

NWTRA MEETING FEBRUARY 6, 2017

The meeting was called to order by President Nora at 6:30 pm and the roll call was as follows: Sandy Kiel, Marisa Julian, Adena Gonzalez, Marcy Jordan, Blake Portman, Carole Rogers, Nora Hunt-Lee and Tammy Lee. Joann Capurro absent.

The September 21, 2016 minutes were moved for approval by Sandy Kiel and seconded by Nora Lee. The current bank balance is \$2,482.03 with \$583.81 in the catastrophe/savings account. We had a discussion that a possibility of taking a percentage of each fundraiser and depositing that into the account. No action was taken on that discussion.

Membership checks/cash deposits will be handled by Carole, Nora and Marisa where applicable instead of mailing monies between each officer. It should cut down on the time a member's dues are validated.

We discussed the non-profit status of NWTRA-it is incorporated with the State of Nevada as a non-profit entity and we have a tax ID number but because of the cost we never applied to the IRS for a 501(c)(3) status. Carole, Tammy and Nora will continue to work on this.

The roping committee will be comprised of Marisa, Tammy, Sandy and Blake. They will work on the Mother's Day Madness, our finals and additional ropings we put on. They will handle what ropings, \$ amount of each one, location and roping producer.

The banquet and awards committee will be Carole, Nora, Marisa and Adena.
No action was taken for an election committee.

We discussed some of the items that were commented on through the survey monkey. The board wants to take into consideration ways we can improve ropings and include all membership in the organization. It was commented that we should reduce our entry fees in our ropings which might increase the total entries. Another comment we discussed was to see the leagues more spread out to represent everyone's abilities. We discussed having the A league be 2.5 and over; the B league comprise both 1.5 and 2's and C would remain #1's. Another survey monkey will be emailed out to members and Nora, Marisa and Tammy will work on that and ask for additional comments. The board discussed if they were to make amendments to the leagues that these changes should be done early on in the season before changes affected the standings of the membership.

Nora brought up the idea of a fundraising letter for 2017 which could be presented to various businesses or individuals asking for donations. We agreed that it was a good idea.

Tammy brought up a fun idea of a Sunshine committee where she could send out birthday cards on a member's birthday and handle catastrophe fund cards. The birthdate line will have to be added to our membership form. Tammy and Nora will be on that.

Another item on the survey monkey was try to have the banquet closer to the end of our year or even after our finals. Having it immediately after our finals has been discussed before but means we have to have everyone's items or donations in before that and it has proven hard to do. Closer to our season end would be better if our awards can get ordered and again all member's donations turned in on time.

We discussed our rule of a member's league being what it is when they join, regardless of if their number gets reviewed and changed by ACTRA later in the year. The intention behind this rule was to protect our members who get raised or lowered by ACTRA midyear from being compromised in their league within NWTRA. Discussion by the board including Marcy suggesting that the ultimate decision will be up to the board to decide what # the member will be. Marisa suggested that a member's league placement will not exceed two leagues. It was also decided that we should add "Non refundable" to the membership form.

The next meeting will be February 20, 2017 at 6:30 pm.

The meeting was adjourned.

Carole Rogers
Secretary-Treasurer