

**NATIONAL PONY EXPRESS ASSOCIATION, INC.  
NEVADA DIVISION**

**Minutes of the Pony Express Meeting, June 11, 2009**

The meeting was brought to order at 7:00 PM.

A quorum was present with: Steve Notterman, Gary Nezos, David Kittle, Dawn Nenzel, Mary Kuckenmeister and Jill Andrews.

Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Gary Nezos.

Introduction of Visitors:

Mr. Dan Doyle, Douglas County Library  
The Barbie Family

Bob Moore presented Joshua Barbie with a letter of introduction, to the school of his choice, awarding him a scholarship for \$600 from the National Pony Express Association Nevada Division.

Introduction of speakers:

Dan Doyle

Secretary's report of correspondence:

David Kittle reported that he has received an E-mail from the Director of the Trails Center just outside Elko and they are offering their facilities for our use. So if anyone is interested in doing something Pony Express related they can contact David and he will give them the name and number to call.

Approval of last month's minutes:

Motion by Mona Dible and seconded by Gary Nezos to accept the May minutes; motion carried.

Treasurers report of finances:

General Fund: \$16,335.74

Steve Notterman presented a check for \$50 for a speaking engagement he had done.

Scholarship Fund Report:

Dale Ryan reported that there is now \$5,732.00 in the scholarship fund.

## Quarter Master's Report:

Jill Andrews reports that she has an inventory of \$ 2820.88 and sales have been \$1523.00.

Gary Nezos gave a report on his trip to Ely. He carried money back to the Shellbourne Riders to help offset their expenses on the re-ride. At their meeting in Ely they wanted Gary to put the following statement in the minutes of this meeting:

“It is moved and seconded by Steve Poole and seconded by Gene Okert that the Shellbourne Riders decline to elect a replacement for the 2<sup>nd</sup> VP opening on the Nevada State Board at this time. By this action we affirm that we will continue to recognize our Ride Captain as our point of contact for any exchange between the Board and the Shellbourne Re-riders. We reserve the right to elect a Shellbourne Re-Rider as a Board Member in the future, if our membership decides to do so. The Shellbourne Re-riders are a group of like minded individuals whose interest is in carrying the mail via re-ride across the Eastern portion of Nevada trail. Board meetings are exclusively planned and held over 300 miles from our base and attendance is a hardship for most of us. The Ride Captain has always been a reliable source of information for our group. We feel that this practice meets our needs; it's effective and efficient for this group; considering the geographic and social differences defining our territory in membership.” The motion was carried.

Steve Notterman reminded everyone about the pinger tracking on [www.nationalponyexpresstracking.com](http://www.nationalponyexpresstracking.com). Les Bennington called him to tell him that the Pony was in Nebraska and the Mochila has not seen the sun yet. Steve spoke with several Ride Captains in attendance about their sections and the conditions. Steve said that he was concerned about Nancy Hoggard's section as he has not heard much from her. Steve asked Jill Andrews if she would get in touch with Nancy Upham and have her contact her riders. Steve got an update from Debi Royer and Annette Lancaster. Bob Moore said that his team was ready.

Joe Kelso gave a report on the pinger. So far it seems to be working well so far. He said that there were dead zones along the trail but that there is a second pinger that would store information and then upload the information when it was out of the dead zone. Steve passed on the Nevada Hotline number for this, 775-246-3756.

Dan Doyle, from the Douglas County Library, spoke about their plans to do a week long celebration on the Pony Express next year in April. They are looking to for us to do some lectures and demonstrations.

Bob Moore gave a report on the Kingsbury Grade Trail work day. Only Dale Ryan and Bob Moore showed up for the work detail. They did put in about seven work hours on fixing the trail. Then on May 30<sup>th</sup> Carl Malkmus, Mike Murphy, Dale Ryan and Bob Moore put in about 14 and a half more hours.

Debi Royer asked that we present a certificate and a check to the radio group for all they do for us. Steve Notterman said that he would take it up with the Board as money issues are no longer brought up at General Meeting but are passed on to the Board.

Steve Notterman swore in all the members in preparation of the up-coming Re-Ride.

Bob Moore did the 50/50 raffle. \$139 was collected and \$69 went to the Scholarship Fund.

The next meeting will be held on July 9, 2009 at Grandma Hattie's in Carson City at 7:00 PM.

Adjourned at 7:55 PM