Chokecherry cancelled)
# average riders per ride	40
# members	200

Respectfully submitted: Betty Wolgram, Membership Chair

Nominating Committee Report: Betty Wolgram had sent out the Region 3 ballot on September 9, 2015. Ballots need to be returned by October 15, 2015

Stirrup Editor Report: John Volkerding - no report

Ride Book/Ride Coordinator Report: Diane Wingle stopped in and reported we may have 11 rides in Region 3 in 2016. Diane is planning on giving a discount to NATRC members who want to advertise in The Ride Book for 2016.

Sharon Roper-Dashner made a motion that 500 copies of The Ride Book be printed. Motion Seconded - Dianna Thearin- All were in favor - Motion Passed

Publicity/Advertising Report: Syndi Scott - see Awards Report for fund raiser.

Historian Report: Chuck Smith he only has 6 stories so far for The History Book. Chuck will be setting a cut off date when stories and photos need to be submitted as many of us work better if we have a deadline. Suggested the cut off date be before the holidays begin. Stories need to be limited to 1 page. A suggestion was made for current members to interview some of the former riders who are no longer competing and may be uncomfortable with writing about themselves and then create a story and ask them for photos.

Supply/Safety Report: Janna Combs - no report

Awards Report: Juleen Feazell submitted the following report.

Branding NATRC Logo Jackets:

Currently 16 jackets have had the logo added to them at a cost of \$7.00 to each member.

Blue and Black Coffee Mugs:



\$95.00 in sales of the mugs so far. There are approx. 20 mugs left, which we plan to sell and give out to 1st time riders while supplies last.

Logo Hats:

Publicity/Syndi Scot and Juleen worked together on these hats.

- Pink hats were donated since they had a barrel racer on the side. Most of the pink caps were then given away for gifts for judges secretaries etc., 4 pink hat are left.
- Gave one sage hat to Linell's daughter.
- 16 Yellow and Sage hats taken to Chicken Creek all sold out on Friday Night.
- \$352.00 spent to purchase logo caps, profit for Region 3 was \$113.00.

2015 Awards:

Costs may be slightly higher than 2014.

- 3 novice awards should all have winners in 2015.
- More novice medallions will be given out in 2015.

Hopefully the same trophy maker will be able to make awards for us.

Worker Points: Dianna Thearin recently made up a spread sheet to help Ride Managers complete at the conclusion of each ride. Diane reported she has received information from most of the rides.

Webmaster Report: Chuck Smith reported he and Dianna Thearin were going to begin working together on the Web Page for Region 3 after the Ride Season is complete. Chuck reported he was surprised to learn some board members were unhappy with the Region 3 web page because he didn't get any negative feedback at the March 2015 board meeting.

This is a Region 3 web site and it belongs to all of us. If anyone has ideas about how to improve the web site please email Chuck and he will copy Dianna. As they begin to rework the web page it will show under construction because it is not a simple process.

Old Business:

1. Convention Update - Chuck Smith reported he plans to Finalize the Hotel and budget in the next week. Dates are March 18 & 19. Theme is Past Present and Future. Chuck would like to put together a video of some of the photos that will be in the History Book with music. Video could be shown during a Cocktail Party. Might be nice to get some of the retired riders to come join us at the convention. Kay suggested it be like a high school "Annual Signing Party" where people who wrote the article would sign your History Book.
 - Kay Gunckel knew of a motivational speaker that could give us all ideas of how motivate members to get new people excited about NATRC. Kay will work on this speaker.
 - Juleen has a horsemanship trainer who has found an innovative method to help us build a better partnership with our horse.
 - Susan Halterman who lives in Cripple Creek has a local vet who would be a good speaker. Juleen will work with Susan on this.
 - Chuck wants another speaker who can give us some clues on how to do handle health emergencies for humans in in the wilderness. Dianna Thearin suggested we contact the Local Search and Rescue and see if they would be interested. Susan Halterman works for Teller County. Juleen will contact Susan to see if she knows someone in the Cripple Creek area who can help with this portion of the convention.
2. Safety Rider Guidelines - Kay Gunckel reported the Safety Riders Guide Lines at the National Level, for Insurance reasons should be all that is documented.
3. Worker Points - Worker address added on Worker Waivers - Juleen investigated and was told the Worker Waivers are a National form and approved by the insurance companies. To get something added would have to be reviewed by the multiple number of insurance companies and that would be a very difficult process. It was suggested we add an additional page that be filled out at the same time volunteers sign the waivers that includes address and jobs/hours worked.
4. RMS used to notify Non Members of upcoming rides. - Carried forward to next meeting.
5. Sharing our NATRC FB, Instagram and Snap Chat - Dianna & Lexi Combs are working on these items. It was suggested we use some of the photos on Cristy Cumberworth's, Bill Wingle's or Gary Wall's web site. There are some beautiful photos out there that really highlight NATRC.

New Business:

1. Nominations for Region 3 Sue Bretag Award
 - Ed Westmoreland - Juleen nominated and will do the write-up.
2. Nominations for National Awards
 - Regional Appreciation
 - Greg Feazell - Chuck nominated and will do the write-up.
 - Sonny Miles - Juleen nominated and Chuck will get someone from San Juan Valley Trail Riders to do the write up.
 - Bill Wingle - Diana Marquardt nominated and will do the write-up.
 - Life Time Achievement
 - Kathy Budd - Nominated by Juleen, Judy Mason to be asked to do the write-up.
3. Region Three Board Member Resignation - Donna Lewis has resigned from the board. Juleen appointed Dianna Thearin to replace Donna.



4. Standardizing Ride Numbers/Replacing Worn Vests - Colorado and New Mexico have two separate sets of rider vests and the division numbering scheme is different. This cause problems if someone has purchased a number that may be a CP number in Colorado and a Novice number in New Mexico. The board agreed the numbers should be standardized. A discussion took place and it was decided that many of the vests need to be replaced while other vests look fairly new. Chuck and Sharon will work on this at Rabbit Valley and come up with which vests need to be replaced and a standard numbering scheme for Region 3. Both will try and come up with someone to make the new vests before the first ride in 2016.

5. Publicity and Advertising - A discussion took place about the need to do a better job with publicity. The Sue Bretag fund was to be used for publicity and there is a large sum of money in that account. We need to do a better job of advertising our sport. Articles need to be written in local newspapers before each ride takes place. Local newspapers are often happy to take pictures at a local ride and that would spark interest for a future ride. Caballo Canyon CTR received great publicity in the Farmington newspaper. We need to find someone who would take this on who likes to write and could also add local ride information on various forms of Social Media. Juleen will look in to this and come up with a plan by the March 2016 meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting will be held on March 18, 2016 in Cripple Creek Colorado at the Double Eagle Hotel.

TEN FIRST YEAR MEMBERS MEET THE CHALLENGE

We had a very successful first time member campaign for 2015. As you may recall we had a very generous donation from a lifetime member at the Region 3 convention in Taos in March. The caveat from the anonymous donor was to use the money to increase membership and increase attendance at our rides. The Region 3 Board decided to refund the cost of a family or adult membership if the new member started 3 rides in 2015.

We had ten riders meet the challenge and they will be receiving their membership fee refunded very soon. Four of our new members competed in four rides and if Chokecherry CTR had taken place we would probably have had 6 new members start four rides.

New first time members who started at least 3 rides were Megan Acevedo, junior rider, from Grants, New Mexico - 3 rides; Paula Alley, from Aztec, New Mexico 3 rides; Oliva Brandt, junior rider, Black Forrest, Colorado, 3 rides; Hannah Clarke, Lakewood, Colorado, 4 rides; Bri Clarke, junior rider, Silverthrone, Colorado, 3 rides; Colleen Devino, junior rider, Colorado Springs, Colorado, 3 rides; Amy Fetterhoff, Glenwood Springs, Colorado, 4 rides; Joanne Sistek, Franktown, Colorado, 3 rides; Jill Standquist, Breckenridge, Colorado, 4 rides; Alex VanVelkinburgh, Denver, Colorado, 4 rides.

Calculating the average entry fees for junior and adult riders the estimated revenue generated by our new members was \$4,194.00. Hopefully most will ride with us again in 2016.

Region 3 Board voted in September to continue offering an incentive to new members for the 2016 ride season with a the following change. "Region 3 will renew the 2017 membership in full for any first-time NATRC Region 3 member (single adult, family, or junior) joining NATRC in 2016 who then starts three rides during the 2016 Region 3 ride season."

Thank You new members and thanks to all members who encouraged these new folks to "Come Ride With Us". Especially Wave O'Brien who competed in every ride and seemed like she always rode with a junior rider or two or three or four, YOU ROCK WAVA!



January-September 2015 Financial Statement, Chuck Smith

DATE	DESCRIPTION	DEPOSITS	WITHDRAWALS	ACCOUNT BALANCE	
01/25/15	Sharon Roper-Dashner Saddle Purchase		\$600.00	\$26,873.17	
01/31/15	Sharon Roper-Dashner Saddle Shipping		\$50.00	\$26,223.17	
02/10/15	Regional Dues January	\$330.00		\$26,553.17	
02/10/15	Ride Book Ad's	\$105.00		\$26,658.17	
02/10/15	Vest Numbers Purchased	\$150.00		\$26,808.17	
03/02/15	Jerry Sims NBOD Expenses February		\$730.85	\$26,077.32	
03/10/15	Regional Dues February	\$215.00		\$26,292.32	
03/10/15	John Horne NBOD Expenses February		\$50.00	\$26,242.32	
03/10/15	Susan Peters Flowers		\$886.69	\$25,355.63	
03/15/15	Website Renewal		\$328.23	\$25,027.40	
03/15/15	State of CO Business Renewal		\$100.00	\$24,927.40	
03/23/15	Rabbit Valley 2014 Ride Fees	\$101.00		\$25,028.40	
03/23/15	Vest Numbers Purchased	\$120.00		\$25,148.40	
03/23/15	Ride Book Ad's	\$620.00		\$25,768.40	
03/28/15	Julien Feazel Year End Awards		\$1,392.15	\$24,376.25	
04/04/15	Convention Mng Sales (Awards)	\$80.00		\$24,456.25	
04/04/15	Willow Springs 2014 Ride Fees	\$209.00		\$24,665.25	
04/04/15	Donation - Membership Kenneough	\$500.00		\$25,165.25	
04/04/15	Vest Numbers Purchases (Auction Notes)**	\$40.00		\$25,205.25	
04/04/15	Slant Auction	\$1,026.00		\$26,231.25	
04/04/15	Ride Auctions	\$2,276.00		\$28,507.25	
04/07/15	Ross and Janna Combs Ride Award Ribbons		\$579.80	\$27,927.45	
04/07/15	Beth Sims Worker Awards - Chevrons		\$583.90	\$27,343.55	
04/07/15	Atlas Awards - Worker Awards		\$767.73	\$26,575.82	
04/07/15	Tas Conventions Profit	\$1,376.10		\$27,951.92	
04/09/15	Vest Numbers Purchased	\$50.00		\$28,001.92	
04/09/15	Ride Book Ad's	\$50.00		\$28,051.92	
04/09/15	Ride Auctions	\$210.00		\$28,261.92	
04/15/15	Regional Dues March	\$385.00		\$28,646.92	
04/15/15	Caballo Canyon Ride Fees	\$84.00		\$28,730.92	
05/09/15	Regional Dues April	\$185.00		\$28,915.92	
05/09/15	Bill Wingle Ride Radio's Purchased		\$296.97	\$28,618.95	
05/09/15	Diane Wingle Ride Book		\$592.17	\$28,026.78	
06/01/15	Vest Numbers Purchased	\$50.00		\$28,076.78	
06/01/15	Navajo Lake Ride Fees	\$83.00		\$28,159.78	
06/01/15	Ride Book Ad's	\$170.00		\$28,329.78	
06/10/15	Regional Dues May	\$75.00		\$28,404.78	
07/08/15	Regional Dues June	\$45.00		\$28,449.78	
08/17/15	John Horne NBOD Expenses July		\$567.14	\$27,882.64	
08/20/15	Chicken Creek Ride Fees	\$164.00		\$28,046.64	
08/20/15	BENEFIT RIDE Profit	\$1,169.16		\$29,215.80	
08/20/15	Chuck Smith NBOD Expenses July		\$585.05	\$28,630.75	
08/20/15	Regional Dues July	\$15.00		\$28,645.75	
09/22/15	Air Force Academy Ride Fees	\$136.00		\$28,781.75	
09/22/15	Colorado Trail Ride Fees	\$143.00		\$28,924.75	
09/22/15	Highlands Ranch	\$77.00		\$29,001.75	
	TOTAL INCOME	\$10,239.26			
	TOTAL EXPENSES		\$8,110.68		

\$40.00 from Auction Checks, \$10.00 Linda Johnson Conne & \$30.00 Cheryl Jarrett

In Grouped 2014 Income

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Revenue		Expenses		CDS & Savings	
Auctions - RIDES	\$ 2,486.00	Advertising	\$ -	Sue Bretag	\$ 5,819.47
Benefit Profit	\$ 1,169.16	Auctions - RIDES	\$ -	Reserve Savings Account	\$ 3,459.84
Convention Profit	\$ 726.10	Business Cards	\$ -	Ken Burkdoll	\$ 1,094.03
Calendar Purchases	\$ -	Chevrons	\$ 236.81	Ruth Tyree	\$ 951.55
Donations	\$ 500.00	Corporate Fee's	\$ 100.00	Checking	\$ 3.31
Membership Dues	\$ 1,250.00	Donations	\$ -	CD	\$ 4,062.44
Year End Awards	\$ 80.00	Equipment	\$ 296.97	CD	\$ 2,942.95
Ride Book Ads	\$ 945.00	Gifts	\$ 50.00	Total CDS & Savings	\$ 18,333.59
Ride Dues	\$ 687.00	Horse Expo	\$ -		
Silent Auction	\$ 1,026.00	NBOD Expenses	\$ 2,769.73		
Vest Sales	\$ 410.00	Postage	\$ -		
Saddle Auction	\$ -	Premier Parking	\$ -		
Saddle Raffle (Convention 15')	\$ 650.00	Ride Ribbons	\$ 579.80		
VOID Checks	\$ -	Ride Book	\$ 592.17		
Ride Start Up Funds	\$ -	Ride Certificates (From 2010)	\$ -		
Tack Sale (National)	\$ -	Ride Start Up Funds	\$ -		
Trail Improvement	\$ -	Saddle Raffle (Convention 15')	\$ 650.00		
Interest Earned	\$ 45.49	Safety/Supplies	\$ 12.87		
Total Income	\$ 9,974.75	Stirrup	\$ -		
		Trail Improvement	\$ -		
		Website	\$ 328.23		
		Year End Awards	\$ 2,494.10		
		Total Expenses	\$ 8,110.68		
		Net Operating Income	\$ 1,864.07		



NATRC Region 3 Convention 2016

Our 2016 convention will be held in Cripple Creek, Colorado, March 18-19 at the Double Eagle Hotel, Casino, and Conference Center.



Theme: Past, Present, & Future

PROGRAM:

Outdoor medical care and first aid. This speaker can give great advice on what anyone could do in this situation before paramedics can get there.

Marketing/Motivational Speaker. How to get new members and to retain new members. This person is educated in marketing and will give us some great ideas on how we can best market NATRC and move into the future?!

Horsemanship Speaker. Michele Skerl from Freedom Equine located in Crawford , Colorado will be another of the Speakers at the convention in Cripple Creek in 2016. Michele and her wonderful husband Joe, own and operate Freedom Equine LLC. Michele specializes in a new an inventive way to create Partnership with your horse and ways to make your horse solid and confident no matter who is riding them or what crazy situation you may encounter. To find out more about Michele and Freedom Equine, go to Michele's web site at FreedomEquineLLC.com.

Depending on schedule of speakers,we hope there will be room for a judges panel.

Possibly another specialized saddle raffle?

The Region 3 History Book is going to be the coolest item ever given away at a Region 3 convention. ONLY those who come to the convention will receive a book Included in their registration. For those who do not come, they will have the option to purchase a history book at a price to be determined.

Awards Banquet, Silent Auction and the Crazy Ride Auction will be held on the evening of March 19th.

Please, set aside the date and plan to attend the Region 3 convention in Beautiful Cripple Creek, Colorado, March 18 -19, 2016. More information will be provided in the July/August Stirrup.

Convention Chair, Chuck Smith





Barn News

REGION 3 CONVENTION HISTORY BOOK NEEDS YOUR STORIES

Several months ago, Chuck Smith announced that, for the 2016 Region 3 Convention to be held in Cripple Creek, Colorado, his goal was to put together a printed book containing stories and photos of Region 3 members, past and present.

Chuck sent an e-mail to all Region 3 members asking for submissions, including answers to the following general questions:

- What year did you become an NATRC member?
- How did you become involved with NATRC?
- Why do you, or a loved one, (current or previous) compete or work within NATRC?
- What is your favorite or most memorable memory?

As of this date, Chuck has not received many stories. He and I talked recently about ways to encourage members to submit their stories. Having been a high school teacher for many years, I remember how often it was difficult getting students to write even when their grades were at stake. Why?

I used to tell my students (who invariably would tell me that they "didn't have anything of importance to say" when I would give them an assignment that was autobiographical), "Just start writing and describing, don't worry about organizing, about the words you are using, or anything else." Just go for it! And then I would actually get some pretty good stuff. Next to public speaking, people usually feel that writing is one of the hardest things to do, and when you write something and then let it out of your hands and "into the public realm" where other people can read what you have said, it can be a bit scary. And the older we get, the worse it is.

Procrastination can be another factor. Everybody procrastinates for one reason or another (taxes for example?) It just puts unpleasant things off until we have to do them, but it can also put things off (like the stories for the history book) until it becomes TOO late, and then they may not be included in the book, or, even worse, Chuck may not get enough stories even to have a history book which would be a real shame.

So let's get those stories and photos to Chuck and help him create a treasure of a memory book. If you have any questions, you can contact him at chuck-smith@earthlink.net or me at bkwranch@hughes.net.
Betty Wolgram
Region 3 Membership Chair

Make My Day

Handsome Andalusian stallion seeks mare(s) for a moment of passion in private field in Franktown, CO. this Spring 2016. No breeding fee as we are looking to prove his fertility. If interested, please contact Diane Wingle at wingles@uncert.com.

Ride Book Policy / Advertising Price Changes!

As Editor of Region 3's Ride Book, I have been talking with Region 6 and how they do things with their Ride Book. Just like Region 3 took, uh.... borrowed, uh, ok, stole the idea of the 100% Club, we will do it again. It, meaning steel. Region 6 offers different advertising rates for NATRC members vs. business and I thought that would be a great idea. To get the NATRC member rate, you must have renewed your 2016 NATRC membership by the advertising deadline, which is approximately February 15, 2016.

So here's what I put together for rates:

Size Ad	Standard Rate	Member Rate
Happy Ad:	n/a	\$20
Business Card:	\$25	\$20
¼ Page	\$30	\$25
1/3 Page	\$35	\$30
½ Page	\$50	\$40
Full Page	\$100	\$75

For those of you that have developed a nice relationship at your tack and feed store, you can go out and sell advertising space in our Ride Book . Plus, you get worker points for this!



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