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It has been an honor to be able to say that I belong to Region 6 and being able to serve you for the past year. If you have any comments on what we can do to make Region 6 even better, please contact me or any of the board members... Remember we are here for you. Look forward to seeing you at the rides...keep the little one on top and the big one on the bottom, Whoop and Ride!

NATIONAL CONVENTION Feb. 14-16

Speakers on Saddle fit, centered riding, stress colic, and many more. Registration to be in the next issue. We are looking for Vendors. If you or some company you know who would space at the convention please contact Stacy Bowman at bowmanfxtr@aol.com or fill out the application in this issue and mail it in

Rock Creek Report by Sue Maiwald

Just got back from the Rock Creek ride and oh, what a beautiful ride this is!!! The terrain is so varied, from beautiful open hilltops to rocky trails to the most beautiful colorful rocks gulches! I couldn't believe I was in the Nebraska - I thought Nebraska was mostly flat! The crew at the ride did a wonderful job of marking the trail. They had the most unusual "painted" plants where trees were few and direction arrows sprayed into the grasses.

We must have had time records set for tallying the cards and getting awards underway! What a pleasure to have awards early and be on the road and home well before dark!!!!!!

This was the second ride for my young pinto mare. She is a totally different horse at these rides then she is at home. She finds the 60+ horses and riders and all the commotion quite unnerving at times. Anyone have any training ideas to help a horse who is used to riding alone to get accustomed to all the confusion?

We had an obstacle right out of camp on Saturday morning. No big deal, just down a ditch, a few steps and then back out again. The wait and the flashlights were almost more than my girl could handle, and she almost went over a drop off backwards. I was thinking at this time, I hope she settles or it's going to be a long day. We trotted through the timber out to the open fields; pass covered wagons from the pony express site and over a wooden bridge. We kept trotting around the fields to burn off some excess energy and to give us a cushion for

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Well the season is winding down here in Region 6. With the Flint Hills CTR, Indian Cave CTR, and Championship Challenge all in one month! This has been a season of ups and downs.. with the lost of many an equine friend to West Nile, injuries to horse's and rider's it has been a tough year..but we all keep coming out to compete, be with our friends, enjoy our sport, and to be out in nature's beautiful spaces. I wish to thank everyone for the sense of community that has grown in our region and the fact that we are considered one of the most fun, friendly and competitive Region's in NATRC. Let's all enjoy the last few rides of the season together as we have all year, cheering each other on, rejoicing in someone else's victory, and just having good old fashion FUN!

the climbs ahead. We went into some beautiful cedar timber that was well marked and wound around to the big hill climbs. I thought those trails resembled the mountain rides I took earlier this spring! Several of the creeks were dried up due to the drought, but ride management did a wonderful job of providing water for horses and riders at the PR's

Our second obstacle on Saturday was in a rocky gulch. Back 3 steps, turn on the forehand, and back 3 steps to the judge - L pattern basically. Yeah, I was brain dead. We backed very nicely and did a 360-degree turn on the forehand (quite nice I thought) then I realized I still needed to turn another 45 degrees for the final back! She backed the 3 steps. Of course I realized my mistake, but we did a great pirouette, all the same! After our PR, we had a judged mount, and I was so happy that there was a nice spot to park your horse and utilize the bank for the mount! Thank you, judge, for being considerate of us older competitors who have a hard time with flat mounts!!! Sunny stood perfectly and I was not totally humiliated mounting! The rest of the ride was so beautiful that I really felt like I was on a vacation somewhere. The trails were tough in places, very challenging at times for my youngster. Somewhere late in the ride I think she was wishing she hadn't spent so much energy prancing and acting so silly. I totally ran out of water before the second PR. Mental note - pack more water bottles when it is hot - for both horse and rider! We both tanked up after the 2nd PR. Thanks ride crew!

Towards the end of the ride we crossed a creek several times at the bottom of a rock gulch. Sunny tried to drink it dry and I spent time dipping my sponge and cooling her off and then was just in awe of the beautiful rock walls that loomed overhead. Incredible! We finished the ride over some open fields and were back in to camp for watermelon around noon! Check out went very fast - I think the watermelon helped!

Sunday, with the promise of higher temps, we did a tack check and trot by in lights about 5:30 am. This lights and trotting horses and a tent were a little overwhelming for my youngster, I think I prefer daylight, but we've got that experience under our belts now. Out on the trail, a different loop and totally different scenery than the day before. We had a judged down hill through a gulch and a lesson in Spanish from the vet judge who stood up on a rock. More open pastures with lots of rocks and cows! Found out the cows can be quite scary and my riding

partner had some trouble. She did a great job of riding Indian Style – you know when the cowboys were shooting, how they hang off the side of their horses - unfortunately, her saddle went off side, also and she finally hit the ground. She was wearing a helmet, which she was thankful for, and knows the value of them. Several other riders helped us catch her horse, straighten up the saddle and make sure she was ok. What a great sport she was. We realized on down the trail that she had lost her watch and knife and other things. Some of her tack had broken, but she was ok. I was glad the trail was more open range and easier on the horses Sunday. We had much better PR's and my girl was a lot more conservative with her energy on Sunday. The final obstacle was a side pass over a log, which was set up in a v position. I ride novice and we just side passed to left over the log. I have been waiting to do a side pass for 2 years - finally! Sunny stepped over and did a great side pass to the left. I believe the open riders had to do a turn on the haunches at the V and continue side passing down the other side.

We had a great breeze out on trail Sunday and it seemed the miles passed all to quickly. I had heard rumors that this was the last year for this ride and was wishing I could do this one again, because it is the most beautiful ride I've ever done. Check out went quick - they were so well organized. Awards were started by 3 - truly record time. I was totally shocked to place second in horsemanship and Sunny placed 4th! Wow! Finally! Thanks to everyone who made this such a great, organized and fun ride. Do to a 30 second whine rule that was strictly enforced by Cheri - everyone had a great time! I hope they will reconsider and do it again next year!

Rock Creek Report by Marsha Hayes

My husband and I just returned from being Gatekeepers at the Region 6 Rock Creek Station Ride. It was great.

We spent the week before preparing by yelling at each other " Are you the Gatekeeper?.....I am the keymaster.." This was due to having seem Ghostbuster way too many times and I think we would have been better served if we had actually been out riding since it got rather warm at the ride. But.... heat aside I had the coolest experience playing pony express by Our gatekeeper briefing

included the information that we would be leaving for our gates at 5:15. AM. My memory that it was not light at 5:15 proved correct. It was really interesting and having survived, in retrospect it was great. We went through some tough terrain, fairly fast. Everyone appeared to be wearing dark clothes and riding bay horses, but we could hear the horses and people and horses must see in the dark myself in the woods. We arrived at camp about 4 and I just couldn't wait to ride so I saddled up and took off down the trail in the late afternoon. I wandered around and Diamond and I took off cantering through the trees. I was thinking about the Pony Express riders and wondering how different it looked, if any. We came around a corner and in a lovely clearing there were covered wagons! Log Cabins! Log Barns! Split rail fences! Was I hallucinating? Was time travel really possible? No, to both questions as I spotted the museum building and park service sign, but it was a great moment.

The next most exciting moment was when one of my reins broke. The most exciting moment was when, 15 minutes later, cantering across this field in the dark, my headstall fell off. I grabbed her halter and pulled her head to my left knee to slow her so I could slid off. We fixed the headstall with the strings from my sun protector hat, which promptly was lost on the prairie. I made it to my gate, kind of, that is, after I finally discovered the real gate I was to watch.

Once in place, I got to see the sun come up, completely, from nothing to full sun, all by myself. It was wonderful. I learned one can sleep on the ground. I really liked it when riders came through and thanked me for being a gatekeeper. I missed competing, but was grateful for the chance to help the ride go smoothly. I met a good riding companion and after our gate duties, she showed my husband and I more trails. We had fun.

Sunday we pulled ribbons after the gates were closed and saw even more country in a relaxed but filling task. I hope the ride continues and maybe someday I will have a hot weather horse ready to try

it. Thanks for those who fed us and organized us and I would recommend this type of volunteering anytime. Thanks Kathy for the company, Thanks Cherri for entrusting the Hayes Family with your gates. Thanks for that moment I WAS a pony express rider, reaching Rock Creek Station.

Open Lightweight

1/2 Elizabeth Kendall
2/1 Mary Anna Wood
3/3 Mary Colby
4/4 Trish Cleveland

Open Heavyweight

1/1 Ken Wolgram **SWPKS**
2/5 Martha Kunkle
3/ Becky Arheart
4/ Garrie Bates
5/3 Bill Smith
6/6 Mike Colby
/2 Jenny Smith
/4 Ty McCullough

Open JR

1/2 Melinda Sadler
2/1 Stephanie Peterson
3/6 Kate Smith
4/5 Samatha Peterson
5/4 Ann Malloy
6/3 Diana Sadler

Novice Lightweight

1/3 Linda Shaw **SWPKS**
2/1 Dana Esbensen
3/2 Kay Stitch
4/6 Mary McCoy
5/ Lea Falck
6/ Carol Nickolls
/4 Connie Jones
/5 Kira Everhart

Novice Heavyweight

1/1 Karen Everhart
2/3 Gary McCoy
3/5 Yvette Haeberle
4/2 Susan Maiwald
5/6 Sharon Eberlin
6/4 Annette Pulliam

Novice JR

- 1/1 Kalie Larson
- 2/2 Trent Reis
- 3/4 Sara Dimarinto
- 4/3 Jessie Bickford

Competitive Pleasure

- 1/2 Norma Newton **COMBO**
- 2/5 Judy Kayson
- 3/4 Sandy Reis
- 4/6 Mary Sapp
- 5/3 Howard Hartsock
- 6/1 Betty Wolgram

Kanopolis Canyon by Linda Shaw

Pulling in on Friday, a wave of anxiety washed over me as I flashed back to the 2000 Kanopolis Canyon Ride. It was my first ride, and living in central Nebraska, where they have hardly even heard of competitive trail riding, my friend Lisa and I were brave to even try. Not to mention that our horses had never been to a ride before. Things had changed. The camp had really changed. New horse corrals, camping sites with hook-ups, water hydrants, and more rest rooms. Checked in and found a camping site, unloaded and set up camp. Thinking to myself, I sure I've changed as much as this place. I couldn't put it off any longer, I had to take Rushcreek Kyla over to be vetted in. This is her fourth ride, and I have to be confident for here. Suzanne Zane, the vet judge, was really quiet, soft touch, and Kyla relaxed. She came thru in great shape. The horsemanship judge, Gerald Ferguson, pointed out I could give her a little more freedom on the lead. Well, we're in - just don't think too far ahead.

Bill and Jenny Smith provided a wonderful dinner for all of us. I was so thankful to relax and visit. Thank you so much for your generosity Bill and Jenny.

Then off to the ride briefing. I will pay close attention. (In 2000, I didn't hear everything they said, and should have made better notes.) Wake up is 5:00 A.M. (In 2000, the ride was held in

August and it was at least 105.) We are going out at first light, it could be hot again. Didn't sleep all that well, but no nightmares either.

Up and hustled. I was not going to be late. (In 2000, Lisa and I were the last ones out, and that was a big mistake.) I was riding with Mary McCoy and her daughter, Aris. This would be Aris's first ride. Oh my, it was Mary and her husband Gary that really helped me finish the 2000 ride. We were out. It was not far into the ride that memories of the 2000 ride flooded back. Then there it was - the first steep hill with a ledge and drop off - Lisa turned white and said she just couldn't do it. One of the safety riders got her back to camp and Marianne Siebert, the other safety rider, told me I was about an hour behind and that I would have to ride fast to catch up. She rode with me until we came upon a woman in trouble. I was on my own. I just rode as fast as I could - then I came to a T with orange ribbons going both ways. Now what. I chose right. Wrong! I did an extra loop. Ellen was there to tell me I went the wrong way. So, I ride harder. Then I see it - a gate obstacle. I get off my horse and walk her. No way I was trying a gate at this point. I was told I could not get off and walk my horse. Go back to where you got off and get on and ride. I got to the gate. I told them I couldn't do it. I felt the frustration from the judges. Then over the hill were the P and R. Great. What am I suppose to do. Dick Webb told me what to do and checked my horse. She was fine. Thank goodness, I feared I rode her too hard and it was really heating up. Somehow, I finished the day. Ellen came and told me I was 10 minutes late. But, I was going to finish the ride.

My thoughts were forced back to reality. An obstacle. Gerald was checking for sponges and Suzanne had us doing an uphill back in rocks. Guess I best stay focused.

The trails are beautiful with plenty of variety. I had not remembered many of the ledges with drop offs. This ride I was enjoying the trails and the variety of terrain. From rock to grassy meadows offering views of the canyons. The lake offers an abundance of pelicans that land like umbrellas and birds that dance in the sky.

We had a water obstacle where we had to come down a steep bank and into the water. Refreshing for the horses to be in some deep creek water. Then we were off on the beautiful trails again. It was heating up as we came into the last P and R. We had our last obstacle, a back down the trail past a tree then on to the vet and into camp. A quick cleanup and off to vet out who checked backs and did a trot out.

Now, for a shower and a wonderful hog roast catered meal. What a wonderful meal, thanks to Jerry and Cliff. After a hot day it is wonderful to have a great meal and relax, then on to ride briefing. It was suggested at the ride briefing that scorecards would be available to be reviewed with the judges. I decided to check it out. I found both judges to be extremely helpful. Thank you Suzanne and Gerald.

I am going to sleep well tonight and I did. Up, ready for a tacked up, in hand trot by. Good to get the adrenaline going first thing in the morning. I am ready to ride. I am relaxing. Good thing as our first obstacle was a stair step down. Nice and easy does it and we are off down the trail. It is cool and breezy, what a beautiful day. After the first P and R we had a mount obstacle and then on down the trail at a trot for the vet judge. We were routed closer to the lake on Sunday. It was so beautiful. Got back to camp and ready for final checkout. Kyla checked out wonderful. We did it.

I think about what a great ride Aris had for her first one. Thank you Mary for your help. I am reminded how Lisa went on to finish the 2001 Rock Creek Station Ride. Something about these rides give us strength of character that spills over into all areas of our lives.

I came back to Kanopolis and faced my fears. I reminded Ellen that I was that first timer in 2000 that gave them so many headaches. Now, I realize just how much goes into chairing a ride and keeping everything moving. I want to thank Jerry, Ellen, Beth, and all the workers for a great ride. I have fond memories of the 2002 Kanopolis Canyon Ride. As I receive my awards I have a smile on my face, even as Jerry said, "She probably spent \$20,000 for that horse." My lips are sealed.

Open JR

- 1/1 Melinda Sadler
- 2/2 Kate Smith

Open Lightweight

- 1/1 Cheri Jeffcoat **SWPKS**
- 2/3 Michelle berry
- 3/ Mary Anna Wood
- 4/6 Klare Chapman
- 5/4 Marianne Van Sciver
- 6 / Kristi Chapman
- /2 Mary Colby
- /5 Elizabeth Kendall

Open Heavyweight

- 1/ Ty McCullough
- 2/2 David Spliker
- 3/1 Mike Colby
- 4/4 Jenny Smith
- 5/3 William Hinkebein
- 6/5 Matt Baker
- /6 Bill Smith

Novice JR

- 1/1 Travis Newberry

Novice Lightweight

- 1/1 Kay Stitch **SWPKS**
- 2/2 Linda Shaw
- 3/6 Maggie Childs
- 4/3 Mary McCoy
- 5/ Jeanne Crigger
- 6/4 Kira Everheart
- /5 Marty Burgess

Novice Heavyweight

- 1/4 Karen Everheart
- 2/2 Gerri McIntrye
- 3/ Vickie White
- 4/ Carol Kutz
- 5/5 Annette Pulliam
- 6/3 Mike Wallis
- /1 Aris Smith
- /6 Tamara Andre

Competitive Pleasure

- 1/1 Christine Wallis **COMBO**
- 2/5 Lonnie Vopat
- 3/2 Judy Kayson
- 4/3 Mary Pat Smith

5/6 Mary Sapp
6/ Stephanie Windsor
/4 Norma Newton

Dave's Fall Fiesta Ride by Martha Kunkle

You could not have asked for a nicer weekend for the Dave Smith Fall Fiesta. Highs near 70, lows around 50 and dry! This ride is hosted by the Iowa Trail Riders Association at Stephens Forest near Lucas Iowa. Our judging team was Kimberly McKenzie DVM and our own Region 6'er Cheri Jeffcoat. My weekend started out not so good when Friday night after I checked in and before ride briefing the park ranger tracked me down. I needed to call the lady taking care of my horses right away. When I called she said Suzie, my old thoroughbred mare, was down. What she described did not sound like colic but more like the dreaded West Nile virus. Oh No!! I live less than an hour from the ride so off I went. When I got home Suzie was up. The two neighbors told me when they called they really thought she was a goner. I have a steep hill from the pasture to the barn and it took 45 min. to get the mare up it. She kept falling down. Once they got her to the stall she collapsed. She lay there breathing very labored, stiff legged and eyes rolled back. I walked her out to the grass in the yard and she grazed a bit laid down flat for a bit then rolled up on her stomach and continued to graze. By the time the vet got there she was standing and grazing. She still walked dragging her toes but otherwise seemed comfortable. We treated her with Banamine and Bute and one of the neighbors said she would be glad to give her the medicine while I was gone. After all she was doing the same for another neighbor who was out of town and had a recovering WNV horse. Huh! There was already a case in my neighborhood! Now I hear, Monday night, another neighbor had a horse go down. This morning Suzie looks good and is moving normal. Because I have such good neighbors I went back to the ride Friday evening.

Saturday day dawned cool and crisp. The first judging was a simple walk through a log maze. Simple most of the time, but horses were anxious to be down the trail. Judges were also looking for safety. Do not ride too close to the judges or their secretaries. Our second encounter with the judges was a doozie. Directions were to canter 6 strides on the right lead, trot 3 steps and canter 6 strides on the left lead! Kidd is normally left-handed and sometime does not take the right lead on

cue. He did take the right lead and he reluctantly dropped to the trot but when I asked for the left lead he totally surprised me and took the right lead again. Then when we were asked to stop he wanted to catch up to the horse ahead of him. We were then told to trot to the P & R. Made it through the P & R and on down the trail.

After a 45 min lunch stop we were back out on the trail. Our next judged obstacle was to turn on the forehand and back a U through a group of trees. This required a limber horse that would listen to its rider. Kidd did OK on this obstacle, but due to rider error didn't do the turn on the forehand. Oh well, off to the second P & R. When we returned to camp we were kept very busy. First we had to do a CRI (Cardiac Recovery Index) immediately after being timed in. CRI is a measure of conditioning. It is done by taking a pulse and then giving a horse I believe a min. to be trotted in hand a set distance and take another pulse. Since I missed ride briefing on Saturday night, I do not remember the exact details. The ideal is to have the pulse return to the same or lower. After riding 34 miles running a CRI with your horse is a real challenge! Cheri was there to see how you handled coming in and prepping for your CRI. Next we went to Dr. Kim for a metabolic check. We were to report back in 1 hour for a third P & R. Time to clean up and cool out your horse. After the third P & R we had to wait a bit for final check back, legs and soundness check. Then we could rest until supper.

After supper we had a Region 6 general membership meeting followed by briefing. By 8:30 I was ready to go to bed, but I took a few minutes to walk and graze my horse. Sunday morning once again was a beautiful day. We had a judged mount and trot for soundness before timing out. Once out on the trail, we met the judges at a bridge and were told the bridge was closed for repair. We had to go around. Open and Competitive Pleasure had to side pass over a set of large logs with a turn. The novice had to just step over the end log. The catch for the novice was it was much easier for the horse to go around the log rather than step over it. The P & R crew surprised us with an early stop. We cantered into the P & R but with the cool morning we past easily. In with a 19/12, and out with a 9/2. Back down the trail for a lovely ride. The trails were in even better shape on Sunday than they had been on Saturday. Rain on Wednesday and Thursday nights had left some of the trails a bit slippery. By Sunday they were in perfect

shape. This was good because Dr. Kim and management sped the time up a bit for both open and novice Competitive Pleasure. We had a second P & R and then the last judges obstacle. They called it a "Nature Walk." They ribboned off trail through some brush, ups and downs and logs across the trail. Easy compared to the others we had seen over the weekend. Back to camp and another CRI. Went back to the trailer, removed the saddle and cleaned up. We were ready for final check out

With the efficient secretaries and judges we had awards very quickly. I know Maggie Spilker was in shock when she got a first in horsemanship. Then when Lisa also places first the tears really started to flow! I was totally surprised by Kidd's first place win! We had had a good ride, but not what I would call great. Then we also got Open Sweepstakes and High point Arabian. Wow! I have not competed at an Iowa ride for 4 years. This is because I am usually involved with ride management. Thanks to Jerry & Cheryl Weber and Bob & Dee Luke for a great ride. Also of note there has been a lot of trail work at Stephens this year. We were able to ride on many new trails. Each year things get better and better!

Horsemanship/Horse

Open Heavyweight

- 1/2 Ken Wolgram
- 2/1 Martha Kunkle **SWPKS**
- 3/4 Bill Hinkebein
- 4/6 Bill Wicklund
- 5/ Ty McCollough
- 6/3 Dave Spilker
- /5 Todd Powell

Open Lightweight

- 1/1 Maggie Spilker
- 2/2 Klare Chapman
- 3/5 Trish Cleveland
- 4/4 Elizabeth Kendall
- 5/3 Debbie McCollough

Open Junior

- 1/1 Kate Smith

Competitive Pleasure

- 1/3 Chris Wallis
- 2/1 Betty Wolgram **COMBO**
- 3/2 Elise Aswegan

Novice Heavyweight

- 1/3 Gerri McIntyre
- 2/4 Vickie White
- 3/6 Barry Bickford
- 4/ Michelle Freeman
- 5/5 Susan Maiwald
- 6/1 Gary McCoy **SWPKS**
- /2 Quentin Schmidt

Novice Lightweight

- 1/3 Dana Esbensen
- 2/1 Linda Shaw
- 3/ Lea Falck
- 4/ Tracy McIntosh
- 5/2 Mary McCoy
- 6/ Janet Thompson
- /4 Maggie Child
- /5 Teresa Harp
- /6 Barb Schmidt

Novice Junior

- 1/4 Julia Mruz
- 2/3 Shannon Davis
- 3/2 Sara Dimartino
- 4/5 Lori Schieffer
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Region 6 NATRC General Membership Meeting
 Minutes
 September 21, 2002 Lucas, Iowa at Dave Smith Ride

Meeting called to order by President Ty McCullough at 7:10 PM.

Secretary/Treasurer Report

Minutes of February 16, 2002 general membership meeting and financial statement for 2002 through September 19 distributed. **Motion by C Jeffcoat, seconded by C Wallis, to accept minutes from February 16, 2002 as printed. Motion passed. Motion by C Jeffcoat, seconded by C Wallis, to accept financial statement for 2002 as posted. Motion passed.**

Committee Reports and/or Announcements

R6 Benefit 2003– McCullough/Everhart Co-Chairs – Location, Kanopolis Canyons. Discussion followed on possible dates: second weekend in May 5/10-11, Labor Day weekend or weekend after 8 30-31 or 9/6-7. Decision to follow later.

Mo Waltz 2003 - Braznell – Looking at June 7-8.

Kanopolis – No Report

Newsletter – No Report

Sale Items – C Edwards – Have sponges, shirts, mugs, 2 sweatshirts.

Membership & Publicity – C Jeffcoat – Nothing to report, just plugging away as usual.

Vests – No Report

Worker Awards – C Roberts – NATRC no longer making jackets or caps, looking for another source for them. At 2,500 points R6 gave a NATRC jacket. Jackets are no longer available. Looking for another source for jackets. At 10,000 points R6 gives a NATRC lifetime membership, now costs \$600. Roland Newton eligible to receive lifetime

membership, but he is already a lifetime member. Looking for other alternatives such as: directors chair with appropriate wording, sand blasted decorative glass, or give lifetime membership to someone else. C Jeffcoat, why can't they be reimbursed up to \$600 for the lifetime membership they already paid for? **Motion by C Jeffcoat, seconded by S Maiwald, if a worker reaches 10,000 points and already has a lifetime NATRC membership the region would reimburse the worker up to \$600 for the money spent for a lifetime membership. Motion passed.**

State Reports

Kansas - Mesimer - NATRC booth at 2003 Equifest needs help. Contact Barbara Taylor to volunteer for booth.
Nebraska – Jeffcoat – Indian Cave full but we are going to take you, come on down.

2003 National Convention - Kendall

February 14-15 at Embassy Suites at KCI. Registration fee will not exceed \$35. National Board meeting on Thursday, February 13. Tentative line up of speaker topics includes Saddle Fitting, Centered Riding, Equine Law, and the keynote speaker Dr. Jim Bryant of K-State_Vet School. Dr. Bryant is a distance rider and will be speaking on the topic of stress colic. If time permits, we will also include a judges' panel along with an update on West Nile Virus.

While the Friday night activities are “under construction”, a taco bar will likely be available, and Kim Downing is working on entertainment. The hospitality room expenses have been underwritten, but since the donors are from out of region, we don't expect them to furnish perishable foods and snacks. Contact Barb Taylor if you would care to contribute. Frank and Stacy Bowman head the Vendor committee, and space is already selling. For committee members, a full update will go out within the next few days.

Although Ruth Bourgeois no longer in Region 6, she has agreed to handle the layout and composition of the printed program. This is a fairly large task, so while at convention, be sure to thank her.

Committee Chair(s):

Co-Chairs Kim Downing and J.R.Kendall

Reservation secretary	Susan Manley
Vendor	Frank & Stacy Bowman
Hospitality	Barb Taylor & Becki Jackson
Publicity & adv	Ruth Bourgeois
Speakers	Karen Everhart
Printed program	Ruth Bourgeois
Raffle and auction	Debbie and Ty McCullough
Banquet centerpiece	Christine Abbott
Activities	Kim Downing
MC's	Ty McCullough and Dick Webb
Spiritual Briefing	Steve and Priscilla Lindsey
Region 6 coordinator	Elizabeth Braznell

Any questions or offers to help, please contact one of the chairpersons, or Kim/J.R.

Auction – T McCullough – Still looking for donations for auction. If you have anything, please contact Debbie and Ty McCullough by e-mail, tdmccull@kansas.net. We are compiling a list of donations. We have a lot of inquires out. People are tight with money right now and tight with products. So not getting a lot of response. So anybody you guys can contact and help us with we appreciate.

NATIONAL DIRECTORS REPORT

C Jeffcoat – I have two items. I have gone around one on one with a lot of you. On Junior riders we had some problems in the past. We have very young 10, 11 and 12 year olds and as you all know these sometimes are really small classes. Unfortunately these little kids will get five firsts and are suppose to be kicked out and sent to Open. Not a good deal a lot of times for our very young Open riders. A rule change has been proposed. They can of course go to Open at any time they feel they want to. But instead of going on five first for Junior riders, to go on a point system. And we are looking at points probably around 150 points before these children are kicked out of Novice Junior. If you have any strong feelings one way or another, please let me know. I am very inclined to go with a high point system for Juniors. So unless you want to tell me “No”, nothing else needs to be said. 2) Proposal out of California to have an option for ride managers to have a one-day “A” open ride only. Sounds easy enough, just give them a choice. Couple of problems as I perceive it. One is, it’s really not with the basic philosophy of NATRC in the sense that are the horses usable over a several day period. The other thing is Novice and CP riders, if have open one-day “A” ride, what happens to us? Well you drive 2 or 3 hundred miles and you have a “B” ride and get credit for 20 miles. So before you leave or at Indian Cave let me know your feelings on this subject. M Wood – I didn’t hear you say the mileage for this “A” open ride. Jeffcoat – It would be an “A” ride, you would get credit for 60 miles, you would get full point credit. Edwards – So they want to have an endurance ride and call in a NATRC ride. Jeffcoat – Essentially they want to do a 50 to 60 mile endurance ride in one day. Could I have a show of thumbs? Group consensus was “No”. The National board meeting is second weekend in November, November 9. If you do not get your National appreciation recognition or Regional appreciation for National recognition to Ty nobody in our region will get anything. Jeffcoat needs right away, National Board meeting November 9.

New Business

PA System – R Newton – McCullough and Newton had discussion this afternoon. Have lot of ideas trying to put together for a PA system to have a camp sound system like we had several years ago. Will have sound system or proposal for how much we will have to spend by annual meeting. Going back to system that Dave Smith had to wake us up in the morning. Want to bring that quality of a sound system back.

Base Radios – R Newton – Have two mobile/base radios we have are at end of useful life. Not worth trying to repair them. Have two guys actively looking for Motorola mobile/base type radios that we can pick up at a reasonable price to replace those.

No Shows at Rides – T McCullough – F Keeran suggested competitors pay total ride fee to get on waiting list with no refunds if not cancelled 30 days prior to ride for Region 6 sponsored rides. C Jeffcoat - Much discussion followed. Board to come up with a recommendation and bring to vote of membership at general meeting in February.

Championship Challenge 2002 – **Motion by M Kunkle, seconded by C Jeffcoat, to donate \$500 instead of customary \$300 to Championship Challenge since ride is being held in our Region this year. Motion passed.**

Region 6 Appreciation Recognition – M Wood nominates Hickory’s Chillicothe Express.

Motion by C Jeffcoat, seconded by M Kunkle, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted
Ruth Mesimer
Secretary/Treasurer

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February 14-15, 2003

Kansas City, MO

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