

**Introductions:**

**Tonya Petticolas-Stoud (lives in Utah)**

**Jim Beidle**

**Paul Latiolais favorite ride is Renegade (and Bandit)**

**Katrin Leverman from BC favorite ride was Skimikin Lake ridecamp on the lake, swimming with horses!**

**Michaela-Petticolas who just rode a 4-year-old 16.3**

**Anya Leverman favorite ride was Owyhee Haloweenies**

**Katya Leverman favorite ride was Pink Flamingo**

**Sierra Westlake first year as a senior, pretty views at Mt Adams**

**Darla Westlake**

**Camille Westlake**

**Nausicaa (little)**

**Zach Nunn favorite ride was Bandit Springs**

**Tiffany LaPlante (parent of junior) loved everything**

**Jeffery, got roped into riding about 4 months ago, doesn't have a favorite yet**

**Sirie Neal favorite ride was Renegade**

**Meagan Hudson, took a horse for first trail ride this year**

**Spencer Falk likes his mom's ride Bandit Springs**

**Isabel Firestone this is her first season, liked to ride in the snow**

**Jaden Firestone likes riding on the beach**

**Patty Robinett**

**Dr Jenn**

**Lori Hudson**

**Robert Washington**

**Nance Worman**

**Mary Nunn**

**Dr Cassie Terry(?)**

**Julia Bloomfield**

**Bruce Worman**

**Paula Rasler**

**Anna Sampson**

**Dory Jackson**

**Adam Falk**

**Gail Williams**

**Steph Teeter**

**Darlene Anderson**

**Janelle Wilde**

**Katrin Leverman**

**Aarene**

**Jim Beidle**

**Tonya Petticolas-Stroud**

**Michael Peterson**

**Robert Mulligan**

**Paul Latiolais**

**Bobbi Jo Ogren**

**Mike Foss**

Sue Summers  
Dennis Summers  
Sharke  
Heidi Larson  
Tony Cano  
Linda Knisley  
Dick and Bev Borton  
Elroy Karius  
Gail Jewell  
Dean Hahler  
Katie Millholland  
Dr. Scott Lubers

Katya got chased by a wild stallion. Sierra got chased also. Spencer didn't even see the wild stallion.

Sierra did her first 100. Carmen is better behaved after 50 miles than she is before! The best food she had all day was a Subway sandwich.

If juniors are willing at the end of summer/end of fall to sign a square with a nice comment about a senior, Tonya will make a quilt square of it.

Zach did his first 50 at Grizzley, weather wasn't too bad.

Spencer started riding Heather this year.

Tonya and Michaela got a dog.

Katya got to ride a new horse.

Sirie achieved a high enough GPA to ride!

Tiffany rode 2 rides last year with morning sickness. Not recommended.

Sirie's horse tied up.

Spencer was miserable at Foothills when his dad's horse lost 2 shoes and Heather got thumps.

Meagan got to see her first sponsor again.

Tiffany got to sponsor her first senior.

Anya got routed onto a rockslide during a ride b/c they marked the trail on quads.

Juniors know stuff about their horses.

Juniors would like you to give them money, toys, candy and ponies! But a kind word would be okay, too.

Sponsor juniors—they can't ride without sponsors.

Know how fast you ride...if the sponsor is travelling too fast (or slow) for your horse, speak up! If they don't respond, change sponsors! If your sponsor gets pulled, ask somebody else.

If you lose a sponsor, don't despair. Ask for help from the ride manager.

A junior rep must attend the Friday evening board meeting and the Sunday morning board meeting.

Junior rep - Spencer Falk,

Alternate -MaKayla Peticolas-Stroud

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**Sunday morning board meeting, January 22, 2012**

**Board members present:**

Carol Giles  
Anna Sampson  
Mary Nunn  
Lois Fox  
Paul Latiolais  
Aarene Storms  
Gail Williams  
Darlene Anderson  
Sharke  
Julie Barnfather  
Carlene Benson  
Spencer Falk

**Also present:**

Paula Rasler  
Gary Pegg  
Janis Pegg  
Ramona Thacker  
Ruth Sheridan  
Sharke's sister  
Melissa Coy

Meeting called to order 8:11am.

Aarene read the minutes. Lois moved that the minutes be approved as read, Darlene seconded. Motion passed.

**Old Business:**

Paula Rasler presented budget requests from the Education Committee. The committee did not spend the entire amount allocated in 2011 (\$6,000). Cost of *Endurance 101* clinics was discussed. A nominal fee for these clinics may be charged to help cover the cost of lunch or equipment (stethoscopes). The Ed Committee would like to present two *Endurance 101* clinics, a single *Endurance 201* clinic, 4 expos, and a gas stipend for vet students who participate in events. Total money requested by the Ed Committee: \$6,400. Lois wanted to know if people who attend clinics and expos ever join PNER, and asked that some sort of tracking be installed. Gail said that AERC sends lists of new people to regional reps. Darlene wondered if PNER could create a short (1-page) survey for non-members at rides, to ask what would be an incentive for those people to join. Carlene said that she would like to see the rider reps make an initial contact with new members. Paula said that she would love to interact with rider reps to help make this happen. Julie agreed with Lois, that PNER should have more tracking in place. Paula agreed to collect contact information from interested people at expos. Mary said that a list of interested people should be shared with rider reps. Sharke would like to see an option of "How did you hear about PNER" added to the online membership form.

Lois moved that the board approve \$6400 with the stipulation that we get information presented at the Friday board meeting next year regarding the results of this data-gathering. Darlene seconded. Motion passed. Members of the Ed Committee are: Paula Rasler, Darlene Anderson, Jim Beidle, Dr. Jenn, Heidi Larson and Sky Evans. Gail mentioned that the vets will ask to have a vet committee formed. Darlene will contact our northwest vets to see if they want to form a committee. Carol reminded the Board that membership for equine groups nationwide is dramatically down, and that a vet committee could facilitate communication between PNER and AERC (and other endurance groups). Lois is concerned that the committee would exist for no

purpose; she would rather see a vet come to the Board. Adam Falk said that a local PNER vet committee would liaison with other vets in their community. Paul said that a vet committee could also work on recruitment of vets. Paul said that if vets want to create a committee, he will authorize it. Darlene will send an email letter to local vets, and copy the email to the Board.

Carol wanted to talk about our non-profit status. Last year the audit committee started creating a basic list of obligations of board members and non-profit groups. This document is a guideline for Board members and the treasurer. The Board has a "duty of care": the need to be financially responsible and accountable. Because this is a volunteer organization, the Board takes responsibility to make sure key volunteers are fulfilling their duties, and following up on promises. The Board also has a "duty of loyalty": the needs of PNER supersede the needs of individual Board members. They must avoid not only impropriety, but also the *appearance of impropriety*.

Carol spoke of PNER's fiscal responsibility issues, according to our bylaws. We need to make sure that when the organization spends money, that money needs to support the mission of the organization. Members of the audit committee are Carol Giles, Darcy Bean, and Wendy Dunbar. We must be careful about to whom we give money, and the reasons that we do it. We need itemized receipts from purchases. In general, individuals should not make payments on behalf of PNER and then ask for reimbursement. It is better for PNER to write a check directly to a vendor.

Lois submitted the example of printing the handbook. A PNER check is not problem for printing the handbook; the mailing fees should probably be reimbursed. Carol pointed out that the receipt from the Post Office should clearly show that Lois paid on behalf of PNER.

A brief discussion followed about giving a "blank" marked check. We agreed that is a bad idea. The Board thanked Carol for her work on these issues.

Julie moved that the Board approve the guidelines of accounting and expectations proposed by Carol, and that future Boards be required to read and accept on this document. Darlene seconded. Discussion followed. We will store the document on the yahoo BOD discussion listserv, and Board members can acknowledge that they have done so via email to that listserv. The vote was called, the motion passed, the pig in a poke was procured.

Paul asked the Board which lines of the budget needed to be specified (the awards budget, for example). Based on historic average costs for awards, Janis' initial recommendation that awards be budgeted at \$5,000 may not be enough. There was discussion. Carlene is amazingly talented at finding excellent-quality, bargain-priced awards, but the cost of personalization is significant. Membership has communicated clearly that the personalization is important. Since this is the first year that the awards have a specific budget, we want to allot more-than-enough-money. Julie moved that the Board approve an "awards" budget for the 2013 that will be the amount used for the 2012 awards plus ten percent. Lois seconded. Motion passed.

Aarene reported for the scholarship committee. The five essays submitted for scholarship this year were of much higher quality than we have seen in some years past, and the entire \$3,000 allotted to this committee was awarded. Julie queried the method by which the scholarships are awarded. The scholarship committee requested \$3,000 for 2012. Darlene moved that \$3,000 be approved for the committee. Gail seconded. Motion passed.

Ruth asked about publishing articles in the newsletter: should she fix grammar and spelling issues? Consensus is: *no*. Ruth asked for guidance and a priority list for the newsletter. Paul clarified that the newsletter was well-done in 2011, and that the Board has suggestions. Darlene will post a note to the listserv asking people who

took copious notes in convention lectures to please summarize their notes for other members who weren't able to attend. Lois clarified that newsletter editors really need a list of priorities so that they can publish information that is applicable to all members. Aarene offered to send a bunch of articles to help Ruth fill out the newsletter. Discussion ensued around the physical format of the printed and electronic versions of the newsletter. Darlene and Lois are assembling publishing guidelines for the newsletter editor.

Julie moved that Gail Williams remain on the executive committee. Anna seconded. Motion passed.

There was discussion about membership on the Board. Paul is immediate past-president, but doesn't get two votes. Montana does not have reps this year, because there was nobody present willing/able to serve.

Lois suggested that Ride Manager reps be selected at the RM meeting. There was consensus.

Points secretary: Melissa Coy might be the next one to not rush in where angels fear to tread. She is considering the position, but has not agreed yet to sacrifice her life on the altar of the points secretarial position. If she does take this position, Adam Falk will assist her. The time commitment is daunting.

Junior rep Spencer Falk reported that 17 people attended the Junior Luncheon on Saturday. No major junior issues were reported; the barbeque pizza was the best.

Julie advocated hiring a professional for the website. Ruth asked that the Board hire a website manager. There was discussion. Lois said that we historically do not hire professionals. Lois agreed that hiring a designer for a one-time website design would be okay.

Paul doesn't need a vote but wants the Board to advise him re: actions about the website. The membership consensus is that the website needs work and the webmaster has not been responsive to requests to change or update the website. For example: the webmaster does not want to give the points secretary access to the site so that points can be updated in a timely way. Karen Bumgarner would be a better option as webmaster.

Lois moved to remove the current webmaster, Sharke seconded. Motion passed. The domain "pner.net" will be registered to PNER, not to any individual member. The website needs to be a bit more user-friendly and easier to navigate for the novice web user, and accessible by more than one administrator. A website committee was created. Members of this new committee are: Karen Bumgarner (chair), Gail Williams, Adam Falk, Janis Pegg, Ruth Sheridan and the new points person.

Paul will pursue Susan Garlinghouse's suggestion that the convention presentations be recorded and burned to DVD to be sold at a low cost to interested people.

Paul would like to organize a mid-year meeting of the Board, and will investigate options for that. A Skype conference call may also be a possibility.

Rum was served.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:06am.

General Meeting, January 21, 2012

Meeting called to order 10:37

Minutes were read. Jim Beidle moved to approve the minutes as read. Morgan Smith seconded. The motion passed.

**Financial report:**

Julie Barnfather presented the financial report. PNER started the year with approx. \$52,000, ended with approx. \$51,000. Details from the financial report are attached. Membership numbers are declining, and membership dues are also declining. Award expenses also have fluctuated. Accounting guidelines in PNER are a little vague; guidelines are now being drafted.

**Elections:**

Paul and Sharke were nominated for positions of president/vice president. Mary Nunn moved that nominations be closed. Molly Farkas seconded. Jim Beidle moved that we accept the candidates by acclamation. Eileen Reilich seconded. There was acclamation and applause.

**Audit Committee report:**

Carol Giles presented the audit committee report. The audit committee examines the reports receipt-by-receipt so that PNER will not be in danger of losing our IRS non-profit status. She said that the treasurer is doing a great job; the audit committee has a few recommendations to be presented to the Board at the Sunday morning meeting tomorrow, but in general, things are being done well.

Paul notified the membership that a "quartermaster" position will be created to make PNER gear available for members to purchase.

**Education Committee report:**

The Education Committee will officially meet later today, so their report will be brief. Jim will be stepping down as Ed Committee chair; Paula Rasler is appointed as incoming Ed Committee chair. In 2011 the Ed Committee funded one horse expo, and has started recruiting vet students to come to rides. At least one vet student has decided to change her focus to horses due in part to her good experiences working with endurance riders! There was no Trail Master class in our region in 2011, but there may be a class scheduled in 2012. Jim reminds the membership that money allocated to the Ed Committee and not spent will be returned to the general fund. The committee will meet this afternoon at 4pm. Interested members are invited to attend.

**Ride Manager meeting report:**

Gail Williams reported info from the RM meetings. Sanctioning guidelines (which are *guidelines*, not *rules*) were discussed. One of the big things happening in the Senate right now: recreational trails money is funded through state grants for trail work (usually through the Forest Service), but the RTP program may lose "dedicated" trail money. Please visit the American Horse Council website <http://www.horsecouncil.org/> write to your local legislature and ask them to fully fund RTP. BLM and Forest Service money for trail work is being cut, so RTP money *and trail work volunteerism* is more important than ever.

**Friday Board Meeting, January 20, 2012**

**Board Members Attending:**

Gail Williams  
Darlene Anderson  
Susan Favro  
Anna Sampson  
Mary Nunn  
Terre O'Brennan  
Meagan Hudson  
Paul Latiolais  
Jim Beidle  
Carlene Benson  
Lois Fox  
Katrin Levermann  
Sharke Farrell  
Amanda Washington

**Also present:**

Aarene Storms, Terrible Secretary  
Lori Walker, outgoing Points Goddess  
Julie Barnfather, audit committee

Melissa Coy  
Rhonda Guilford  
Janelle Wilde  
Clarence Nunn  
Zach Nunn  
Adam Falk  
Sharke's twin

Mimsy (dog)  
Pickles Marie (dog)

Quorum achieved. Meeting called to order at 3:24pm.

Aarene read the minutes. Lois moved that the minutes be accepted as read; Terre seconded. Motion passed.

Julie Barnfather presented the financial statement, balance sheet, profit and loss showing activity for 2011.

**Old Business**

Budget discussion: Paul would like to specify an awards budget for the year. Additional discussion about creating PNER "gear" (t-shirts, trailer stickers, etc) to sell to all members. Sharke suggested that, if a budget was specified, that amount could be put on a re-fillable cash card to be given to the person ordering the awards. Paul queried Carlene (who has procured awards in the past) about an appropriate



amount. Julie suggested taking an average of the usual amount needed as a starting amount—the president/exec committee can amend the amount if necessary.

Terre queried the need for PNER membership cards. Sharke said that, as a ride manager, having membership cards is important for statistic keeping. Gail clarified that the “rider cards” in the budget refers to *vet cards*, which aren’t ordered every year. Terre said that we could save money this year on mailing out cards if we made the cards downloadable. Mary noted that she cannot download documents. Lori said that PNER ride numbers are often not included in ride results that are sent to the points secretary. Gail and Darlene give discounts to PNER members, and thus they need the list of member names, but not necessarily the numbers. Lori said that if managers do this a lot, then members will want the cards. Terre was querying the need for actual cards; Lois said that the postage saved would be significant. Anna would like the PNER numbers listed in the handbook; Lois said that this addition would be difficult, at least at this time. Paul suggested that we query the membership at the meeting on Saturday and asked for Board approval that this motion be made at the meeting. Melissa suggested that people who would like a physical card mailed to them can request this. We will make this motion if Tiffany hasn’t already mailed out the cards.

Carlene moved to increase the “Golden Years” award to the top-five instead of top-one. Terre seconded the motion. There was discussion of a positive and friendly nature. Motion passed.

Carlene and Lois moved that we change the calculation of junior awards so that the *rider points* is awarded, rather than offer awards to the *horses*. The same number of awards will be given. Darlene seconded. Mary dissented: she would rather see juniors be encouraged to stick with one horse. Terre clarified that juniors who stick with one horse would still be eligible for the state award. Sharke said that last year, we consolidated awards for juniors so that they were awarded a single *item* with multiple engravings. Lori suggested that the way that things are calculated stay the same, and consolidate the awards as we did in 2011. The motion was withdrawn.

### **New Business**

Darlene would like the changes to the website to make information more user-friendly and more reliably updated; she would also like to see PNER.ORG renewed as our website. The renewal of the address has been approved. Website maintenance has traditionally been a problem (especially during ride season). Jim suggested that PNER needs to *hire* a competent webmaster. Darlene asked if PNER has money to do this. Lori said that the most efficient way would be to have a website built and then have other people be able to post updated material, for example the points and ride results.

Lois started a discussion on the PNER Newsletter: she would like the requirements of newsletter to be clearly defined. Darlene offered to create a Newsletter priority list.

Lois wants to advise the Board: she wants to put ride results back in the Handbook, which will entail a change (upgrade) the binding of the Handbook. This would also change the mailing options. The added pages would add to the overall price; the change in binding is not a significant price hike. The change in mailing options may save money.

Mary Nunn is trying to locate the old PNER secretary’s notes, which were stored in a notebook. Joyce Kellenberger might have them, Joan Fleming might have them, Shannon Bebeau might have them, Julie Barnfather might have them.

Terre moved we adjourn. Darlene seconded. Motion passed. We left.

## **Friday Board Meeting minutes, January 21, 2011**

Meeting called to order 3:13

### **Roll call:**

**Paul Latiolais PNER prez**  
**Aarene Storms Terrible Secretary**  
**Gail Williams WA Ride Manager Rep**  
**Marilyn Milestone WA Ride Manager Rep**  
**Darlene Anderson OR Ride Manager Rep**  
**Charlene Sharke Farrell PNER vice prez**  
**Carol Giles financial review committee member**  
**Kathryn Lewandowsky visiting member**  
**Anna Sampson OR Alternate**  
**Mary Nunn OR Ride Manager Rep**  
**Lois Fox OR Ride Manager Rep**  
**Carlene Benson OR Rider Rep**  
**Terre O'Brennan BC Ride Manager Rep**  
**Susan Favro MT Rider Rep**  
**Jim Beidle WA Rider Rep**

Susan moved to accept the slightly-amended minutes, Gail seconded. Motion passed.

Janis was not available to present the financial report, so Carol Giles (a member of the financial review committee) presents instead. There is a published Financial Report attached. Membership income is down, but raffle, trade show fees are up. She recommends that the "nest egg" be kept at or above \$20,000 in order to cover convention "up front" costs. Also recommends that "assets" (such as projector, banners, etc) be identified and inventoried each year. A financial guideline is being written so that officers in the future will know the 501c3 rules. There was discussion.

No membership report yet.

Awards committee report: Lois

The committee believes that the award should signify the difficulty of winning. Also, there has been a difficulty with some of the sponsored awards – the "Rookie Junior" and the "Sophomore Horse" awards are not currently sponsored, and they will expire if not picked up by a new sponsor. There is a need to update the wording of the "Husband and Wife" award—we need to name it something modern and "embroiderable." This discussion will be tabled until Sunday.

There was general applause for Sharke.

Scholarship: Aarene

Awards will be made to three members; the committee will not be giving away all the allotted funds this year, and leftover money will be returned to the general fund.

Education: Jim

The Education Committee spent a little more than 50% of the allotted budget; the remainder will be returned to the general fund.

Trail Masters: Gail has certificates of award to give to the Trail Masters Saturday.

Lois: motion and proposal to members that they put together a Request for Proposal for a convention outside of the I-5 corridor. Lois will put together a list of requirements and parameters. Jim seconded. Motion passed.

Glen Padgett spoke about awards, membership, and the value of PNER membership. He would like to see awards *increased*, and not decreased. He will speak at the general membership tomorrow.

Gail moved we adjourned, Darlene seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned 4:01pm.

## **Minutes for the 2011 Junior Luncheon meeting**

### **Elections for Junior Rep:**

**Meagan Hudson is the junior rep**

**Alternate: Whitney Goodpaster**

**Alternate: Cassidy Joyce**

Paul Latiolais addressed the group, asking for input on the [www.nwrides.org/junior](http://www.nwrides.org/junior) site.

We'd like to ask Darlene Anderson to establish a moderated PNER Junior listserv.

Aarene will solicit photos of kids for the PNER website.

Mary Krauss will put together a junior newsletter, and there will be contributions from kids .

There was discussion about vets, helmets, vests, food, photographers, and sponsors. We traded war stories and happy stories.

Juniors feel that some adults don't take kids seriously at rides, and we brainstormed ways to help adults learn to acknowledge juniors as capable riders and people.

### **2010 Super Sponsors**

Diane Lutenuer

Gerry Lutenuer

Heidi Larson

Chuck Cowen

Judy Toivonen

Linda Goodpaster

Dr Jenn

Mike Foss

Gail Williams

Dory Jackson

Patty Robinett

Tony Cano

Dick Borton

Bev Borton

Lori Hudson

Darla Westlake

Aarene Storms

Jim Beidle

Linda Knisley

Mary Krauss

Darlene Anderson

Lori Walker

Susan Favro

Paul Latiolais

Molly Farkas

Connie Hoge

Linda Tribby

Dennis Tribby

Marilyn Milestone

Leeann Studdard

Anna Sampson

Mary Nunn

Naomi Preston

Sherri Romero

Diana Seager

Olin Balch

Merri Melde

Kayla Worley

Tiffany LaPlante

Chris Cane

Sharke

Melissa Coy

Kara Henry

Sally Tarbet

## **Minutes of the PNER 2011 General Business Meeting January 22, 2011**

Minutes were read. A member questioned the "attached" financial statement which was not attached in the handbook. This will be fixed in the future. Darlene Anderson moved that the minutes be approved as read, Jim Beidle seconded. Minutes were approved as read.

Carol Giles gave a financial report (attached). As of year's end 2010, PNER has approximately \$54000.

### **Elections:**

Aarene Storms nominated Paul Latiolais and Sharke Farrell.

Nominations were closed. Gail asked for Paul and Sharke election by acclamation, which occurred. The membership applauded wildly.

### **Financial Review committee members:**

Carol Giles and Darcy Bean, nominated by Sharke, seconded by Darlene Anderson. Election was achieved.

Wendy Dunbar was nominated and elected as the third member of the financial review committee.

### **Education committee:**

Jim Beidle made a report. Trail Masters were funded by PNER in 2011, so the PNER members who attended did so by scholarship. PNER had a presence at the Horse Expo in Albany OR, and spent less than the \$600 allotted for it. The "vet student liaison" position was not funded this year because of lack of school/PNER coordination—the education committee will try to pursue this again in 2011 in order to bring working vet students to endurance rides. Money was set aside for a "speaker's bureau" but no money was requested in 2010. There was discussion. Education committee was allocated \$6,000 in 2010 and will return more than \$2,000 to the general fund. There was applause.

### **Ride Manager meeting:**

Gail reported on the ride managers meeting. Andrea Hurn would like to be a ride photographer this year, so samples of her work were distributed. Ride cards were distributed. The ride calendar is available at convention. The "ride manager discount" was discussed. This is a ride manager discretion issue. The RM's will not be awarding team volunteer award any more. Ride results will now officially be final 30 days after being published *in the newsletter*. Most ride result corrections need to be made to the ride manager, not the points secretary. RMs would like to make sure that newsletter ads are published in a timely manner. Darlene addressed the problem of declining membership. She will offer a \$10 discount at her ride to PNER members who bring their *current PNER card* to registration, and encourages other ride managers to find some similar membership "perk" to members. There was applause. Prineville ride will celebrate 50 years this year; the completion prize will be a commemorative calendar and they are seeking old photos from the ride to include in the calendar.

**Other business:**

Glen and Flo Padgett have agreed to sponsor the Sophomore Horse award.  
Melissa Coy has agreed to sponsor the Junior Rookie Horse award.

Lois clarified that regarding awards, *the handbook is the bible*.

Lois will create a Request for Proposal form for people who are willing to investigate details about convention locations other than Portland. These proposals can be considered for convention beyond 2012. If members have proposals, contact Lois for a copy of the parameters and budget guidelines, and submit an RFP to the PNER president. There was discussion.

Mary Nunn presented membership data so that rider reps can be elected by states and provinces. Oregon, Washington get 2 reps, Idaho, Montana, and BC get 1 rep. Each group also elects 2 ride manager reps. Rider reps are advised that they must attend the Sunday board meeting in 2011 and Friday evening board meeting in 2012. Reps are also advised that the board meeting in 2012 will be *longer*, but also that rum will be served.

Glen Padgett spoke of his love for the sport. He encourages PNER to continue and create awards to continue incentive for riders. There was applause. Melissa Coy likes PNER's ongoing education aspects, and also loves awards, and agrees that PNER awards to newbies is important. Chuck Cowan wondered if rides on the border of California might be included in PNER region (they cannot), and if we can invite California riders to join PNER (perhaps). It was suggested that PNER membership and pre-registration be encouraged by offering a convention discount to members. Gail Williams reminded us that we are fortunate to have a regional organization like PNER, because not all regions have that.

Ron Sproat encourages PNER members to participate in the National race in northern California, and will help people to get qualified. Contact Ron and/or Carol Giles if interested.

Dory Jackson moved to adjourn. Aarene Storms seconded. The meeting adjourned at 11:46am.

**State breakout session/election results:**

**WASHINGTON:**

Rider Reps: Jim Beidle, Linda Knisley  
Alternates: Dory Jackson, Ernie Schrader

Ride Manager Reps: Gail Williams, Marilyn Milestone

**OREGON:**

Rider Reps: Darlene Anderson, Carlene Benson,  
Alternate: Melissa Coy  
Ride Manager Reps: Lois Fox, Mary Nunn  
Alternate: Anna Sampson

**BRITISH COLUMBIA:**

Rider Rep: Barbara Holmes-Balmer  
Alternate: Katrin Levermann

Ride Manager Rep: Terre O'Brennan

**IDAHO:**

Rider Rep: Amanda Washington  
Alternate: Elly Burnet

Ride Manager Rep: Liz Smallwood, Linda Walberg  
Alternate: Sally Tarbet

**MONTANA:**

Rider Rep: Susan Favro



## **PNER Board Meeting, Sunday morning, January 23, 2011**

Meeting called to order 8:35 am.

Carol Giles asked for a correction to the minutes: She recommends that the organization keep a nest egg of *a minimum of \$20,000*. Darlene Anderson moved to approve the amended minutes, Jim Beidle seconded. Motion passed.

### Old Business:

Revisiting the "Canadian Proposal": Canada is beginning to sanction its own endurance rides (as opposed to sanctioning through AERC). The Canadian organization has approached AERC to ask for reciprocity, but this has not happened (yet). Terre asks PNER to recognize Endurance Canada points that may or may not be sanctioned by AERC. Lori clarifies that non-PNER members don't get PNER points anyway. Lois consulted the bylaws, and found no conflict with the proposal. Carol clarifies that part of the PNER charter says that we will promote endurance rides in the region *which includes the Canadian part of our region*. Lois moved that the proposal be accepted. Mary Nunn seconded it. All in favor said "*eh*."

Lois presented the findings and recommendations of the Awards Committee:  
(unchanged awards are not noted)

Recommend that the husband and wife award be changed to a "couples" award and leave the award at the "top five." Discussion: definition of the terms.

Recommend that "top three novice senior" be combined with "novice junior" to create the "top three novice rider." Discussion: novice awards are notoriously difficult to track. Many people feel that novice riders don't know enough to nominate for this award. Lori Walker recommends that the award remain unchanged.

Recommend that the "top five state" award remain unchanged, even though some states don't have five riders.

"Super sponsor" award was clarified.

Recommend that "top three mileage young rider" be reduced to one award.

Recommend that "novice junior" be reduced to one award.

Recommend that "top five family" be reduced to three awards. Discussion: definition of terms.

Recommend that "scholarship monies be reduced to \$1000. Discussion: Gail would like to see the money amount remain the same but the committee reserves the right to *not* award the entire amount.

Lois motioned that the changes in awards be accepted as proposed. Darlene seconded the motion so that we could discuss it. Lois accepted a friendly amendment to leave the scholarship amount at \$3,000. Friendly amendment to redefine "top five husband and wife" award be called "top five couple award" with a definition of the terms. Friendly amendment to leave the "novice awards" unchanged. Friendly amendment to remove the "same address" requirement on the "family" award. Friendly amendment to define the term "family". Friendly amendment to leave the number of "family awards" unchanged.

The much-amended motion passed.

Melissa Coy asked if a "welcome person" existed in the organization. Rider reps generally do this. Linda Knisley agreed to assist Jim Beidle in creating a new member packet.

Lois moved that PNER award the same level of points for 100-mile rides as AERC. Mary seconded. Motion passed.

Carol Giles presented obligations of PNER board members, called the Duty of Loyalty and the Duty of Care. The legal duty owed by board members is that discussions be taken seriously and that board members read the bylaws. One of the problems that this organization has repeatedly had is enthusiasm for *activities that PNER cannot sanction because of our charter and tax status*. There was discussion. Carol reminds the group that in 2010, PNER grossed \$200. *Spending the nest egg is not recommended at this time!* Publishing convention expenses in prominent places (newsletter, website) is good. Darlene recommends that we re-invest in CD's as we have done in the past. Lori would like to see member discounts for convention registration. The financial review committee will come back to the board with recommendations.

Jim reported that the education committee met, and asks that the board allocate \$6000 to that committee for 2011. Minutes of the education committee meeting will be available soon. Motion to give the education committee \$6000 in 2011 passed.

Darlene expressed concern about the duties of the PNER treasurer not being fulfilled in 2010. She asked if the board would be interested in appointing a new treasurer. There was discussion in 2010 about hiring a treasurer. Paul promised to take action on the concerns.

#### Announcements:

Sharke wants feedback about the convention hotel.

PNER has been asked for a \$100 organizational membership to the Washington State Horse Park in Cle Elum, WA. This would give our members access to the park, and also give us an "in" when we want to hold a ride or clinic there in the future. Jim moved that this membership be funded. Sharke seconded. Motion passed.

One of the PNER parents has offered to publish a Junior Newsletter at her own expense. There was enthusiasm about that.

Paul said that Jim Beidle and Gail Williams' "volunteer appreciation" jacket accidentally got forgotten at the banquet. The jackets have now been ordered.

There will be a Donna Snyder-Smith clinic at Chuck Cowan's place, date/time TBA.

Molly Farkas wants an appaloosa award.

Susan Favro is assembling a "coupon packet" from vendors.

There will be an OFFICIAL PNER PRESENCE at Tevis in 2011, including PNER smoothies at Foresthill.

Kathy Lewandowski reports that the NW Competitive Trail Association has been reformed, and would like to encourage endurance riders to start young green horses in CTR events. She will be placing an advertisement page in the PNER Handbook. Shannon will be linking to this organization from the PNER Website.

The meeting adjourned 10:36am

## **PNER Junior Lunch, January 23, 2010**

### **Present:**

Whitney Goodpaster  
Autumn Larson  
Judy (adult)  
Cassidy Joyce- Toivonen  
Spencer Falk  
Sierra Westlake  
Lincoln Falk  
Cindi Sayer  
Iliana Bates  
Julia Sayer-Bates  
Sirie Neal  
Meagan Hudson  
Ryan Williams  
Aarene Storms (Junior Advisor)

### **2010 Junior rep and alternates were elected:**

Lincoln Falk, Junior rep  
Sierra Westlake, alternate  
Autumn Larson, alternate

**The new PNER website was discussed.** The webmistress has asked juniors to provide content for a new junior page on the website. Juniors would like to see notes about junior fundraisers, information about emancipation, and a place to trade information about carpooling to rides and finding junior sponsors for specific rides.

PNER Juniors will also create a "PNER Juniors" Facebook page.

Sponsors and other helpful adults were identified by the group, for recognition at the Saturday night awards banquet. Thanks to Gail Williams for ordering the SPONSOR award pins for us. "Sponsors" are not just adults who sponsor juniors during rides; we like to recognize all adults who help juniors in the sport of endurance, including helpful ride managers, vets, crew people, as well as adults who haul our horses, loan us equipment, and generally make the sport possible for kids.

### **2009 Sponsors**

Heidi Larson, Paula Rasler, Aarene Storms, Adam Falk, Janelle Wilde, Dory Jackson, Patty Robinett, Steph Teeter, Lori Hudson, Darlene Anderson, Lenda Goodpaster, Susie Zurcher, Dick Root, Sue McLain, Margaret Birdsey, Mari Smultea, Anna Sampson, Mary Nunn, Jim Beidle, Gail Williams, Marilyn Milstone, Mike Foss, Cassee Terry, and Jenn Strelkaukas.

**Minutes of the Pacific Northwest  
Endurance Rides, Inc.  
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Respectfully submitted,  
Aarene Storms, Secretary

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**Roll Call**

**present**

XPaul Latiolais  
XCharleen (Sharke) Farrell  
XTerre O'Brennan  
XAnna Sampson  
Dot Wiggins  
Julie Barnfather  
Sandy Cheek  
XMary Nunn  
Rhonda Guilford  
XCarlene Benson  
XLois Fox  
XMarilyn Hornbecker  
XGail Williams  
XDarlene Anderson  
Paula Rasler  
Susan Favro  
Lincoln Falk  
XJim Beidle  
Jannelle Wilde  
Bev Ryan  
XAarene Storms

**not present**

Sally Tarbet  
Terry Boshier

Meeting called to order 8:02am.

Darlene moved to approve meeting minutes as read in the Saturday meeting. Jim seconded. Motion passed.

**Old Business**

Paul asked Bev to report on 2009 budget issues, specifically the \$1,900 discrepancy in the treasurer's report. Bev said that Treasurer Nance Worman has probably located a duplicated deposit in QuickBooks. This brings our real balance more in the red, but is subject to further review. There was discussion of possible reasons that there was less money in 2009, mostly related to decreased revenues in newsletter and handbook advertisements. Janelle commented that some of the expenditures in 2009 were related to PNER's mission of education.

Paul said that Nance doesn't want to be treasurer anymore, and will continue in the position until someone else can take the job. Julie suggested that PNER can hire a treasurer if there is no qualified volunteer.

There was discussion about the people on the financial review committee; John Rosen's term is over, and he doesn't want to continue. Carol Giles' term is also finished; she can continue on the financial review committee if there are no other volunteers. We should have discussed and voted on this issue at the General meeting yesterday. Jim suggested that we advertise in the PNER newsletter and the yahoo list for volunteers on the audit committee and the position of treasurer. There



was discussion. Gail moved that the Board approve the selection of Carol Giles and Darcy Bean to the financial review committee, seconded by Sandy. Motion passed.

Marilyn moved that a treasurer be hired for one year. Julie seconded. There was discussion. Mary said that hiring a treasurer might be cost prohibitive over time. Gail said that a hired treasurer would not be available as readily to write checks and attend board meetings. Jim noted that a hired treasurer would be contracted to attend meetings. Julie said that a treasurer would have to submit reports, but attending meetings is not necessary. Susan said that the membership should be asked *before* we spend money that might not need to be spent. Julie noted that it is often difficult to find a volunteer who is qualified to be the treasurer. Sandy observed that the same people are often asked to serve in this position, and it would be good to have somebody new. Bev said that the treasurer would also be well-served by an assistant, and she offered to be an assistant to the treasurer. Marilyn withdrew the motion, Julie withdrew the second.

Paul appointed Janis Rochon as treasurer.

Lissa Fiedler brought a proposal to the Board for PNER to encourage veterinary students involved in endurance events. She thinks that a \$300 scholarship could be offered to an on-campus student to act as liaison to a vet college, with responsibilities to coordinate and promote volunteering by vet students at rides.

Carlene asked about accountability for the liaison. Jim spoke as a representative of the Education Committee: the committee is willing to support this suggestion. He wants to offer free PNER membership to that coordinator, as well as reduced convention fees and access to the convention CE clinic. Bev moved that this proposal be handled by the education committee to structure and decide the details of this award. Janelle seconded. Discussion. Darlene wondered if this should be handled by the scholarship committee instead. Also, could this vet student (now a PNER member) also apply for PNER scholarship money? Lois noted that the scholarship must be awarded to *current and active* PNER members. Jim said that vet students would not be given any portion of the money until s/he actually produces something for our organization. Gail noted that "scholarship" money is in a completely different from "education" money. Janelle called for the question. Motion passed. There was applause.

Paul asked for a preliminary report on the 2010 convention. Bev reported that 217 people signed up for the banquet. There were 6 or 7 paid CE participants, plus several auditors. During the sessions, there were 196 chairs set up and the room was often nearly full. One of the small vendors did not break even, but most are willing to return next year. Lois asked if we had a "meal guarantee" with the hotel. Bev recommended that the base number of attendees at 2010 convention be set at 210 people. The economy really has a strong effect on this number. Starting convention events earlier on Friday helped the trade show. There was discussion about charging for individual events, and most agreed that it would be unduly complicated to do that at the PNER convention. Janelle said that our goal should be to charge convention fees for food only, and that speaking events should be free to members. Paul clarified that we want to educate members and convention is a way to do this. Darlene said that convention fees are cheap, given the value of what is given. Susan that vendor fees are low, and that members are too accustomed to not paying nearly enough. (She also offered to have Healthy as Horse donate an airline ticket for a speaker at the next convention). Bev talked about the high expenses of convention, including extension cords, coffee, and wait staff. Gail said that

convention fees were okay, given that room rates were quite low. Dot said that a smaller, cheaper, shorter convention wouldn't be a strong enough draw for people travelling longer distances. Lois said that quality of this convention overall was very high. Terre suggested that cost of convention be made more clear to members via a basic pie chart published in the newsletter. Paul suggested that such a pie chart be re-published in the newsletter in October, to remind members about convention costs in 2011.

### **New Business**

Sharke has compiled a list of people willing to work on a convention committee. She will explore locations outside of Portland (specifically Redmond) but Portland is not out of the question so far. Lois encouraged Sharke to communicate with vendors before deciding a location. Albany is also a possibility. Mary suggested that Eugene might work. Paula said that the Eugene facility is far from hotels. Darlene commented that members in BC and Idaho do not feel welcome at conventions in Portland, and she encourages the convention committee to consider locations outside of Portland. Bev said that PNER can have a presence at the Idaho and BC conventions by sending a representative to present awards there. Paul asked if PNER would be welcome there, and Dot said that we would. Jim said that the education committee can look into this issue. Dot suggested that Napa ID is a possibility as a location, and she will investigate and send details to Sharke. Shannon Rivas said that she can publish the "pie chart" on the new PNER website, and also solicit feedback and membership opinions on that new website. Sharke will continue to gather information about convention locations and will report back. Lois nominated Marilyn be appointed to the Executive Committee, which will decide content of the PNER Website, and will make decisions for other organizational expenses.

Gail asked for a re-affirmation of budget for the Education Committee. Jim gave a brief report from the Education Committee:

**Expos** : Paula and Sky Evans and some other volunteers were at the Albany Expo in 2009. They had so much response at the Expo that "if they had been in a better location, they couldn't have handled it." Therefore, the Ed Committee would like to have a PNER presence at the Albany OR Expo, the Mane Event in BC and Idaho, and Celebrate the Horse in Puyallup WA. In order to do this, they will need money to pay the booth costs, and to buy a few additional passes for the event for people working at expo-type events. In Albany, the costs were \$460 for a booth and some extra tickets, but they needed more extra tickets and money for an "outlet fee" for electricity. There was also a charge for insurance, but that liability insurance is \$350/year for all education events. Jim expects expo site events to cost around \$400 per weekend event. Dot said that Napa events are significantly cheaper for non-profit groups and they are generous with additional event passes. Darlene asked about last year's event allocations. Jim said that \$1,000 was allocated last year, and only about \$700 was used, which covered the cost of printed materials and a banner. He wants to put together a "kit" of materials that can travel to events, which would include the banner, DVDs, and printed materials. Susan said that Healthy as a Horse can donate some photocopy/printing for these events.

**Trail Masters** : This year, we will put a full-page ad in the newsletter to promote this training. The education committee would like to grant tuition for up to 12 members for this class. The training will happen July 28-31st at the Naches Forest Center. There will be a scholarship application form. Ride managers will be given priority, but riders are also eligible.

**Vet Students** : The Education Committee can oversee the proposal.

The Education Committee wants money to cover these expenses in 2010: expos, trail masters, vet students, an "expo kit", liability insurance needed for education events, and support for mentoring. The problem that education committee encountered in 2009 with clinics is related to our tax status as a 501c3 organization, and so the idea is tabled until there is more legal clarification on the issue. The Ed Committee will submit a budget to the Executive Committee and asks for \$6000 for 2010. Darlene moved that the Board allocate \$6,000 for Education events in 2010.

Dot seconded. Lois asked if we can afford this. Bev said that the Board needs to determine the source of funds for Education Committee. Mary said that we need to spend money on education to maintain our tax status, and that the "nest egg" should be tapped for this. Dot said we should consider the need for a "nest egg".

Spending nest egg money might bring in new members. Gail said that Trail Masters may not cost us the entire amount, unless we fill the class. Motion passed, one opposed, no abstentions.

The scholarship committee reported that \$3,000 was given as scholarship money for 2009.

Jim motioned that \$3,000 be given to the scholarship committee for 2010. Paula seconded. Motion passed.

Shannon asked Paul to communicate with John Teeter regarding the deletion of the old PNER website at [www.endurance.net/organizations/pner](http://www.endurance.net/organizations/pner) Paul will do this, and ask John to place a "forwarding link" at the old site.

The new Junior Rep is Lincoln Falk, and Aarene Storms is continuing as the Junior Advisor. All issues regarding juniors can be sent to them via email or telephone. Contact information will be published in the handbook and on the website.

**Appointed positions for 2010:**

Secretary: Aarene Storms  
Handbook: Lois Fox  
Points Secretary: Lori Walker  
Education: Jim Beidle  
Scholarship: Aarene Storms  
Membership: Tiffany Rettig-Buob to be confirmed  
Newsletter: Laura Applegate  
Web Page: Shannon Rivas  
Raffle: to be confirmed  
Used Tack Sale: to be confirmed  
Treasurer: Janis Rochon  
Election Committee: Mary Nunn  
Junior Advisor: Aarene Storms

Lois moved that, since only 11 juniors were active riders in 2009, that the number of junior awards be decreased and money spent instead on recruiting more juniors into the sport. Darlene seconded. Gail said we could amend the awards to require a minimum number of rides. Lois moved to combine junior awards into one award that would be the "top ten juniors" as determined by points. Seconded by Darlene. Discussion. Gail said that it would be too much combination of awards. Bev said that giving different awards was possible. Gail said that there should be a junior "human" award, and a separate junior "horse" award. Terre suggested that the

junior advisor and junior rep identify redundancies and report back. Bev responded that similar redundancies in adult competitors be addressed. Susan said that the actual award *object* be reduced to one (i.e. a jacket with multiple awards embroidered on it) and the awards be continued as usual. Terre asked if an awards committee exists. Paul said that we can accomplish much of this by re-organizing the presentation at the award banquet. Lois withdrew her motion. Paul proposed that an awards committee be created to address this issue. A awards committee was created: Lois, Lori Walker and Sharke.

Lois said that award definitions need to be clarified and made consistent, especially with sponsored awards. Shannon requested that corrections to the new website be made so that the new website is consistent and accurate. Paul said that the handbook should always be considered the "gospel". Sharke said that sponsored awards are regulated by the sponsor, and the handbook descriptions should reflect this. Terre suggested that the website should have a disclaimer, saying that the handbook is the ultimate authority regarding awards. Susan commented that sponsored awards are proposed by the sponsor but approved by the Board.

Substantial changes to a sponsored award should approved by the sponsor and the Board.

Paul wanted to address membership voting. There has been discussion about develop a voting procedure, possibly a mail-in or electronic voting process. Proxy voting can be done. A proxy or mail-in vote could be included in a newsletter mailing. Gail added that a mail vote should be notarized. Susan asked if changes are needed. Mary said that the election committee oversaw the elections this year, and noted that they can continue to do this, but that they need to make sure all states are covered and organized, probably by the rider reps. Further advertisement of the purpose of state meetings may clarify some issues that are state-specific. Status of family memberships needs to be clarified with the membership committee, as family memberships currently count as one vote. Family memberships are now clarified: family membership is limited to a maximum of 3 senior votes.

Mary motioned to adjourn. Lois seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned 11:08am.

Meeting of the PNER Board, Friday January 22, 2010  
3pmish

Roll Call:

present:

Bev Ryan  
Heidi Larson  
Terry Boshier  
Karen Leiman  
Darlene Anderson  
Mary Nunn  
Terre O'Brennan  
Marilyn Hornbaker  
Lois Fox  
Carlene Benson  
Tiffany Buob  
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not present:

Sierra Westlake not here  
Lincoln Falk (jr alternate) not here  
Janelle Wilde not here  
Linda Walberg  
Beth Bivens  
Jennifer Knoetgen

Meeting was called to order at 3:19

New Business:

A presentation by Lissa Fiedler (Wilberger) regarding trying to bring more vets into the sport.

Mary commented that this would be a good idea to pursue and she said that we should pass this proposal to the next Board.

Mike Foss commented that this is a great idea to expose vet students to endurance riding as a sport. He was introduced to endurance as a vet student (and still has the shoe horn they gave us) and found it interesting at the time (and has been with us ever since). He encourages PNER to reach out to vet students to recruit them into the sport. (Also, Go WSU Cougars!) Mike said that vet students can NOT be used as "backup" vets, but could be very useful as treatment assistants.

Gail asked about including vet techs from a vet tech school in this kind of activity.

Bev asked for a motion. Mary moved that we pass this suggestion to the next board. Marilyn seconded. Motion passed.

The terrible secretary Aarene Storms waved the minutes at the group, which everyone had read in the handbook. Darlene moved to accept the minutes as printed in the handbook. Dory seconded. Motion passed.

Nance Worman gave the treasurer's report.

Audit Committee

John Rosen reported that they didn't expect to find any abnormalities, and they found only that the books were "balanced" at the end of 2008; somewhere along

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the line in 2009 there is a discrepancy of \$1,900 which needs to be reconciled. John recommended that PNER hire an accountant's assistant (cheap) to review the books on a quarterly basis, so that the treasurer can fix problems as they arise rather than at the last minute at convention. Don called for applause for Nance, which was supplied by the group.

Lois Fox proposed that member Julie Barnfather may have the necessary skills to help us, and that we might ask her for help.

Executive Committee Report

Bev Ryan presented the 2009 Executive Committee Report.

Gail Williams commented that committees will need to submit a budget for their proposed activities before money is allocated to them. This is what AERC does.

Lois responded that because the PNER board doesn't meet every month, this arrangement isn't as graceful as it would be with AERC.

Gail clarified that the committees would need to submit a budget in advance of convention (preferably several months)

John asked that PNER establish a "base reserve" of money so that the organization can be consistent year-to-year.

Bev presented two documents: Considerations for the Board, and Responsibilities of PNER Board Members.

She recommends that we establish a convention committee (as noted in her documents).

Gail noted that AERC Board members serve 4 years, but terms are staggered in 2 year increments. (Correction: Gail noted that AERC board members serve 2 year terms, but the terms are staggered so that they do not expire at the same time).

Bev asked that current Board members please comment on her documents before the new Board meets on Sunday morning 1/24.

Old Business

We did not meet by telephone in 2009 as we voted at last year's meeting. Bev encourages the next Board to enact monthly phone meetings.

Marilyn asked for a clarification on "past" discussion of PNER and Idaho ride committee collaborating on presentations.

Jim made the Education Committee report.

Meeting adjourned 4:08pm.