

**NARHA Region IV  
Caucus Minutes  
November 15, 2007  
Anaheim CA Marriot  
4:30 p.m.**

Attendees: Deb Hauser, Tina Bennett, Amy Newman, Anne VanWagner, Lisa Dean, Kim Henning, Bill Lavin, Becky Cook, Jim Henderson, Nancy Hyeussner, Sue Torpey, Marybeth Hamilton, Beth Pellerito, Terri Young, Bonnie DePue, Debbie Stengel, Sarah Meyer, Lisa Way, Sharon McCluskey, Debbie Silkwood Sherer, Sarah Newton, Tara East, Tam Hommick, Sandra Carbone.

Meeting called to order at 4:32 p.m. by Deb Hauser, Region IV Representative.

**Minutes:**

Minutes from March meeting presented by Deb Hauser, **Motion Nov. 2007:1** to approve by Kim Henning, MI, second by Anne VanWagner, KY.

**Committee Reports:**

1. No committee reports from AHA, EFHMA and Education.
2. Tina Bennett Driving Committee Chair from MI stated there are four workshops scheduled for 2008: Feb 1 – 3 in Freeland MI; April in Florida, June or July in Wisconsin, August in New Hampshire and possibly Texas in October. Driving certifications will be offered in April and August. Becky Cook will be incoming Driving Chair for 2008.
3. Lisa Way stated the certification for Instructor, Vaulting and Equine Specialist are being changed. The workshop will be separated from the certification day by a minimum of 30 days. Self study horsemanship is being increased. Kim Henning stated the workshop time will be increased with more emphasis on horsemanship. Henning also stated that a mentorship program will be created for instructors in training. Criteria for mentorship are being drafted by the Oversight Committee. If you are an on-site evaluator you are already on the Mentor approved list.

**Finances:**

January 1, 2007 Region IV had \$10,817.50 in the account. As of Oct 7, 2007 there is \$14,684 in the account. Regional conferences have been profitable and produced the increase. Sixty seven people attended Regional conference, which is fewer than usual. Due to a donation of Harry Hall breeches from the Silent Auction, we earned \$2,210 which supported State Chair attendance at this National Conference. \$10,822.00 is the estimate for our account balance after this conference. Last year the region voted to support the full conference fee for State Chairs. **Motion N 2007:2** by Bonnie DePue that we maintain the allotment for next year and revisit in 2009, second by Bill Lavin.

**National Issues:**

Fieldstone Farms of Region IV won the 2007 awards for Volunteer, Instructor and Horse of the year. Hauser stated the deadline for 2008 nominees is expected to be May or June. Kim Henning stated the nominees for Rider and Volunteer of the Year are no longer required to be a NARHA member. Deb Hauser stated the Regional Representatives lobbied heavily for this

change. To promote nominations, Bonnie DePue offered to establish a display at Regional conference for all Region IV nominations.

Anthony Chavez stated NARHA now has a dedicated Web Master. Information to be posted on the web should be sent first to Deb Hauser who will forward it to Barb at National office. The NARHA Katrina Disaster Relief Fund has been renamed the Disaster Relief Fund and restructured to encompass any disaster that a center may have. **Motion N 2007:3** by Lisa Dean of KY made a motion to give 10% of our year end surplus to the Disaster Relief Fund. A friendly amendment was made by Kim Henning to give \$1,000 this year and to re-visit future donations next year, second by Terri Young, all approved.

### **Grant applications:**

One applicant is on the table for State Chairs to consider after this meeting. The grant application process is available from Deb Hauser. The current process requires submission by Jan 15 or Sept. 15. Sandra Carbone suggested we consider additional submission deadlines. Deb DePue stated we currently allot \$1,500 a year for potential grants. After discussion the decision was made to remain with the current submission dates.

### **Delegation of Duties for State Chairs:**

1. Corral Submissions: Sandy Carbone
  - a. Deadlines: Deb Hauser by the 5<sup>th</sup> of the month
  - b. Corral by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month.
2. Conference Calls: Lisa Dean
  - a. Two per year
3. Conference scholarships: Bill Lavin
4. Creation of a Resource List: Kim Henning

### **End of Term**

Deb Hauser's final year of serving as Region Representative is 2008. A new representative will need slated for election next year. State chairs Bill Lavin of Ohio and Kim Henning of Michigan have indicated interest in serving for the 2009-2010 term. **Motion N 2007:4** by Bonnie DePue to accept the names of Bill and Kim, second by Deb Sherer.

### **Regional Conference**

Regional Conference will hosted by Lisa Dean of KY who may be reached at [lmd@kidpower.com](mailto:lmd@kidpower.com). All suggestions for presentations should be directed to Lisa.

The conference will be held Thursday thru Saturday, March 13, 14, 15 2008 at the Radisson in Lexington KY. Rooms are \$89 a night. Lisa Dean stated that \$2 of every Hotel room reservation will be returned to the Region. Horse Fair will tentatively be at Masterson Station with an indoor arena which was imported from England. 2009 will be held in IN. Nancy Heussner offered to host the 2010 Regional Conference at O.A.T.S. in Clarkston MI. Hauser stated we want to offer the CAT, Research and Mentor courses at Regional.

**Motion N 2007:5** to adjourn at 5:45 p.m. by Lisa Dean, second by Kim Henning, all approved.

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