

MINUTES
VIRGINIA CHAPTER NATP
General Meeting
Great Wolf Lodge, Williamsburg, VA
November 8th, 2024

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chuck Neely, 2024 Chapter President, called the meeting to order at 8:12 AM

- II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** From November 11th, 2023 General Meeting Great Wolf Lodge, Williamsburg, VA

Mark Plostock made a motion that the minutes be accepted as written, it was seconded by Chris Smith, and unanimously approved.

- III. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The financial reports were presented by Justin Smith. Heidi Sutton made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Joe Parker seconded and the motion was approved.

- IV. **2024 CHARITY**

Chuck Neely introduced Lois Dawn Magill the founder and executive director of New Freedom Farms a nonprofit community farm located in Buchanan, Virginia. The farm exists to aid veterans and first responders with post-traumatic stress disorder. Lois explained there is a wild mustang program which pairs a veteran with a wild mustang for gentling and training. Furthermore, New Freedom Farm offers equine-facilitated learning to veterans and their families. This unique program offers many different activities involving the horse as a partner on the ground.

- V. **NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE INTRODUCTION**

Chuck Neely introduced Sherri Hoskisson, the National Representative from Utha. Sherri stated that the average age of all members is 62 and the average age in Virginia is 61. The youngest member in NATP is 20 and the oldest member is 96. Sherri spoke of the importance of Virginia members to consider running for the Board. It is important to have active and talented members to bring in new ideas and for the survival of the chapter.

- VI. **BOARD MEMBER NOMINATIONS**

Chuck Neely asked members if anyone was interested in running for the Board. Chuck stated that there were two available positions. Teresa Steiniger, Sara Doe and Mark Sullivan stated that they were interested in serving on the Board. Each of them was

called upon to tell something about their backgrounds and how they could contribute to the Board. There were no other nominations. There was a private ballot with the three names.

Chuck Neely announced that all members have voted and the following were appointed to the 2025 Board, Teresa Steiniger and Sara Doe.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Chuck Neely announced that the 2025 conference will be in Richmond, Virginia on November 6 and 7, 2025 with hotel information forth coming. Chuck stated that in 2026 the Virginia Conference will be in the Fredericksburg, Virginia or surrounding areas.

Chuck Neely suspended the meeting at 8:47 AM

Meeting was reconvened at 4:15 PM

VIII. Chris Smith stated that the Charity Auction and donations took in \$2,147.45.

IX. INTRODUCTION OF 2025 BOARD MEMBERS AND EXECUTIVE BOARD

Sherri Hoskisson, National Representative from Utha introduced and installed the 2025 Virginia Board and Executive Board appointed:

April Bittle-Kurzke, President

Manisha Elhance, Vice President

Tereas Steiniger, Secretary

Justin Smith, Treasurer

Donn Shinn, Chris Smith, Joe Parker, Sara Doe, Teresa Steiniger, and

Michael Bratt

X. PRIZES: Chuck Neely along with the speaker, Vaughan Long did a draw of prizes for two tickets to the conference in 2025. The winners were Donn Shinn and Darby Doe. The second ticket was for one free hotel night at the next Virginia conference in 2025. The winner was Sara Doe.

2025 Virginia Conference will take place November 6th and 7th, 2025, in Richmond. The hotel will be announced at a future date.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Chuck Neely adjourn the meeting at 4:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted by April Bittle-Kurzke, Virginia Chapter NATP Secretary on the 10th of November 2024.

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