

FALL 2022



Hoofprints of

REGION 5



Representing Region 5

2022 Region 5 Board of Directors

Sherry Garnes, President
Marsha Howard, Vice President
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Sandy Pegram
Paula Riley
Victoria Whitehead
Patricia Petelle (alternate)
Sara Baldwin (alternate)

National Board:
Esther Diaguila
Kris Gray
Sallie Kudra (alternate)

**IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN - CAST YOUR
BALLOT FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Take a few minutes to look over the
bios and ballot enclosed and send
in your vote. *Deadline - Oct 30*

**VOTE
TODAY**

President's Message:

Sherry Garnes, President, Region 5

Region 5 is in full swing with our Fall riding season, I think everyone was ready to get back in the saddle after a long, hot summer. There are six more events scheduled for the remainder of the season LeD, clinics, & A&B rides, giving good variance in events for everyone to enjoy. Invite a friend, bring them along to ride and show them our R5 hospitality.

There was a Ride Secretary's clinic held on July 30, 2022, Paula Riley and Linda Clayton presented the group with material and a hands-on demonstration of the RMS. The clinic went into extensive detail on how to perform the duties of a Ride Secretary, everyone that came benefited from the class.

The board of directors also met in July. This group is driven, determined, and highly passionate about making this sport succeed in any given situation, with that we can only get better. Topics included consistency in handling score cards amongst ride managers, plans for the mini-convention in February to celebrate our achievements, updates from National including lowering the age limit of riders down to 8 years old and combining the heavyweight and lightweight classes for the next year.

We celebrated Wayne & Ginny Tolbert 20th year of managing Ride The Edge. Marty Finley put together a scrap book with letters from longtime friends of Wayne & Ginny expressing gratitude and special moments over the past 20 years. Jennifer Mulligan made a piece of Horsehair pottery, it consisted of tail hair being burned into the surface, where it squiggles and leaves permanent carbonization. She had everyone sign the back and presented it to them at dinner on Saturday evening. After years of service Wayne & Ginny are passing their role of management down to Ty McCullough, ride manager, Debbie McCullough, ride secretary and Marlene Buttrey, trail master. This new group, we call them the Ridgetop team, will do an outstanding job with Ride The Edge. Marty Finley managed the LeD ride at Ride The Edge, it was a huge success with a total of 17 riders that went out on Saturday. I had a chance to speak to a few of the new LeD riders and everyone had BIG smiles and loved every minute of it.

A special thank you to Kris Gray and Courtney Woodall, they keep our Facebook page up and going. They are responsible for making sure all the events are up on the page in a timely manner. They respond to all the new riders with the "Newbie Packets." This is our main form of advertising in R5, and they're doing a tremendous job.



Any information, questions,
photos you would like to
see in the next
Hoofprints of Region 5?

Please submit to
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or katcasey4@icloud.com

On the cover:

Look Back @ Ride the Edge over
the years.

Contributed Photos

Board of Directors Candidate Bios

Marsha Howard

I began riding as a child growing up in Colorado and did 4H, barrel racing and AQHA shows. I was introduced to NATRC and endurance riding as a young teenager growing up in Colorado when my father decided we would compete in a few rides as a distraction from the show ring. We both learned vast amounts about horsemanship, and it was a valuable bonding time for us both. I came back to NATRC after a few decades once my family was grown. NATRC has been a place to develop horsemanship, motivation to work with my horses and has become a family and support system. I look forward to each competition not just for the horses but for the friendships I have developed.

I joined the NATRC Region 5 board several years ago and served as the secretary initially and am now serving as the vice-president. Currently I am engaged in planning the 2023 Region Mini Convention and am working on plans for region 5 to host the 2024 National Convention. I think we have a sport that allows development of strong values and skills. I hope some of my business experience and passion for the sport can continue to be of value to the region.

Sandy Pegram

I did my first NATRC ride back in 1999 and am still impressed with the organization, its members and its horses. No where else have I seen the quality of all in any other organization. An injury in October 2020 took me out of riding and out of NATRC for the most part. Prior to that, I had volunteered in many different areas and have over 2500 competitive miles with 5 different horses – always something new to learn! Although not 100% improved, I'm back! I just completed my first Leisure Ride and will be putting on a Leisure Ride in October of this year. During the past 20 years, I was also on the Board for the Alabama Horse Council and worked on a number of projects.

One of my strengths is most likely my dedication to the organization, in agreements and disagreements. Being retired, I generally have the time and, as my sister once said, "have horse, will ride", "have trailer, will go!" I have no hesitancy to take on a challenge and to support our Region. I consider it an honor and responsibility to be on our Board.

Patricia Petelle

I am officially an old lady now, and I have retired from practicing veterinary medicine, so I really ought to try doing something worthwhile. I have been riding since before I could walk, but it was when I began competing in NATRC in 2005 that I really started learning about horsemanship. I want to help spread the word and keep this sport viable, which means dragging it kicking and screaming into the 21st century! Adapt, migrate or die!

Paula Riley

Having done my first ride back in 1983, I'm a long-standing, life-time member of NATRC. For the past 25 years, I have been actively involved in NATRC as a competitor, in ride management (Ride Manager, Secretary, Trailmaster, Safety Coordinator, etc), as member of the regional Boards of Directors (serving previously as both President, Vice-President and general member), and an alternate member of the National BOD.

My focus has always been on helping make the sport I love more successful. I value the benefit of a variety of viewpoints, and am a firm believer that all of us are smarter than one (or a few).

Toward that end, I would be honored to share the challenges and successes our sport is currently having, get your ideas to help make improvement, and represent you on the Region 5 Board of Directors. Thanks in advance for your support.

Victoria Whitehead

have been riding and training horses for more than twenty years. In 2018 with the support of my Region 5 family, I recently won the President's Cup with my horse By the "Grace" of God. At my first NATRC competition, I knew instantly that I wanted to be a part of this group. A group that thinks of the horse first and puts camaraderie over competition. As a current board member, I feel it is important to speak up for each of you, to be your voice and make your wishes known to the regional and national boards because this can only benefit our entire equine family and encourage growth in our beloved sport.

Kris Gray

I'm passionate. I'm even more passionate about horses. My love and passion for horses is what brought me to NATRC. I love NATRC; what it stands for, what it does for our horses, what it does for all of us. For the past three years, I have used my background in accounting and business, and my passion for NATRC to serve you on the National Board of Directors and as the NATRC National Treasurer. I have truly enjoyed serving all of you in this role and look forward to continuing to represent Region 5 at the National level. I appreciate your vote for the National Board of Director position.



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Region 5 Ballot 2022

Ballot for Board of Directors – 2 year term
Ballot for National Director – 3 year term

SINGLE MEMBERSHIP - votes for 4 members to fill 4 slots

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP - vote twice on one ballot OR send in two (2) ballots
Each PERSON can vote for 4 members on each Region 5 Ballot

Directors whose terms expire December 2022:

Marsha Howard

Sandy Pegram

Patricia Petelle

Paula Riley

Victoria Whitehead.

National Board: Kris Gray

Each member vote 4 slots:

Marsha Howard _____

Sandy Pegram _____

Patricia Petelle _____

Paula Riley _____

Victoria Whitehead _____

Other _____ (fill in name)

National Board: single - 1 vote family - 2 votes

Kris Gray _____

Other _____ (fill in name)

Please print your name(s) below and your membership type:

NAME _____

Membership type _____

Second Name if Family Ballot _____

Ballots may be emailed to Linda Clayton, lindaclay@aol.com or mailed to
Linda Clayton, PO Box 313, Hope Hull, AL 36043
Deadline for voting - October 30, 2022

Recollections of Richard Stone - Mike Bridges DVM

NATRC lost a valuable member on June 22, 2022, with the passing of Richard Stone.

Richard was 82 years old, and was an active North American Trail Ride Conference competitor and judge for 45 years. He was a United States Marine veteran, having served our country before embarking on many other adventures through the years; including running a successful ornamental glass business, being a county commissioner, being a member of the Sheriff's Mounted Police, and being a popular NATRC Horsemanship Judge. All the while being a foster parent and managing his small farm. A quite busy life he lived.

He and his wife Voan, also an avid and capable NATRC member, competitor and ride manager who has been a member for about 50 years, have been among us for decades. I first met Richard in the late autumn of 1977. I was an apprentice judge, and he was a competitor. It was the first CTR exposure for both of us. As was his inclination, he was on a large Quarter Horse, wearing his western hat, shirt, denim jeans, and boots. He had a lariat hitched to his western saddle. This was his typical attire until he began judging in the late '70's, when he switched to camo, and got himself a new hat, giving me his old floppy black one, which I still have.

When Richard became an NATRC Judge he didn't stop competing, and was frequently seen riding his large mule named Chum, probably his favorite mount of all his NATRC years. Richard was warm and positive in his judging. Most of his judging cards had more pluses than minuses. He hated negative comments, and was always very helpful and informative with all competitors, especially the newcomers and Juniors. Everyone loved him, and he them.

Being a member of Toast Master's, he was an excellent speaker with a strong voice. He was a treat at ride briefings, being always enthusiastic and entertaining, and always keeping the riders' attention with a relative joke or story. His briefings were informative and on the spot. Richard believed that good horsemanship was constant and not just when the judge was watching.

Sometime along his judging career he bought a VW Beetle painted a camo color, to convey himself to the best observation spots. If you spotted him in the brush or woods, you were a hawk.

Judging with Richard was a real trip. I judged with him many times, often when he had his Camo Bug, and always it was an adventure. *Musing, I remember many examples -*

- One year at the Edgemont CTR in the Pisgah National Forest. Richard and I, in our wisdom or lack thereof, decided that the top of Joe White Mountain would be an excellent viewing spot, so there we went Richard in his judging bug, and I in my old green truck, right up the Jeep and dirt bike trails to the tip top of the mountain. Indeed, it was a good observation spot, but when it was time to start back all the way to the bottom and back to camp, Richard discovered that he had snagged his brake line on one of the sharp rocks and had absolutely no brakes on the bug. Now what to do? Richard had the solution. We tied a rope from the bug's back bumper to my truck's front bumper, then started down. I let him all the way down the mountain to the bottom. I was his brakes.
- Missouri when we stayed in a house with only one bed for six or eight of us (but the pallets were comfortable enough). Richard got sick as a dog, but recovered enough to do his typically good judging job.
- Colorado when we judged together. The altitude got me, and I was sick as a dog at check-in. I remember thinking, "Richard, hurry up with all your talking to the riders. I'm dying!"
- Texas, after the ride was over, our hosts took us to Mickey Gilly's, which was a blast. On the way back to their house Richard decided we were starving at about 10:30 at night. We found a dive on the side of the road that apparently didn't ever close, with about three tables. That's probably the best chicken fried steak I've ever eaten.

See what I mean about many adventures with Richard Stone? This was Richard, and this is why we all loved him. I'm sure going to miss him, and I'm sure I'm not the only one.

Richard, Happy Trails to you until we meet again.

SO WHAT DID YOU DO THIS SUMMER?

NEW THINGS I LEARNED ABOUT HORSE ISSUES

By Sandy Pegram

Well, no matter what you think you know or learn, there is always something new. So it is here at the Pegram's.

- Photo of Finley's foot. He was diagnosed with an abscess on the bottom of his foot July 22. The vet had to dig quite a bit to get to the blood source – just the beginning of it. It was pretty high up in the foot; and coupled with several other things, I left him at vet's a couple days. When I brought him home, the abscess had been draining for several days and was about done; so they "plugged/sealed" it.

I had to be out of town the following weekend of July 29 so took and left him at vet's again (we had new dog and poor John couldn't/shouldn't have to) handle all the chores). Our farrier was out shortly after we got home, cleaned foot (not into abscess area) and used another sealer.

12 days later, here's the picture. Sent photos to vet AND farrier. They weren't sure what it was. It was soft, kind of rubbery, coming out of top and only on the abscessed foot. I lightly scraped it off; and walla, gone and has not returned.



- Photo of Skyy's front feet. Two of our horses have been diagnosed with Cushings this spring. In order to keep their weight down, we had been keeping them in the sand-based round pen all night. Again, why this look on the front feet???? Finally, in my moment of brilliance, I decided it was the abrasion of sand between the toe of the foot and the metal shoe rubbing and literally wearing the toe off. One interesting fact is that the horses with (front) shoes on had the same problem. The barefoot horse had NO unusual wear and all 3 were all in the round pen together same amount of time.



- A friend (who is a retired 30 year ICU Surgical nurse) called me in a panic late one evening. Her horse was "just not right". Her vet had been treating her 20 yo horse for breathing with daily small doses of DMSO. Her horse was unable to walk (front legs like laminitis), acted drunk, wouldn't eat/drink etc. No temperature. Her vet was in the hospital and tried helping via the phone. She couldn't get anyone to come out; or for a good while, even call back. Finally, they did. The evaluation was that he was literally "stoned" (her words "way too many martinis!"). Once she stopped the meds, within 24 hours, she could see he was recovering. Four days later he was fine. I've known DMSO as a carrier for other drugs, but, again, always something new to learn AND reaction I had not heard before.

A note "worth considering", using DMSO with an overweight horse may increase sugar levels. Obese horses already have higher levels of sugar; and adding DMSO can only add to the numbers. High sugar is one of the contributing factors to laminitis. Please note I am VERY uneducated in medical areas but this is what I hear. This is not a medical review but something to at least check out.

So much for my learning to date. I am absolutely positive I'll be learning more. Always glad to know what you've learned, so, please be willing to share.

Virginia and Wayne Tolbert

By Marty Findley

Virginia and Wayne Tolbert are the GOLD Standard when it comes to involvement in anything: their church, family, creative activities, civic organizations, the environment, their pets and sports. In 1996, to stay involved with their daughter Rebecca, a horse enthusiast, who was growing up and leaving for college, Wayne bought Sienna to be able to ride with her. The North American Trail Ride Conference was the lucky benefactor of that decision. Rebecca left for college and is currently a veterinary surgeon near Knoxville Tennessee and for the 26 years since that decision Wayne and Ginny, as we know her, have served and supported NATRC.

In 2005, Cheri Jeffcoat wrote an article for Hoof Print describing what she called regional "unifiers". These are the, "folks that often work quietly for the benefit of their region(s)". She describes unifiers as "folks that bring people together." How many years and how many gatherings have we met before and after rides at the Tolbert's trailer for meals? How many houses are decorated with awards made in Ginny Tolbert's pottery studio? How many ride managers have asked Ginny to register their riders on Friday and time them in and out Saturday and Sunday?

Ginny is there for every crisis from a broken bib number to a leaking propane tank on your trailer. Ginny competed for 5 ride seasons and in Sept of 1999 won novice sweepstakes on her Arab JJ Grand Finale. Then in 2001 she was the secretary for the Bankhead Classic and has been secretary for at least two rides for the last 21 years. Also in that year Wayne and Ginny took over the management of Ride The Edge, which celebrates its 20th Ride management year September 2022. (Cancelled 2020 and 2021 because of Covid.)

Wayne completed a spectacular career with his Morgan Mare, Windstorm Sienna, (inducted into the NATRC Hall of Fame in 2016). He retired her but did not stop competing reaching over 10,000 rider miles in 2018. He served as our region's president, and wrote 16 training articles for Hoof Print. He continues to mentor riders, travel the regions as Horsemanship Judge, and mentor other apprentice judges.

We are so grateful to you Wayne and Ginny for becoming a part of Region 5.

*Thank you,
Wayne and Ginny*



RIDE THE EDGE 2022



Open Horse – Open Ride? Novice Horse – Novice Ride?

- Sandy Pegram

Well, that's the way it's supposed to be. Right? Well....., I thought so UNTIL Leisure Rides entered the picture. And, just to be honest and upfront, it's one's person's opinion and observations.

The philosophy (I understand) is that with NATRC, we have the opportunity to develop our horses to handle all types of conditions, obstacles, etc., etc., etc. and to keep ourselves and our horses safe. And we do! So, is there a value of training an Open Horse to ride Leisure (and a Leisure Horse to know Open conditions?) Sure my horse is great when doing what he/she knows; but how about learning to do what we DON'T know? "My horse is great when they are in the front!" But what about when they are in the back? My horse can make up time "comfortably" without getting zizzed. But can he/she slow the pace just as comfortably and not overreact? We can ride alone perfectly, but what about with other horses?

Adding new things, new methods, etc., is the groundwork for a more educated and safer horse. For Open/CP riders, riding Leisure can add a new level of training. And, perhaps allows some of our more experienced riders to share some trail time with folks working their way up. I know of a very very high \$/accomplished dressage horse that did a lot of training as a trail horse!

And for Novice/CP, learning conditioning methods for more mileage, learning to pace your ride better (regardless of the distance you ride), handling multiple-level obstacles, physical strength/mindset for rider are always a plus. Although this style may not be your norm, these skills will add to your skill level, whatever rides you choose to do.

So, consider the value of different ride formats. The more we (and our horses) learn, the better the ride, the safer the ride, and the more comfortable we should all be. Plus, being with NATRC riders and horses is ALWAYS a good thing.

Thanks for hearing another opinion. Please share yours!



I admire people that can jump on a strange horse and ride down the trail with confidence and finesse. Deep down I know all horses respond to pressure the same and the cues are similar, deep down I know I am a good rider and can handle the spooks and craziness that occurs along the trail. Still the new and the unknown does not bring out my best horsemanship. This year brought the introduction of new and unknown.

As many know I ride a steady experienced horse. I know my "Pepper" will get me down the trail and care for me over the challenges and obstacles that one meets. He has buttons to push that make him go backwards, sideways and in a circle with ease. But like me- he is getting older. He creaks, he is slower, his recovery time is slower and so begins his time to rest from a job well done over the past 15 years. And in comes "young and dumb".

So here we go on a new horse. He is young, he is athletic, he is energetic- a moving tank along the trail. In fact, he is not dumb- he is quite opinionated and smart enough to know that walking backwards, up a hill between two trees is a ridiculous request. My explanations are met with head tossing, foot stamping and sideways movements that send judges scattering into the forest.

Keep in mind when starting this young boy I had just come off two fairly serious falls so needless to say my confidence was not the greatest. Pepper would trot down the trail and when reaching the six foot mud puddle slow down and carefully pick his way across. The new boy trots down the trail and when reaching the mud puddle flies across to avoid dirtying his cute little hooves with me hanging off his neck and a bent finger. Head down a steep rocky hill. "Experience" carefully picks his way down, weight on his butt. "Energy" slides down the hill at reckless speeds with no thought to the rider perched on top and then jumps the creek at the bottom. Yet another bent and crooked finger. Old and wise stands politely at the check in, youth dances about in a waltz not appreciated by the vet judge.

Starting Over

- Marsha Howard

Now jump forward 6 months... 6 months where fellow NATRC riders have ridden alongside this new partner of mine. They have let me go in front when being the last horse proved too much for the young brain. They practiced leapfrog over and over until the young brain can now ride in a group calmly and coolly. They stood by for endless minutes with patience and feedback through the temper tantrums and fits that occurred just to stand next to a tree much less back around it. Six months of accomplished riders reminding me to put my butt in the saddle, breathe, be patient, assure me that all is well.

That NATRC family is what helped me grow with Never say Never. It is this support, this feedback, judges scorecards, that makes me now feel like a have partnership with a new horse. The NATRIC mission of horsemanship is what will make this new boy a trail partner for life. Whether we do NATRC, trail obstacles or endurance this horse now has a strong foundation to meet all the equine challenges we plan in the future.

Visit n atrc5.org for upcoming events
and ride registration!

Who was Helene Pritchard?

- Mike Brideges DVM

This past year in September, 2021, at King's Mountain State Park, the plan was to have the Helene Pritchard Memorial NATRC Competitive Trail Ride in memory of one of our past members. Unfortunately, due to another upsurge of Covid infections the ride was cancelled, to the disappointment of us all. This ride would have been a good opportunity to introduce this hard working lady who contributed so much to our sport. Since her memorial ride could not happen I wanted to write something in lieu of it. I had known and ridden with Helene for years and had been one of her good friends, so I thought I knew her quite well. When I asked Patsy Conner to help me with some details of Helene's history as a distance rider, especially in NATRC, she sent me so many pages from the NATRC archives that I realized there was a lot about her that I was unaware of.

Who was Helene Pritchard?

Some of us older NATRC members probably remember her vividly. Most of the newer members never met her and probably knew little about her. Helene (known by most of us as "Helen") was a lifetime member of our organization from 1975 until her death in February, 2020. Her devotion to the sport was demonstrated by her many contributions as supporter, rider, horsemanship judge and national board member. Born in 1939 as Helene Marie Peternel near Carlsbad, New Mexico, she was the daughter of an Indian agent and lived on the reservation until she was six years old. Naturally she had a lifelong affinity for Indian culture and the Indian horse. As she matured and entered college she majored in and earned a Bachelor's Degree in English literature, as incongruous as that seems to us who knew her and the lifestyle she loved. Later, meeting her future husband Johnny Pritchard, a military man from Lenoir, NC, Helene found herself living in the South in Region V near Atlanta, Georgia and Stone Mountain, Georgia where she worked for NAPA as the president's administrative assistant for more than forty years. Those were her pre-horse obsession days.

In 1975 she bought a quarter horse named "Jake Bars". Now the competitive obsession began. She rode Jake in the 1975 Timberridge 40-60 Competitive Trail Ride conducted by Claude Abercrombie. Jake placed second and Helene placed third. She was hooked.. By 1978 she had her Indian horse. She purchased an Appaloosa from C. W. Bennett of John's Island, SC, which he had already started in competition. Benwoods Foxfire, or "Foxy" was now going to put Helene to work. As a lot of us did in the 70s, Helene rode Foxy in various distance rides. She rode AERC, NATRC, Eastern States Trail Ride Association and Appaloosa Horse Club rides, accumulating points in all rides. She also had the goal of earning the prestigious national award- the Chief Joseph Award. By the end of the year the Helene/Foxy team had earned Foxy a National Championship, and Foxy had tied with Bob Mitchell's Arab Samseen for first open heavyweight in Region V. Some of her other accomplishments that year were earning the Superior Achievement Award for her distance riding, awarded by the national Appaloosa Horse Club. While conditioning and riding she received the Presidential Sports Award in Equitation, signed by President Jimmy Carter. Also, very important to us all, she became Region V Newsletter Editor. All of this in her first year as an NATRC member!

A couple of years later Helene had accumulated more placings and mileage. In AERC and NATRC she had completed all the rides needed for her hard earned and long awaited Chief Joseph Award, which required ten completed endurance rides and ten completed competitive trail rides, with a minimum of one thousand miles. She often finished Top Ten in endurance rides. Her mileage had far exceeded one thousand. Moreover, she had accomplished it on one Appaloosa, Foxy. The Chief Joseph Award was named after the great Nez Perce chief and much coveted by Appaloosa riders. She had won her's and Foxy's award but would have to wait until the following year for the presentation. Helene and Foxy continued to compete in NATRC and AERC, doing well in both organizations. She had received three gold medallions from the national Appaloosa Horse Club and been awarded top distance horse on the East coast by the Eastern States Trailrider's Association. But this lady wasn't done.

She was selected to chair the 1980 National NATRC Convention, the very first national convention in Region V. As we know, this would be challenging in any case, especially so being the first in the region, but Helene exhibited her organizational skills. The event was a success, showing the way for many more conventions in Region V. It was perfect for introducing the folks from other regions to Region V and the beauty of the Southeast and the Stone Mountain/Atlanta area.

1986 finds Helene riding an Arab named "Bekrah", Foxy being retired. As she did for Foxy, Helene guided Bekrah to wins and honors, including Reserve Champion in the IAHA International Arabian and Half Arabian Competitive Trail Ride Championship. Helene's Bekrah continued riding competitively, and earned his IAHA Legion of Honor in distance riding elevating his status from Bekrah to Bekrah+, a very high honor in the Arabian horse world.

In all Helene rode 4970 miles in NATRC, plus the many miles she rode in other distance rides. All of these accomplishments are admirable and amazing but they don't tell the complete story of who Helene was. She was obviously a hard worker and stayed busy with NATRC. She was willing to plunge in and do what needed to be done. She was a good horsemanship judge, and serious about equitation and taking care of the horse and rider, and eager to encourage and help new riders. She was stern, frank and honest when judging riders.

Helene served NATRC in many roles; as supporter, rider, horsemanship judge, ride manager, board member and national convention chair. She was also the record keeper for horse and rider mileage for years. Most of all, she was a sincere lover of NATRC and NATRC people. She was an excellent ambassador for our sport.

Helene was fun to ride with. Many enjoyable miles have we shared on the trail. When I last talked to her, when she was eighty years old, NATRC was what we talked about. *That is who Helene Pritchard was.*

"Throughout this journey of life we meet many people along the way. Each one has a purpose in our life. No one we meet is ever a coincidence."

- Mimi Novic

Minutes July 17, 2022

Minutes R5 Board of directors Hampton Inn , Norcross Georgia 2:15 pm EST

The scheduled meeting of the Region Five Board of Directors was called to order by Sherry Garnes, President.

Attendees : In person - Sherry Garnes , Patricia Petelle , Sandy Pegram , Patty Lucas , Linda Clayton

By Zoom - Marsha Howard, Esther Diagula, Sara Baldwin , Bill Moore , Victoria Whitehead , Cindy Keen , Paula Riley , Sallie Kudra

Secretary report : Patty Lucas

Reading of the minutes distributed by email reviewed .Motion by Sherry to approve . Seconded by Bill Moore. No corrections All approved by voice count.

Discussion of front of the line pass. Option to be able to opt out by Ride managers . Decided to go ahead with passes for this year .

Newsletter : Linda Clayton summer edition was posted on website. For Fall newsletter we need articles and pictures about the ride .

Board to adopt a resolution of appreciation featuring Wayne and Ginny and Ride the Edge . Bill to start writing appreciation article . Others please send stories and pictures to Bill.

Zoom or other programs for our board meetings ? Give feedback on which one or ones work best .

Mini Convention report : Linda (treasurer) indicated we spent \$2484.94 with a loss of. (\$377.77) at the Tryon International Equestrian Center .

Membership : Sallie Kudra

Membership is doing better than last year in R5. Nationally numbers are down .Bill Wingle on National board to review these numbers.

Sallie was working with Ruth M on auditing the figures for the mid-year standings when she confirmed with her there were folks who were not showing up in the National database as members . They may have been free memberships that were never recorded.

Linda to also send copy to Sallie . Sallie to send list to Kris . Kris to make sure all the memberships are getting recorded as a back up she can double check . Sandy Pegram to contact old members to encourage to join .

Free memberships to be checked more thoroughly. Mid year memberships to still be determined.

Fundraising : Cindy Keen

Benefit ride : Income 7,052.00 ,Expenses \$3,643.16 with a profit of \$3508.84 . We did not get to have catered dinner due to bridge being out so that hurt us on profit.

2023 Benefit theme is Retro TV March 24-26 . Will include a catered dinner Sat night . Pot luck Friday night .

1st in line passes 2022 made \$2030.00 ,

Store a bit less interest in it but continue to provide the basics. \$488.00 so far this year. Will order hats for R5 for next year.

Shirts for Ride the Edge are fundraiser for future RTE rides . R5 to give courtesy shirts to Ginny and Wayne . Comfort colors used ordered and riders will pick up or have mailed .

Mini Convention raffle a little over \$536.00

National report : Esther Diagula

Vet judges having a hard time getting them . Keri Riddick is stepping down as co chair of judges committee. She is pulling out of judging all together. There is concern about vet judges being abused by riders . We can't afford to use our vet judges . Carrie Porter continuing . No stickers on the back of the cards with the new parameters for the rest of this year.

Email the ride managers to have them include rude behavior not being tolerated at the rides . Including judges and volunteers. Rider could be asked to leave if this happens .

Suggest article for our newsletter regarding courtesy to judges.

Media advisory would like to have one person from each region write an article. Jamie Needs the name of whoever will submit something. Sandy Pegram volunteered to do an article for us .

Combination of Heavyweight/ Lightweight in all divisions for 2023.

Lowering age limits to 8 A/B/ LeD approved . Sponsor required for children 12 and under approved.

Honorary appreciation awards are due now . Send to Linda .

Profit and Loss

\$6k ahead on revenue . Virtual competition brought in \$2300.00. Net income \$18,687. NATRC National acct \$173,000 .

National reviewing A and B rides that are cut short and how to manage .

How to find out mid year points should be on National web site Ruth Mesimer posted the standings are up.

Marketing :

Sherry , Kris , Courtney posting events on Facebook . We have to create the event for people to see it on fb.

Event cover Kris is able to get a discount so we can run more ads . Email to ride managers to have the ads coordinated by our admin to be able to post . The information sheets need to get to Kris so we can post the information in timely manner.

Paula is working on the ride schedule and keeping it updated. 21 rides scheduled 11 A/

B rides . 10 LeD rides scheduled for 2023.

Intermediate/advanced clinic discussed and possibly having that added to the schedule.

Distance depot is offering a NATRC logo option now .

Ride Secretary Clinic at Sherry Garnes in two weeks .

Sara Baldwin mentioned having a special award for LeD riders that move up to A/B rides .

Ride managers support fund Marsha Howard. Email to be sent to notify managers o reach out if help is needed.

Mini Convention : Marsha Howard

2023 Murfreesboro Dates March 18th ,19th combined with the Southern Expo.

Motion for Mini convention to be at Hilton Garden Inn -Kris Gray , Esther seconded. Motion approved by voice count.

Board meeting Friday afternoon. R5 to cover this expense.

Rm \$149/ night. Eat on your on , cash bar , tickets at will call . Tickets will be discounted if people prepay by a certain date.

Bill motioned we move forward for mini Convention at Hilton Garden authorizing pricing with and without tickets. Esther seconded

.Discussion regarding meal or no meal .

Majority voted no meal with ticket to the expo \$30 . \$20 no ticket .

Scorecards :

Soft copies and placing sheets to go in prepaid envelope provided by Linda including new memberships and any checks .

Judges secretaries place these in envelope and give directly to ride manager .

Ride manager mails directly to Linda .

No scores should be announced at meetings. Hard copies passed out to competitors by ride manager or designated person that is not a rider .

Year end award recipients :

Nominees

Nominations for Regional awards. Ginny and Wayne Tolbert , Paula Riley , and Bill Moore , Sallie Kudra

Paula nominates Richard and Vonn Stone for National Appreciation Award posthumously .

Paula made motion that Richard and Vonn Stone be nominated for National award and if not accepted then they would be included in R5 appreciation awards. Bill Moore seconded.

Motion made by Sherry Garnes for

National award Richard and Vonn Stone. Regional nominations are Sallie Kudra , Ginny and Wayne Tolbert , Paula Riley if the Stones are elected Nationally .

Sandy Pegram seconded. Motion carried unanimously

Write ups Paula to check with Sara Bridges , Bill to write up Sallie , Wayne and Ginny Linda to contact Marty Finley. Patty to write up Paula .Limited to 200 word limit.

Jim Menophee award Stephanie Ostrowski

motion by Sherry Garnes , seconded by Patty Lucas . Unanimous vote by voice count .

Patricia Petelle to do write up 400 word limit .

Worker's hall of fame motion made by Sherry Garnes for Linda Clayton . Bill Moore seconded. Motion carried unanimously by voice count .Write up Sherry Garnes .200 word limit.

Sept 30th write ups are due and email to Linda .

Board members up for re-election are :

Regional : Marsha Howard, Sandy Pegram ,Paula Riley, Victoria Whitehead , and Patricia Petelle alternate and Kris Gray for the National Board.

Write up due to Linda for position end of August 125 words or less.

Other Business

Brochures from National to hand out Kris to get . Sandy suggest business type cards to hand out .

Sending postcards to new riders after the ride from ride managers .

Next meeting November 19 , 2022 9 am In person , Zoom available

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motion made by Sherry to adjourn