

NSRCA Board Meeting Minutes

February 6th, 2007

1. All executive officers and district vice presidents present with the exception of D1, D3, and D6. They all joined in during the conference call.
2. Nats Update by Dave Guerin – All entry forms have been mailed. All operations staff are in place but the only questionable person is Jeff Hill. Dave wanted to know who handles all the NSRCA activity at the Nats (meeting rooms for the board meeting, judging seminar, and the banquet) – Ron Van Putte will be handling all of these duties.
3. Rules Committee by Derek Koopowitz - Since any rules changes/modification must be in to the AMA by September 30th, 2007, the board voted YES to have the current rules committee members continue with the assembly of the rules proposals and the new Masters sequence that will be in effect in 2009. The current rules committee chairman is Don Ramsey.
4. Web Site/Team Update by Derek Koopowitz – the current team members need some refreshing. There aren't too many volunteers out there but Marty Moleski is actively working on an updated website that will have a lot more functionality than the current site. One issue that needs to be resolved is the NSRCA logo – do we continue with the “shield” version of change to a new one such as the “swoosh” logo that is on the website. Once we get the new website in place we will be able to utilize its features such as surveys so that we can poll the membership as to which logo they like best.
5. Advertising Update by Derek Koopowitz – We still don't have a replacement Advertising Manager and so Derek Koopowitz will continue to handle this role. We've picked up a couple of new advertisers and the hope is that we will continue to get new advertisers for 2007.
6. Membership Update by Jim Quinn – As of February 6th we are down 259 members from our end-of-year 2006 totals. We are still processing renewals and there were a number of renewals that went missing in a shipment from Lamar Blair to Jim Quinn.
7. Treasury Update by Ron Davies – We have approximately \$14,800 in our bank accounts. Ron is waiting for access to one bank account to verify the balance and we are also waiting on the rest of the information to be shipped from Rusty Dose to Ron.
8. Extra K-Factor Retention Policy and VP Mailings by Lance Van Nostrand – It was decided that only 100 copies or so of the extra K-Factors would be mailed to Jim Quinn instead of the publisher mailing 20 copies of each month's K-Factor to each of the officers. This will cut down on costs and if an officer would like extra copies then they can contact Jim Quinn for them instead.

9. NSRCA Email List Moderation by Lance Van Nostrand – Lance wants to have the email list rules updated to better reflect the NSRCA’s position on advertising and moderation. This will be posted on the website. Derek Koopowitz will check with Tom Simes (manages the email list) to see if a generic mailbox can be set up that can be used to send “official NSRCA news” to the list.
10. Invitation to IMAC by Lance Van Nostrand – Lance proposed an idea to provide “associate” memberships to IMAC members thereby giving them access to the K-Factor to write their own columns and hopefully to attract new members to both organizations. Lance will write a letter to the IMAC board. In addition, Chris Moon will contact RC Universe to find out what their advertising rates are for a banner page advertisement.
11. Rusty Dose’s Archive Materials by Lance Van Nostrand – Lance felt that Rusty’s archive such as promotional material could be useful to the NSRCA. Derek Koopowitz will talk to Rusty Dose. Lance also thought that we could store this material on our website in a repository. Derek Koopowitz will check with our web team.
12. IRS Notice by Derek Koopowitz – Rusty Dose informed the board in November 2006 that he had received a notice from the IRS that they were assessing a late filing penalty on the NSRCA for our 2005 tax return. Rusty appealed the assessment and had written a letter to them explaining the late filing. We are now waiting on a response from the IRS.
13. Canada Status by Derek Koopowitz – Xavier Moureax has decided to step down as our Canada East officer. In the meantime Dave Reaville will try to handle both the East and West roles.
14. Judge Ranking Committee Update by Ron Van Putte – Ron wanted to have the current committee members to continue their work of evaluating judges from the Nats. Derek Koopowitz had asked Ron to have a charter written up and presented to the board. Once the board receives the new charter they will vote on having the current members continue on the committee. The committee is Ron Van Putte, Matt Kebabjian, Tony Stillman, and Don Ramsey.
15. K-Factor Editor by Derek Koopowitz – Mike Hester has relinquished his role as editor. A call for volunteers has been issued but no viable candidates have come forward. Derek Koopowitz will continue to be the interim editor.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30pm EST.