

Ready 2 Run Board

Meeting Sept. 10, 2010

Location: MDT-AA Trial,

Reno

All officers present except Cynthia Kennedy, who participated by phone. Ginger Firestone and Mary Kapner also present.

The meeting was started at 3:35pm by President Cherie Singer, and she addressed the following topics:

1. Budget update:

The club has done very well this year and we've met our budgets. We currently have \$21,113.59 and are ahead of our projections by \$3,000.

2. NADAC Champs expenses:

A third of the membership is going to Champs. Lynn Saunders ordered R2R nylon wind breakers for Champs, for the people who wanted them, which amounted to approximately 14. There was a vote among the officers as to whether the club would pay the \$150 set up fee for the embroidery, which was done by a company in Truckee. The vote was unanimous that the club would pay this fee as we will use the company in the future for other club garments. Cynthia asked that if in the future the garments were sold to us in Nevada, that sales tax would not be charged. She was told that was not an issue.

R2R is sponsoring two awards at Champs: High Scoring R2R Member, and High Scoring R2R Member who's never been to Champs or earned a championship. These awards (\$25 ea.) were already in the budget, so there was no vote needed on these.

3. Recruiting for key positions in 2011:

We will recruit people for these positions the same way Jeff did in 2009. There will be a spread sheet at the October trial, and people can sign up for what they want to do. This will be announced ahead of the trial, and if people want to do a job, they can e-mail Cherie if they're not going to be at the Oct. trial. Jobs will be spread around. Finding Chairs is more difficult than Secretaries, but there are a good number of people who want to Chair. Chief Ring Steward (CRS) newbies should apprentice first. Mary Kapner thought that people should come get their tickets from the CRS rather than the CRS having to track everyone down. Barb Meyer thinks tickets should be given progressively to people as they que up for their job, get in place, etc., and she's going to try this method at the Oct. trial where she's CRS.

4. Recruiting for Officers in 2011:

All of the present officers are happy with their jobs. Barb Meyer though, expressed interest in the Presidency if Cherie would mentor her and be Vice President. Cherie like this idea. The other club jobs will be opened up to the Yahoo List for potential candidates if the present people do not want to continue. We know that Karin Bell does want to be Webmaster, but we don't know if Lynn Saunders still wants to edit the newsletter, and if Donna Waugh will do another year in Hospitality.

When the website was mentioned, a situation was reported in which we were accused by another website for stealing the code for their Events Calendar. This accusation was made to Jeff Lyons, even though the accuser knew that Jeff was no longer president of the club, and not an officer. We were told that if we subscribed to his service, this person would drop their accusation. Since we knew none of our website had been copied from any entity, we decided to slightly change our calendar, and tell our accuser we were not interested in his service. Since that last communication, we have not heard from him.

5. Taxes:

We are getting our Employer ID # renewed and have filled out and submitted the paperwork. Nonetheless, we have not heard from the IRS. Our old number expired some time ago. Jill is going to make sure that all of this was done properly and wants the item closed.

6. Awards Party:

Party Chairs, Mary Kapner & Dianne Robak, were told how much money they could spend. Salli Dulco, who is doing awards needs a budget, also. This year, we are not paying for a room for the party (RTEC is letting us use their club house). Last year at Fuji, we paid \$675 for the hall, and also for chairs and tables. This year, we don't have that expense. Our big expense is food. Last year the party cost \$3,500, and the awards \$2,000. We're hoping to decrease that amount this year. We'd like to keep the party at \$2,000 - \$2,500. Mary has a caterer that will cost less, and she will be getting table service from a local church hall. There will also be fun contests at the party. Cherie asked that we require a \$10 reservation fee. This keeps people from skipping out on dinner because we pay for the food whether they show up or not. Spouses/non-members pay \$40. We just want to cover the cost of their meal (\$40/person is what the dinner typically costs us). Mary will shoot for a \$2,000 catering bill.

We will give embroidered awards for first NATCH's, and awards pins for additional NATCH's won this past season. Some people will receive a hoard of pins, and we need something embroidered for them. There are some people who aren't getting NATCH's but going for all-arounds and they deserve some kind of recognition.

7. Other business:

Cynthia asked about Jim and RTEC, and his magnanimous speech about the cost of the facility at our last meeting? What happened? Cherie thought Jim had possibly talked out of turn and that we weren't supposed to be in the clubhouse during the trial. Jim probably didn't have the authority to speak as he did. We are still paying \$1,200 to rent RTEC for the trial, but we are getting the use of the clubhouse for our awards party for free. This is less than what we spent to rent Fuji Park and the building for our awards party last year. The consensus is that RTEC is nicer than Fuji Park because we don't have to deal with the dog park people (DPP). Our May trial is still scheduled for Fuji, and if the situation with the DPP is resolved when they can only have their dogs off-leash in the pens that are being built for that purpose in the dirt lot on the west side, we may be happy there again. Fuji Park is half the price of RTEC.

Cynthia also asked about the amount the club was profiting in these economic times. Prior to this meeting, several e-mails had gone back and forth between her and the other officers regarding this issue and the price of trial entries. Cynthia felt that PSMC should be our main

charity, and that trial entry pricing should be gauged so that we didn't have amounts that we needed to disburse charitably (besides PSMC) in order to remain nonprofit. That if we did, we were charging too much. Cherie cautioned that down the road the club might need to buy its own equipment and that we should be prepared financially for that situation. In the e-mails about entry pricing it was mentioned that our club is not autonomous, and that our entry fees were in line with other clubs'. It was also stated that entry fees are higher back east. This discussion came about because of the package pricing of entries. Cynthia felt that if someone was already buying a package and had one or more runs that didn't fit into the next package, they had to pay the a'la carte rate (higher) for those runs. She didn't feel that was fair. Cynthia was told that the software for tabulating entry pricing could not accommodate what Cynthia wanted. As Cynthia had never been a Trial Secretary, she backed off from her proposal. Two rate packages were suggested, neither of which changed the bottom line much, and the original proposed rate for the October trial was approved. Shortly after, a New Jersey NADAC club offered the following package on-line, and Cynthia asked that our club consider it:

1-11 Runs \$11 per Run, 12-17 Runs \$10 per Run, 18 or More Runs \$9 per Run

She was told the decision had been made and that the entry pricing was not changing at that time.

The meeting adjourned at 5:23pm.

The foregoing minutes were prepared by: Cynthia Kennedy, Secretary.