

## 17 November 2010, NTEA Board Meeting Minutes, Las Colinas Equestrian Center

Minutes Prepared and Submitted by Mica Pryor

**Call to Order:** 12:15 p.m., with a Quorum present

**Attending in Person:** Karen Askew (At Large), Kim Brunson (At Large), Lori Calame (At Large), Meg Johnson (President), Mica Pryor (Secretary), Leslye Shellam (Executive VP)

**Guests:** Jan Walling (NTEA Lifetime Member), Kim Willnow (NTEA member)

### **Executive Vice President:**

Leslye distributed the Agenda and called for reports of the members present. Leslye has been designated Acting President due to the impending birth of Meg's son.

### **Secretary:**

The August & October minutes were previously circulated by email. Kim moved to approve the minutes as written and Lori seconded. None opposed. Mica will send the minutes to Howard for posting on the website.

**Treasurer:** Tabled.

### **Membership:**

Mica reported that we have 163 members to date and have received 7-10 renewals for 2011. Terrie Hatcher is ready to take-over membership. Sandy will deliver membership files to Mica at the TRHP horse trials this weekend and Mica will get them to Terrie.

### **Activities:**

Banquet: The Banquet Task List was discussed and members polled as to status of items for upcoming Jan 8 Gala. Karen had invitations printed and are ready to go to Nikki for stuffing and mailing. Jan Walling will deliver the package to Nikki. Invitations along with Notice of Annual Meeting and Membership Renewal Application will be mailed before Thanksgiving. Lori will mail the letters for "Barn Baskets" and "Trainer Lessons" by December 1. Drop-off locations for auction/casino items/donations: Denton Creek Farm, Quail Run Farm, Bryn Melyn Farm, Lazy Dog Ranch. Mica will generate a Donation Form to be filled out for each donated item, to ensure we have contact information for "Thank You" notes following the banquet. Nikki is authorized to obtain a credit card machine for the night of the banquet to improve sales. Each board member is asked to obtain at least three donations, preferably from non-members. Lori reported that Southern Star Saddlery & Denton Creek Farm are donating a terrific basket of leather/strap goods and that Denton Creek Farm is donating another hog hunting educational trip which has been very popular in the past. Mica reported that Cowboys Golf Club has donated a \$400 golf package and that Hit-Air has donated a \$400 air safety vest. Discussion of various items which would be desirable as donations for the casino – several larger ticket items will be solicited. All board members and scholarship winners are asked to help with set-up starting 9 a.m. on day of event.

Fredericks Clinic 2011: It was unanimously approved that NTEA sponsor the breakfasts (up to \$500) at the upcoming Fredericks Clinic at Denton Creek (Feb 4-6). Denton Creek will offer \$100 discount for NTEA members riding in the clinic and a special weekend auditor rate of \$50 for NTEA members. Info about the clinic will be placed in the newsletter.

### **Public Relations:**

Mica reported that Mandy is nearly finished with the Fall Newsletter and expects it to be final this week. Discussion of Winter Newsletter tabled.

### **Website:**

Mica and Howard have been working together to get 2011 show/clinic information on the website.

## **Junior/Young Riders:**

Texas Rose Horse Park has generously donated their facility for an Open Schooling Day on December 11 – free to NTEA youth members & Area V Young Riders. Area V YR providing insurance and a volunteer for check-in. NTEA is providing snacks and a volunteer for check-in. On behalf of NTEA, Mica will check-in riders, sign up new members, renew current members, and sell banquet tickets. Mica will email the information and releases to members and attempt to get them online.

## **Scholarships & Awards:**

Leslye reported that five scholarship applications have been received. The committee is reviewing the applications, essays and supporting paperwork and will be ready to make a recommendation by the next meeting. Three McDaniel Youth Sportsmanship Award nominations were received. The board reviewed the applications. Leslye moved to approve James Barnett as the 2010 Youth Award winner. Seconded by Kim. None opposed. No nominations for the Al Smith Award were received. Founders Award (given for the first time last year to Jan Michie) criteria will be formalized and place on the website in 2011.

## **2011 Board Slate:**

It was discussed that the tele-conference meetings had not been terribly successful this year due to dropped cell phone calls. Face-to-face meetings are preferable and board members must make commitment to attending meetings on a regular basis. We will utilize more committees next year to relieve the burden on board members. Several volunteers have indicated interest in helping. After discussion, the following slate was recommended and unanimously approved. The Notice of Annual Meeting & proposed slate will be included with the banquet invitations. Tonya Ewalt confirmed she will remain as Category 2 Points Keeper. Janet Taylor is taking over Category 1 Points Keeper and has been working with Donna in the transition.

President – Mica Pryor  
EVP – Meg Johnson  
Secretary – Allison Sumrow  
Treasurer – Nicole Scherer (Kelli Augenthaler to assist on budget committee)  
VP Activities – Kim Willnow (Jan Walling to assist with educational activities calendar)  
VP Membership – Terrie Hatcher  
VP Public Relations – Leslye Shellam (Mandy Kelly to continue with Graphic Design)  
VP Young Riders – Allison Freeman (if she will accept – Jan Walling to inquire further)  
At Large – Cheryl Olivier (continue as Scholarship Committee chair; Becky Roper has volunteered to assist)  
At Large – Kim Brunson  
At Large – Lori Calame

## **New/Unfinished Business:**

Points issues: At October meeting, Jan Walling spoke regarding points issues brought up in the past with regard to professionals/upper level riders competing in the lower divisions at schooling shows. She wants to encourage members who are unable to attend USEA events to attend schooling shows and give them a chance at a ribbon. Mandy brought up new USEA rule for 2011 in which members lose amateur status if even \$1 is earned. Members present were in agreement that NTEA should follow USEA's lead and should consider making any "professional" ineligible for Cat. 2 points for 2011 onward. Need to decide what the new Cat. 2 rules would say about ineligibility for professionals – tabled to next meeting.

Educational Activities for 2011: Discussion ensued about defining more member benefits and identifying specific educational opportunities for 2011 to encourage new members and educate existing members, such as braiding clinic, bandaging clinic, Intro to Eventing clinic. These could be run at low cost to NTEA but great educational benefit in conjunction with existing Cat 2 schooling calendar. Jan Walling interested in working with Board to generate and implement ideas. More emphasis needs to be placed on educational activities to support and grow our sport at the grass roots level.

Bylaws Overhaul. Tabled to 2011.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 2:20 p.m.