

National Rendezvous and Living History Foundation
Meeting Minutes

September 28, 2006

Call to Order

Mike Pullins / Chair called to order the regular meeting of the **NRLHF** at **9:10am** on **September 28, 2006** in Doddridge County WV / 2006 Eastern Primitive Rendezvous.

Roll Call

Larry Clark conducted a roll call. The following persons were present:

Michael Pullins

Jay Hando

Larry Clark

Addison Miller

Wade Reynolds

Jim Badders

Thomas Fern

Al Benslay

Joe Crimmins

Jerry Middendorf

Bill Irons

Absent-

Darlene Richmond

Ken Eldredge

Also in Attendance were:

Lisa Allred - ONW Delegate Elect

Linda Blizzard - NRLHF Office Manager

Rick Blizzard - NRLHF Quartermaster

Winston Roland - President NMLRA

Other Interested Parties

Approval of Minutes

Larry Clark read the minutes from the last meeting. There was a motion to correct the minutes. The correction dealt with the vote regarding strictly following the By-Laws relative to voting for Board Members. The vote was recorded as 4 to 3. The corrected vote was 3 to 3. Motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as amended.

Motion made by – Thomas Fern

Seconded by - Bill Irons

Motion Passed (4 yea, 2 nay)

Point of Order

Motions to remove Larry Clark and Wade Reynolds as board members.

Remove for actions and behaviors ineffective or disruptive of the organization.
Larry – Not scheduling meetings and not writing articles for Muzzle blasts.
Wade - besmirching Thomas Fern's name and stating he didn't have to follow the rules.

Motions made by – Thomas Fern

Seconded by - Addison Miller

Motions Defeated (3 yea, 5 nay – the vote being the same on each motion)

Treasurer's Report

Checking	8863.33	*
Money Market	364.47	
SE 06	393.66	x
ONW 06	202.97	x
NE 06	28.89	x
MW 06	209.94	x
EPR 06	2895.25	*
SE 07	7.74	x
EPR 07	12.79	x
Cert of Deep / plus interest	30000.00	
	42979.04	

* Checks currently outstanding.

x accounts not issued

Point of Order

It was brought to Board's attention that meeting was being tape-recorded. Jay Hando was reminded that this must be indicated at the start of the meeting. It was decided that it was OK and meeting continued.

Amend minutes

To reflect April meeting minutes

Motion to bring items to be corrected to BOD.

Motion made by – Jim Badders

Seconded by - Larry Clark

Motion Passed (8 yea, 0 nay)

Amend Range Rules

To state NMLRA Certified

Joe Crimmins asked Jerry Middendorf if there was a list of NRMLA Range Safety Considerations which could use in the inspection of ranges. Jerry replied that there was not. It was later agreed that the NRMLA would work with the NRLHF to develop such a list.

Break – 10:30

Reconvened – 10:50

Committee Reports

Future Rendezvous, and Events

Southeastern

2007 - Russ Cutts reported he and his staff were On Track

2008 – It was reported that Jim Vaughan and his staff are making progress

Corp of Discovery

2007 – It was reported that COD showed a profit is growing

Old Northwest

2007 – It was reported that Gary Flegel and his staff are making progress

2008 – No report

Midwest

2007 – It was reported that Rita Luvery and her staff are ready to go

2008 – No report

Northeastern

2007 - It was reported that Gary Cottle and his staff are making progress but need help in securing a bond for the NY DEC.

2008 – No report

Eastern

2007 – It was reported that Cheryl Gallagher and her staff are ready to go

2008 – David Guy reported that he will have the land contract shortly, and will start working on his budget

There were no reports from Standing Committees or Special Committees.

Old Business

Corp of Discovery (COD) – A motion was made to establish the Corp of Discovery as a permanent NRLHF event.

Motion made by - Mike Pullins

Seconded by - Addison Miller

A Friendly Amendment was offered by Larry Clark – Give approval for COD for next two years so that they can plan better, but the Board also has more time to monitor this event.

The Amendment was accepted and the motion deemed to include the amended language.

Motion Passed (7 yea, 0 nay)

Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) – A motion was made to adopt the AED Program as drafted by Joe Crimmins.

Motion made by - Joe Crimmins

Seconded by - Addison Miller

Motion Passed (7 yea, 0 nay)

Note: Ad Miller volunteered to be the AED Program Coordinator. All program documentation was turned over to Mr. Miller at the meeting.

New Business

Point of Information

Jay Hando served 60-day notice of intent to change the Articles of Incorporation and By Laws to allow the 2 representatives of the NMLRA to vote for the NRLHF Board Members.

Joe Crimmins said that he would second such a change and offered to work with Jay on the wording; provided that a companion motion was “jointed at the hip”. Joe’s motion would expand the NRLHF’s Board from its current 8 members to include all Delegates as Board Members.

Roland Winston asked if at the same time, the NRLHF would pass a change allowing the NMLRA representatives to be appointed from anywhere in the membership of the NMLRA rather than just its Board of Directors.

Jay and Joe agreed. Work will begin on the motions. Proposed voting would occur at the SEPR meeting. NMLRA ratification would then be expected at their June meeting.

Adherence to the By-Laws - A Motion was made to adhere to the by-laws as written and not past practices regarding the election of Board Members.

Motion made by - Wade Reynolds

Seconded by - Larry Clark

After much discussion, the Motion was ruled Out of Order as it required the Board to do what it was already obligated to do by the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws.

Break - 12:05

Reconvened - 12:20

New Business (continued)

Resignation of ONW Delegate Darlene Richmond – the Chair reported receipt of a Letter of Resignation from Darlene. A motion was made to accept Darlene’s resignation and that new BOD appoint a new delegate.

Motion made by - Mike Pullins

Seconded by – Thomas Fern

Motion Passed (unanimous vote)

Seating of New Delegates – There was one new Delegate to seat, Lisa Allred from the ONW. All other vacancies were filled through current Delegates being re-elected at their rendezvous.

Nominations for Board – the Council of Delegates voted on filling the 3 vacancies on the Board of Directors. The following Delegates were nominated:

Joe Crimmins

Jay Hando

Allan Benslay

Lisa Allred

Thomas Fern

Addison Miller

Motion was made, Seconded, and carried to close the nominations.

By secret ballot the Council of Delegates voted and filled the 3 vacancies with:

Lisa Allred

Joe Crimmins

Allan Benslay

Motion was made, Seconded, and carried to destroy the ballots.

Election of Officers - The following Officers were elected to serve by a unanimous ballot of 1.

Allan Benslay – Chairman

Larry Clark - Vice Chairman

Lisa Allred – Secretary

Joe Crimmins – Treasurer

It was duly noted that Larry Clark vacated the Secretary’s chair approaching “the speed of light” when Lisa Allred was elected.

Rendezvous Fees – A Motion was made raise camp fees by \$5 across the board effective January 1 2007.

Motion made by – Addison Miller

Seconded by – Larry Clark

A Friendly Amendment was offered by Joe Crimmins – Given the grave financial situation of the Foundation, raise fees by \$10. This would support our need to

rebuild reserves and help insure that we did not need to go back and ask for another increase in the foreseeable future.

A Friendly Amendment was offered by Larry Clark – Give approval for COD for next two years so that they can plan better, but the Board also has more time to monitor this event.

The Amendment was accepted and the motion deemed to include the amended language.

After much discussion, it was agreed that with passage of the motion, fees would increase by like percentage across the board. If an adult fee went up \$10, and a dependent's fee was ½ of an adult, then the dependent's fee would go up \$5. It was also agreed that pre-registrations postmarked on or before 12/31/06 would pay the old fees.

Motion Passed (unanimous vote)

Photo Policy – A Motion was made to accept the Photo Policy submitted by Joe Crimmins. This policy pertains to the use of photographs in all NRLHF publications, flyers, and websites.

Motion made by – Joe Crimmins

Seconded by - Larry Clark

A Friendly Amendment was offered by Addison Miller – The Photo Policy could/would be further modified based upon review of proposals submitted by Marc Stewart.

The Amendment was accepted and the motion deemed to include the amended language.

Motion Passed (unanimous vote)

Adjournment – A motion was made, seconded, and approved that we adjourn. Mike Pullins, Chair at 2:01pm, adjourned the meeting.

Minutes submitted by: Lisa Allred, Secretary

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Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

September 28, 2006

Call to Order

Allen Benslay / Chair called to order the regular meeting of the **NRLHF Board of Directors** at **2:48pm** on **September 28, 2006** in Doddridge County WV / 2006 Eastern Primitive Rendezvous.

Roll call

Lisa Allred conducted a roll call. The following persons were present:

Larry Clark

Wade Reynolds

Jim Badders

Allan Benslay
Joe Crimmins
Lisa Allred
Bill Irons
Jerry Middendorf

Also in Attendance were:

Rick Blizard – NRLHF Quartermaster
Linda Blizard – NRLHF Office Manager
Winston Roland – President NMLRA
Other Interested Parties

Committee Reports

There were no reports from Standing or Special Committees
Linda Blizzard, the Office Manager, brought up items that she needed Board action or direction on. Those matters are addressed further.

Delegates In Charge for 2007

The Chairman appointed the following Delegates to be Delegate In Charge

Wade Reynolds - SEPR

Lisa Allred - ONWTPR

Jay Hando – MWTTPR

Larry Clark – NEPR

Jim Badders – EPR

Joe Crimmins tentatively volunteered to serve for COD. The COD will have a rotating Delegate In Charge.

Committee Appointments

The Chair announced the appointment of John Lammons as Parliamentarian. John accepted this position.

Allen said that other appointments would be made shortly.

Audit Committee – A motion was made for the Chair to appoint an Audit Committee to audit the Foundation's books for the year 2006, and earlier if the Committee deemed it appropriate.

Motion made by – Joe Crimmins

Seconded by - Larry Clark

A Friendly Amendment was offered by Winton Roland – The NMLRA was willing to help with the cost of a CPA audit. After discussion the Board accepted the NMLRA's kind offer of financial assistance to pay for the audit, and the motion was amended to reflect accordingly. Note: While Winston Roland is not a NRLHF Board Member, his offer was accepted as a Friendly Amendment.

Motion Passed (unanimous vote)

Old Business

ONW Delegate's vacancy – A motion was made to elect a Delegate to represent the ONW on account of Darlene Richmond's resignation.

Motion made by - Bill Irons

Seconded by - Larry Clark

Passed (unanimous vote)

Nominated to fill this vacancy until the ONWTPR 2007 were:

Michael Pullins

Mike Radke

Chuck Went

Motion was made, Seconded, and carried to close the nominations.

By secret ballot the Board of Directors voted to fill the vacancy with:

Chuck Went

Motion was made, Seconded, and carried to destroy the ballots.

Letter to Ken Eldredge - A motion was made to write Ken Eldredge a letter inquiring as to his interest in remaining a NRLHF Delegate, in light of his personal and business obligations.

Motion made by - Larry Clark

Seconded by - Lisa Allred

Motion Passed (unanimous vote)

Seminar Coordinators List – Linda express concern over the progress that Seminar Coordinator Ruth Py was making in compiling a list of individuals who have given seminars in the past. Larry Clark discussed the matter with Ruth who assured the Board that the list would be forthcoming shortly.

Revision of Letter of July 2003 – Linda expressed concern that she had insufficient guidance from the Board as to what information was required to be submitted to the office before a checkbook could be issued.

A motion was made to change the wording of the letter by deleting the reference to a checkbook not being issued. Further that the sentence would read, "Enclosed is a list of items needed by the Business Office before any monies are spent.

Motion made by - Joe Crimmins

Seconded by - Larry Clark

Motion Passed (unanimous vote)

As part of the discussion of the above motion it was brought out that the items listed in the July 2003 were not in a proper order. No one took exception to the content, just the order. It was agreed that Jim Badders would re-organize the list and give it to Lisa Allred by Sept 31, 2006. Lisa will then arrange publication.

New Business

Early Setup – Linda stated that she had pre-registered people requesting that they be allowed to set-up earlier than the Wednesday preceding the start of a rendezvous. Following discussion, the Board advised Linda that such requests were to be denied by the Business Office. In the event that someone showed up earlier than the Wednesday designation it would be up to the Boosway and staff to determine if they would allow him or her to set-up. If allowed to set-up earlier than Wednesday, the camper would not pay early set-up fee for day(s) before Wednesday, but would be expected to give a days work for a days camp. Individuals agreeing to this who did not give of their labor during the rendezvous would not be allowed the privilege again and any NRLHF rendezvous.

Comprehensive Coordinated Gate Book Advertising Program – A motion was made to continue this program.

Motion made by- Joe Crimmins

Seconded by – Jim Badders

Motion Passed (unanimous vote)

Equipment Inventory – A motion was made to inventory all foundation equipment by November 1 2006.

Motion made by - Joe Crimmins

Seconded by - Larry Clark

Motion Passed (unanimous vote)

Open Floor to each new Board Member to speak on any matter(s).

Joe Crimmins:

Will work closely with Linda. Need to set priorities on work etc.

Lisa Allred:

Stated that the web site needed an over haul. The current version wasn't suitable to people with disabilities. (Federal Website Act)

Rick made the comment that he would switch the site back over to the previous version that he had designed when he got home for the EPR. He stated that Marc did the "new look" under his direction but wasn't to change anything else. IE: links, documents etc.

It was also brought forth that we needed an online payment system for those who wanted to use it and a more usable forums that is "owned" by the NRLHF and not an outside third party.

Adjournment – A motion was made, seconded, and approved that we adjourn.

Allen Benslay, Chair adjourned the meeting at 5:15pm.

Minutes submitted by: Lisa Allred, Secretary

Approved 12-13-2006