

**October 30, 2010, NTEA Board Meeting Minutes, Quail Run Farm, Bartonville, Texas & By Tele-Conference**

Minutes Prepared by Meg Johnson and Submitted by Mica Pryor

**Call to Order:** 2:15 p.m., with a Quorum present

**Attending in Person:** Cheryl Olivier (At Large), Meg Johnson (President), Mandy Kelly (PR), Nikki Scherer (Treasurer), Jan Walling (Lifetime NTEA member)

**Attending by Tele-Conference:** Lori Calame (Young Riders), Karen Askew (At Large)

**President:**

Meg distributed the Agenda and called for reports of the members present.

**Secretary:**

Tabled. Mica will send August minutes to Meg for board circulation, and then to Howard for posting on the website upon approval.

**Activities:**

Discussed board member commitments for banquet tasks. Lori to send out barn basket letters and assist with silent auction set up. Cheryl to help with check in. Nikki to help with silent auction check out. Nikki's daughter, Karis, to help stuffing envelopes. Meg to help with set up of awards tables. Jan Walling to help with seating arrangements. Meg to distribute a list of tasks/volunteers.

**Membership:**

Tabled.

**Website:**

Mandy reported that the online directory is up and running as well as the barn/trainer profile area. Mandy indicated that the format is very user friendly, much easier than the hard copy directories of the past and that we believe it will be well received by the membership.

**Treasurer:**

Nikki reported current balance and distributed ledgers for review.

**Public Relations:**

Mandy reported that the Fall Newsletter will be available shortly. Mandy has all articles needed other than president's letter and any details regarding 2011 board structure, etc, which may have to be circulated at a later date to comply with bylaws.

**Junior/Young Riders:**

Lori indicated nothing to report at this time. Lori requested that the board consider a YR donation to offset the expense of one YR entry to the upcoming Fredericks' clinic at Denton Creek Farms.

**Scholarship Committee:**

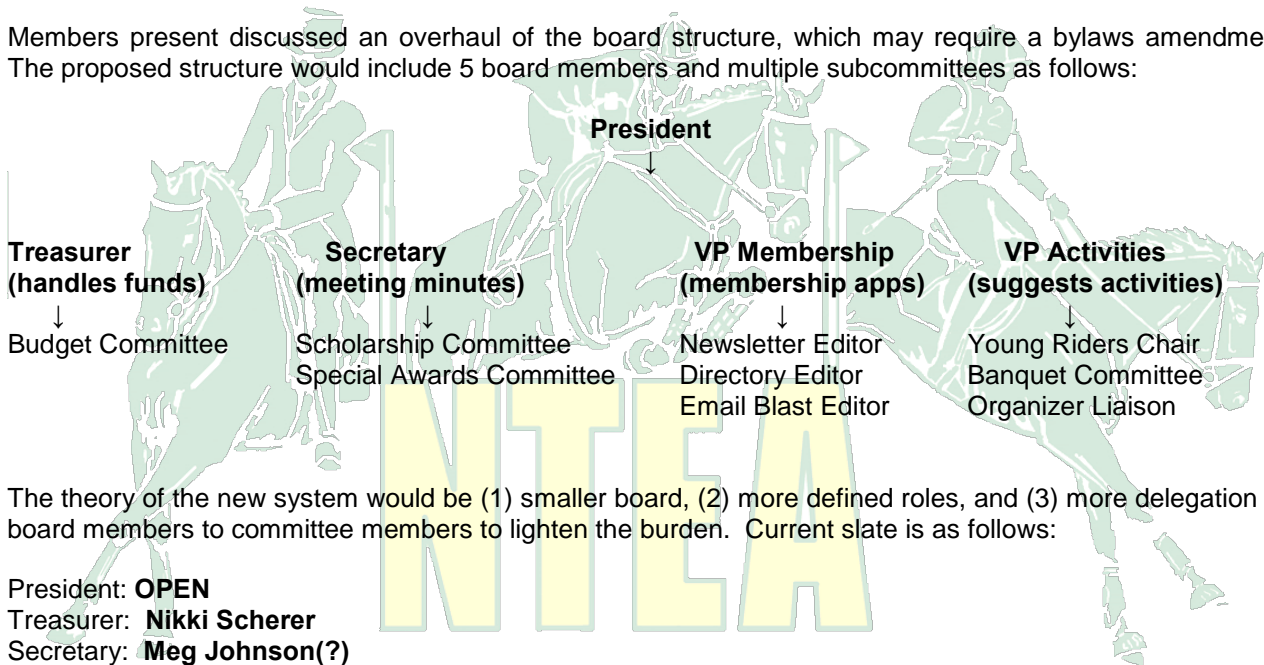
Cheryl reported that the deadline for scholarship/award submissions is November 5. Beginning this year, scholarship recipients will be required to accept the grant and sign paperwork memorializing their plans (A and B) and community service requirements. No applications received prior to the meeting and the scholarship program has been well publicized this year. Committee is assembled and ready to review applications, should any be received.

**New/Unfinished Business:**

Points issues: 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 loose 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. II points for 2011 onward. Need to discuss this issue, decide what the new Cat. II rules would say about ineligibility for professionals, and vote at next meeting.

2011 Board & Points Keeper Positions. Meg polled the members present about their interest in continuing to serve with NTEA for 2011. All members present stated they would be willing to serve in some capacity for 2011. The members concurred that we need to consider a smaller, more active board for 2011, as it has often been difficult getting a quorum for meetings with so large a board this year. Donna Struke has notified the board that she is resigning as Category 1 Point Keeper at the end of this year and 2010 scholarship recipient, Janet Taylor, has offered to take over the position under Donna's transition assistance. It is unknown whether the Category 2 Points Keeper will continue for 2011 and Meg will follow up. Membership will be contacted to determine who might be interested in serving next year and committee will propose 2011 board/officer slate for vote at annual meeting.

Members present discussed an overhaul of the board structure, which may require a bylaws amendment. The proposed structure would include 5 board members and multiple subcommittees as follows:



The theory of the new system would be (1) smaller board, (2) more defined roles, and (3) more delegation by board members to committee members to lighten the burden. Current slate is as follows:

- President: **OPEN**
- Treasurer: **Nikki Scherer**
- Secretary: **Meg Johnson(?)**
  - Scholarships: **Cheryl Olivier**
  - Special Awards: **Cheryl Olivier**
- VP Membership: **TBD**
  - Newsletter: **Mandy Kelly**
  - Directory: **Mandy Kelly**
  - Email Blasts: **TBD**
- VP Activities: **Leslye Shellam**
  - Young Riders: **Lori Calame**
  - Banquet Chair: **TBD**
  - Organizer Liaison: **Kim Brunson**
- Category 1 points: **Janet Taylor**
- Category 2 points: **TBD**

Bylaws Overhaul. Tabled.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 3:50 p.m.