

NATIONAL RENDEZVOUS & LIVING HISTORY FOUNDATION
DEC. 17TH, 2003 – PHONE-CONFERENCE
MEETING MINUTES (1 of 5 Pages Total)

The Meeting was called to order at 7:40Pm (EST)

1. The Chairman began by welcoming everyone to the Phone-Conference; he then thanked the participants for their attendance, and stated that "active participation" on the part of everyone was the KEY to making the Foundation more effective.

2. An Invocation was given by Father Thomas

3. The following individuals were present:

Jan Winans –Chair

Jay Hando – Vice Chair

Father Thomas – Sect.

Joey Hall – Terse.

Jack Beville – Dir.

Jim Moody – Dir.

Dick Bennett – Dir.

Marsha Fountain – Del. (signed on late)

Dave Pitney – Del.

Ken Weglarz – Del.

Linda Blizard – Acct. Mange.

Rick Blizard - Quartermaster

(The required Quorum was present)

4. Minutes from the Last Meeting were approved as printed with one minor correction on page-7. (the dollar amount in Mr. Trammel's Motion was \$10.00 to be doubled to \$20.00 dollars)
The report was approved unanimously.

5. The Treasurer's report was given – the Account Manager was asked to help with the presentation. (See "Appendix A" for the dollar amounts given). Jim Moody raised a question about proper procedures for approving a Treasurer's report; ultimately the report was approved as presented - unanimously. The Chair directed the Treasurer to look into the matter of proper procedures for the approving the report at future meetings.

Other Reports:

6. The Quartermaster's report was given. The 10 new Bow targets have been purchased per the Board's directions. (A current total of 25 new, and 10 old targets are now in stock.) The new Radios have been purchased (we currently own 10-PR-4000-2WX & 30-PR-950-2DX.) All the old Batteries have been sold for a return of \$211.51. The "Shooting Bags" for prizes have been purchased for the year although No Guns have been purchased as of yet and No Black-powder has been purchased. The warehouse has been cleaned and our equipment stored and ready for the coming season.

7. A Report on the "Outstanding `03-Midwest Account" was given by Father Thomas. At this point all documents and materials have now been turned in. The question was raised about Paying "Snake" his bill of \$400.00 for the Prizes he awarded from his own Trade-tent. The Treasurer stated that without an itemized bill he would not approve such a payment. Mr. Hall volunteered to send Snake a letter explaining his position on the matter and asking again for an itemized bill. Father Thomas was to forward to Mr. Hall the Mailing Address for Snake.

8. A Report on the "Outstanding `03-Southeastern Account" was given. It was concluded that as much information has been returned as is possible to garner from that event staff. The Account is to be closed.

19. A reported on the two letters that were received from Esther Huffaker was given by Father Thomas. The issue of her competing in a contest when serving as a Contest Captain was raised. Clarification of Rule #43 was sought and it was decided the rule will stand "as written". Esther will be so notified of this by the Secretary.

10. A reported on the Letter sent to the NMLRA was given by Father Thomas concerning the Bylaw changes that were made at the September Meeting. We await their reply pending their April Board meeting.

Rendezvous Status Reports by Regional Delegates:

11. A Report on the Status of the Southeastern Events for `03 and `04 was given. The issue of two people who did not pay their '03 gate-fees was raised Mr. Bennett and a committee were charged

to recommend the appropriate disciplinary action to be taken regarding these two individuals. Father Thomas a raised a question regarding the flyer for the '04 event expressing concern for the poor directions and the fact there are more than one Bledsoe historic sites in the same area. Jack Beville suggested that the NR&LHF Web-site Master develop a map and post it on our web-site so participants will have a better means of finding the correct site location. Rick Blizard agreed to undertake this task. The `04 event was reported to be on schedule, a bit "shaky", but on task.

12. The `04-Old-Northwest was reported by Mr. Jim Moody to be almost ready to turn in all the required paper-work and should do so within the next 10-12 days. A work party was held last weekend to cut wood. The Booshway has his Staff all in place, and the event should be on its way. Jack asked that the Delegates give an up-date report to him in the next two weeks and "twist all the arms and legs necessary" to get what is needed done. Ken

Weglarz reported that he had seen the start of the event's web-site and of what he had seen it looked good.

13. The Northeast '04 was reported as being well under-way, but there were some concerns regarding the events water activities. Linda reminded everyone that such water contests were not covered under the Foundation's insurance policy. Ken Weglarz agreed to keep Jack informed of what his contacts with the Booshway produced.

14. A report on the `03-Eastern was given by Jack Beville. Some equipment is still missing (1-Ball Discharger, 3-Radios, and 1-Clay-bird thrower). There are also some outstanding bills to yet be paid and Gate materials and Checkbook have not been returned to the Main Office. Mr. Beville was only able to get a response from the Booshway via a "Registered letter". The `04-Eastern seems to be going well and is on schedule and on task. The '05-Eastern is due to have their first Staff meeting come the first part of January. The Chair asked the Treasurer to compile a listing of costs for the missing equipment from the `03-Event in case it is needed.

15. A report from the NMLRA Delegates was given by Dick Bennett. Right now the most pressing problem is the

conflicting of scheduled meeting dates and times. Mr. Bennett pointed out the difficulties of holding meetings on days when an event is open to the public and during normal business hours. He went on to request that some "consideration" be extended to him such that he is allowed enough time to travel from Friendship to the Southeastern so that he might be able to attend both meetings.

The Chair stated he had raised the issue with Mr. Jim Fulmer, President of the NMLRA, but that no easy resolution had been reached.

Old Business:

16. The Past Booshway recognition Program was discussed with two regions still not having made their selections. The question of nominating a Past Booshway that was now a Delegate was raised and it was clearly stated that such a situation should not disqualify a person from receiving such recognition. The Chair urged the outstanding regions to move on this matter in due order.

17. The Report of the Committee on Vendor use of Propane was deferred by the Chair until the discussion of Proposal#5 under New Business.

18. The resignation of Mike Branson was accepted. Mike had served as Delegate for the Western region "with Regret".

New Business:

19 The motion presented by Jack Beville and seconded by Father Thomas to hold the March Board of Directors/Delegate Council meeting as a "Face-to- Face" meeting at the Southeastern

Rendezvous on March 28th & 29th, 2004 was passed unanimously. Jack Beville was appointed to over-see the making of all necessary arrangements.

20. The Motion presented by Joey Hall and seconded by Jack Beville for authorizing a committee to study the feasibility of conducting an audit of the Foundations finances for the past 1-5 years was passed unanimously. (The Chair appointed Joey Hall to head this committee – other individuals will be named at a

future date.)

21. The Motion presented by Jack Beville and seconded by Father Thomas to purchase 2 Polaroid, instant- print cameras and related film for use to take pictures of all future Election Candidates so they can be displayed at the Voting Poles for participant identification was passed unanimously. The Quartermaster was charged with the task of making the necessary purchases.

22. The motion presented by Father Thomas and seconded by Jack Beville to appoint a committee of up-to two individuals to find a replacement Candidate for the Western Delegate was approved unanimously. The Chair appointed Father Thomas and Jay Hando to this committee. The Secretary was also instructed to write Mr. Branson a letter to get the Foundation's Delegate Book returned.

23. The motion presented by Jim Badders and seconded by R.A. Flick to reinstate the Propane rules for NR&LHF events was passed as amended by Jay Hando and seconded by Dick Bennett. The motion's provisions now reads as follows:

- a.) If any State and/or Federal rules apply, they will be followed and it is the responsibility of the vendor to contact the appropriate agency for compliance.
- b.) All propane systems, including pilot lights, must be completely shut down when Not in use.
- c.) It is required to have a fire extinguisher at all cooking stations.
- d.) It is recommended that the Booshway contact a "Certified" propane company to conduct an Inspection of all vendor's propane systems prior their use at any of our events. Vendors will be responsible for any inspection fees.

Other Committee Reports & Announcements:

24. A Report from Mike Pullins was discussed regarding the re-printing of the registration Forms to indicate the trade fee to be \$70.00 with the "inclusion" of one trader. Due to the cost of re-printing forms at this time "no action" was taken. The Chair instructed the Secretary to include this item in the next Meeting Agenda. The issue of the Ribbons to indicate the differing classes of traders was also brought up but no action was taken.

25. The New Post Card System to notify participants of the confirmation of their registrations has been implemented. Our Congratulations go to Linda for all the hard work that went into developing the system.

26. A new Checklist System is being implemented to help Delegates track the progress of their Regions events. Jack asked that each Delegate keep a close eye on their events and to try utilizing this new checklist system.

27. A New Feed-Back/Suggestion Card will be inserted into all participant registration packets starting with the Southeastern '04 Event. Hopefully this will yield some useful ideas for improving our events.

28. The Meeting was adjourned at 9:50Pm (EST)

"Appendix A"

Treasurers Report as Presented:

Regular Checking = \$7300.35

Money Market = \$30,417.15

SE '04 Account = \$33.07

MW '04 Account = \$387.66

ONW '04 Account = \$1463,21 (transferred for '03)

NE '04 Account = \$1993.00

East '03 Account = 271,01

East '04 Account = 650.98

This represents the complete and total Minutes as recorded to the best of my abilities from the meeting held on Dec. 17th, 2003.

Respectfully Submitted,
Father Thomas

(The End of the Meeting Minutes)