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The biggest little farm movie review

Hal Rosenbluth must have considered and rejected dozens of ways to reorganize Rosenbluth International, the world's third-largest travel services company. But it wasn't until he stood in a field on his farm in North Dakota near a company operations center that inspired it to hit. With a flop I stood in a bunch of cow shit just about to name it one day, says 44-year-old Rosenbluth, who rooted philadelphia in his Rocky Balboa accent and is a meandering speaking style, when a close friend of mine walked to the field and we started talking. He was a farmer's friend, and the more he talked about the operation of a family farm, the more it looked like the solution to the Rosenbluth business problem. That was it, everything was hitting the fan in Philadelphia. Rosenbluth needed a new design for its ambitious and fast-growing organization. Since joining his grandfather's average travel business in 1974, he had grown it to one of the country's top agencies. In 1984, he signed a contract to provide all DuPont travel services, saving his client \$150 million in travel and entertainment costs. In 1992 he wrote Customer Comes Second, and other exceptional service secrets, arguing that Rosenbluth's unconventional management style - focusing on staff needs and creating a truly humane workplace - led to high-cutting services for customers. The book attracted a national following to the company. Tom Peters realized, the business press began writing about Rosenbluth and the company flourished. But by 1993 Rosenbluth could see the problems ahead: the travel business, he believed, was changing. In fact, the airlines were on the verge of closing the commissions of travel agents. Companies like Rosenbluth will have to rush to renegotiate their deals with their clients. Other will pay them to large companies with big travel budgets for the chances of handling their businesses. Instead they should persuade those companies to pay for value-added services. This sensitive price market of the 1990s is a dramatic shift from the 1980s market — rosenbluth's explosive growth and success, Rosenbluth told his people in a company-level note in January of that year. We need to meet the needs of our current and future customers more consistently, more effectively, and much faster. The solution, it turned out, was not in the nine-story Rosenbluth International building in downtown Philadelphia. In that field spotted the cow was a pie in rural North Dakota. What I'm starting to see is that the family farm is the most efficient type of unit I've ever run across, because everyone on the farm has to be fully functional and multifaceted, Rosenbluth says. Before you dismiss the family farm as an endangered species, it's more appropriate to deal with the business climate of the last century than it was. Next, consider Rosenbluth's argument. Agriculture - like travel services and plenty of other businesses - is all about integrating cutting-edge technology and people down to earth. The demands are the same: to survive on razor-thin profit margins, react immediately to unpredictable changes, control resources with intensity, and come up with new ways to sell a commodity that, at first glance, seems indesecible from another boy's product. With that in mind, Rosenbluth broke its company into more than 100 commercial units, each operating as a farm serving specific regions and customers. Corporate headquarters became the equivalent of Farm City, where stores like HR and dole accounting of what farmers need. At Rosenbluth Farm, decisions and learning were made locally. Against the impending hard times, it was an attempt to rebuild the spirit of the young, supersonic Rosenbluth environment; if the whole company was too big to have a farm, at least each unit could be one. The transition was not easy. Despite the specific commitment on the customer comes second - we don't subject our people to dismissal, downsizing, or reductions in personnel - Rosenbluth jettisoned 217 employees when Crunch hit back in 1994. But farm-inspired reorganization softened the blow, and today Rosenbluth is back in shape. A company with an average gross of \$20 million in 1978, Rosenbluth topped \$2.5 billion in sales in 1996. Its 3,500 employees are distributed in more than 10 locations in 41 countries, with nearly 4 million tickets written each year. In addition to DuPont, its clients include Wal-Mart, Merck, Intel and Oracle, so many businesses get into trouble because the time is good, says HR development manager Cecily Carel, looking at the agency's travel maneuver as the farm, which seemed strangely at odds with the company's success at the time. But without radical reorganization, Karl said. We never had a position to create this global growth. We were losing farm life part 1: This Norman RockwellThe mention spent family farm is enough to conjure up the image of Norman Rockwell pictured - rosy-cheeked brood huddled around the blazing heart, celebrating the virtue of being together and working hard. In fact, Rosenbluth built much of his reputation in the 1980s only in such a warm and fuzzy management style. From the outset, a single core value has eclipsed all others: treat your employees well, and everything else will fall into place. In fact, Rosenbluth doesn't even use the degrading term employee - each in the company is a colleague; they call a manager a leader. But for all the emphasis on soft things, Hal Rosenbluth is constantly willing to bet the farm on a much harder and dicier competitive element: advanced information technology. After all, when you travel against giants like American Express and Carlson Wagnlit - or emerging self-service facilities By booking a trip through the web - cutting-edge information technology makes all the difference. Family Farm goes to high-tech business travel services today all about costs: showing your customers that you can help them control yours, while doing everything you can internally to control yours. The key is efficiency, and Rosenbluth's relentless focus on technology creates efficiency in a variety of ways, large and small. In general, technology is a tie-up that connects customers, booking agents, sales reps, and top management. That's the lesson Rosenbluth learned during another North Dakota meeting, when his farmer pal was running behind schedule. When you need something, go to your neighbor, Rosenbluth says. It's just that you're better to run when your neighbor calls for some help. Rosenbluth's equivalent is its global distribution network, which links every booking agent in its 100-plus business units to the AS400 mini-mainframes in Philadelphia that bulge with specific customer information. This means that any Rosenbluth agent anywhere in the world can draw on each customer's global travel data - or provide services to any customer. All of this is integrated with two dedicated Rosenbluth apps. One is called Res-Monitor, which is the travel-industry equivalent of a low-fare search engine. Linked to fare information coming from all major airlines, it finds the lowest rates at the moment of customer request - and then keeps looking for new deals, better until the moment of departure. One second, the more flexible system, known as DACODA, takes into account a wide array of other criteria to help a customer choose not only the lowest fare, but also the best trip. It finds options based on customer data, from corporate individual travel compliance rules to special deals a given client may have with certain carriers. The system also has little range of hard to measure qualitative factors - the pitch of seats, flight time, or time spent building ground connections. Its software formulas do the calculations, says Diane Peters, a longtime Rosenbluth presenter who is now an adviser to the company. By building this network, Rosenbluth has downplayed the importance of the physical location of its agents. In the 1980s, it became the first agency to use its technology to create a massive nerve center reservation, where agents in a single location handled travel management for customers across the country. That kept costs low; But as the company grew, Rosenbluth realized that similar IntelliCenters could be scattered anywhere in the country. Now the company has big phone banks in areas where labor costs are low and work ethics are high: North Dakota, Delaware, and Allentown, PA. Because of these lower costs, a customer can save 30% to 40% per ticket by booking via IntelliCenter, estimates sales of Vice President Joe Terrion. The Rosenbluth Not only link all your agents to each other, it also monitors them from the Network Operations Center on the fifth floor of the Philadelphia headquarters. Staffed by a couple of colleagues who split their attention between seven computers and a network of nine video monitors, this clear screen electronic tracking center provides a window on all farms. With a few clicks, staff can check out any Rosenbluth booking center: how many calls will come in the future, how long customers are waiting, how long each call lasts. The centre also acts as an early warning system for an anticipated developments that can cause a sudden spike in the contact volume of an area or disrupt travel alms alupon. CNN or the Weather Channel shines from the center screens, and information about airport conditions and major events in cities around the world scrolls down other screens. If a farm gets hit by a flood of calls - or real flooding - the call is seamlessly transferred to another facility. During the blizzard of 2017, for example, about 21.0 calls to East Coast's Rosenbluth exits seamlessly changed course. The technology also translates into a number of micro-level efficiencies — which translate into small but critical productivity gains. Rosenbluth, for example, found that its agents had to type the same words over and over again during a day, or even a single call, as they checked the fare possibilities for customers. So the company develops Custom-Res, a software platform with built-in prompts, requiring only yes or no click. It is also built in frequent customer information, identifying each company's specific travel guidelines, so agents don't waste time creating options outside of acceptable guidelines. The result: The number of key taps fell by 75%. Less key-knocking means less waiting times for the customer - and higher productivity for Rosenbluth. By closely monitoring the volume of calls per booking unit, the company can each staff accurately. That cost management benefits the customer indirectly, of course, but Rosenbluth also parlays its productivity to make customer profits more direct. The company measures the percentage of calls answered within 20 seconds, the average response speed, the maximum time spent waiting, and the percentage of abandoned calls. For each category, the company has specific operating standards, and if the numbers are removed from the job, something changes—personnel are added or subtracted, calls are moved. All this adds up to the hard-thought cost control - of both hard and soft costs. Rosenbluth prides itself on using technology to offer its customers the lowest fares. But the company also recognizes that travel costs extend well beyond ticket prices. In a large company with a large number of passengers, each trip can affect future travel decisions - if you collect and analyze data. By separating travel patterns, for example, companies can explore new ways to travel instructions in a fine tone. Rosenbluth Software, outlook, generate detailed reports for customers - and save administrative time for them to automatically fill out cost reports at the end of each trip. The key to Rosenbluth's growth is the combination of technology and its marketing. And to ensure the merger of two elements, Rosenbluth has put one person in charge of both: Dean Scioli, the former head of technology for Duracell who took over Rosenbluth's IT department in 1995, is now also in charge of marketing. Most of the work we do in IT is driven by what we have to do from a marketing point of view, he says, making it easier for one person to decide what is most sensible. One of Sivol's first assignments was to come with a product collection to tie the company's technology components to an attractive package. If you're an outside company that manages your trip in a big way, Sivley says, referring to Wal-Mart as a good example. The giant retailer worked with Rosenbluth to create local network area (LAN) electronic booking systems accessible from desktops - or laptops - from any passengers in the company. The no-agent system, E-Res, allows Wal-Mart's 7,000 frequent passengers to book air, hotel, and book your car simply by calling the app, entering its name, travel history, time, and home and destination towns. Then, using Trip Planner, Rosenbluth's booking system software receives a network of flight options, all chosen according to Wal-Mart's domestic travel policies, sorted according to the price. A few simple clicks, and reservations are made. For companies that don't want the complexity of a LAN-based system, Sivol offers both a web-based version and an easier online system. The best job is to develop a dial-up product, he says, you can only drop it on the user's desktop. You don't have to involve the technology department. But it's much more realistic in terms of installing it, getting a field of people using it, and then, when it spreads to the whole company, you move into a LAN environment. This kind of down-to-earth thinking shows why it just makes sense for the person to have marketing and the tech person to be the same person. Farm Life Part 2: This Doverthia Langell is the first image of farm life that is of Norman Rockwell's image, the second of which is from Doverthia Lanke Photograph: a thin, hollow-eyed railroad man standing grimly in front of a strap - a reminder of the unforgivable demands of land and weather. So if farm life is that hard - as harsh as the weather in plenty of businesses - does a company like Rosenbluth start milling things down the line, stopping coddling employees, and getting average? Out of the question, says Rosenbluth. Even as his company. To position yourself for an uncertain market, there is at least as much emphasis on what it wants to remain as in what it is ready to become. At the end of the day, I believe the only enduring competitive benefits we have are our colleagues and the environment in which we work, Rosenbluth says, but how do you maintain that culture? How do you make sure a desperate picture of Dorothea Long doesn't lurk under that encouraging Norman Rockwell painting? A: Above all, remember that this is a family farm. Staff your farm with your friends? Good idea. Our company is built on some that are foreign to most companies, Rosenbluth says. We are a company built on friendship. When I was in college, I was taught not to work with friends because you can't take productivity out of them, you can't make tough decisions. You can do anything, that's Rosenbluth's final answer (and the subject, he says, from his next book); that's exactly when things get tough when you want to work with your friends. In fact, if your people are something less than that during a reduction, you're in trouble. In other words, the company still has its employees first. Rosenbluth's two-day orientation for new recruits is already fabulous stuff. The first day culminates in a high tea service - in white linen, led by a top corporate officer. It's a good reception, but it's also something else, observed rosenbluth longtime executive Frank Hoffman, who for eight years presided over learning and development at the company. The main goal is for them to experience a service that's a cut on top, he says, the product means nothing -- in this case those bags of water and tea -- but the way you make it is everything. On the second day, new recruits break into small groups and create skates based on good and bad service experiences. The facilitator pushes them to discuss how to fix what's wrong - and improve what's right. How do we make it a gap? says Hoffman. It's a special idea, a personal touch, that's the point we are trying to drive home. This is practically a sacred program. Of course, it's easy to promise a near-knitted culture in a two-day, controlled meeting. Keep track of what counts. All Rosenbluth offices, for example, plan for company meetings, and let every employee be present. You want to know how Rosenbluth's executive day is? Any colleague can sign up to shadow anyone in top management for a day. A month after signing a contract in Rosenbluth's communications department in 1994, Jeanine Shumaker made the shadow date of Hal Rosenbluth. When he suddenly had to travel to Mexico City on that date, Shumaker went along. I just sat there with my mouth open and I thought, this is pretty cool, he says, we're getting another travel agency, so I have a role for myself communicating that while I'm down there. Rosenbluth leaders are accustomed to being asked This kind of thing is not a bit of a distraction. Ralph Smith, vice president of associate and supplier relations, says a happy workplace is a key psychological benefit that attracts and holds good people. It also uses problems from employees. There's a lot of peer pressure here, Smith says, it's less structured, it's more flexible, people have a problem with that. Bobby Rose, who manages the Philadelphia Reservation Center, oversees 60 booking agents working on the first floor of the company's headquarters. A former agent himself, he spends his day circulating among current factors and scanning their faces for signs of trouble. If no one needs help, he jokes, they send him back to his office. Sometimes he works the phones, Rose points to the example of a recent band leader out there who didn't work. The problem was not with the leader's knowledge or skill; it was his reluctance to develop colleagues as demanded by culture. After a while, he realized that he couldn't go that way. So he left the company, I know it was because of the pressure of the team, the discussion and even the practice. Just as Rosenbluth changed the way it operated, so did the way its staff learned. Despite having a strong learning and development sector, and a culture that encouraged - if not asked - acquisition of new skills, the old system placed a burden on leaders. No leader can really know all the different options that exist within a company and are expected to do this kind of professional advice, argues Hoffman, the former head of learning and development, who now holds the title of human capital manager. They can't. And let's face it, they're watching out for what's responsible for it, so they're more focused on how you can contribute to their specific performance. In the old system people don't learn enough - and, more importantly, they don't get enough of the company. What we really felt was that no one cared about your job more than you did. So why not say, here's everything we'll give you as a company. We have HR, where you can get career advice, we have a shady plan where you can spend time in any other department and see what's going on. But it's up to you to follow those things, Hoffman says. Learning boxes is Rosenbluth's term for this style of education, and that change has meant two things. First, as the company splits into leaner business units, each appointed a leader in learning, who reported to the head of the unit. Those learning leaders may spend anywhere from 25% to 100% of their time tackling unit learning and development issues. There are currently about 110 of those communicators, the design is based on the company's extensive curriculum already developed, and the 24-person L&D team skills in Philadelphia And more importantly, the company changed the power to shape learning experiences to its colleagues. Each of the custom-developed learning schemes is in conjunction with their business leader and with HR, identifying both long-term goals and short-term projects - such as taking a class or spending time in another sector. The development of cross-departmental skills benefits the company. But the pay is real for employees, argues Vice President Ralph Smith, who counts this as another psychological benefit. The type of job security offered by IBM 25 years ago no longer exists - even at IBM. In today's labor market, security only comes in the form of skills. We don't have profit margins like some of those companies. So part of what we have is fun at work, access to travel, and perks. And oh, by the way, 10 years at I.M.? You'll get this in two years here, in terms of experience and what you can get involved in. The beauty of farming - and that's what's wrong with a lot of business today - is that you can't fake farming, says Hal Rosenbluth. I love it, I just love him. Either crops grow, or they don't. It's a performance ethic that shows that in Rosenbluth deeply rooted, going it alone is stubborn independence. Privately held, the company remains uninterested in shareholder scrutiny, which will pursue even the most lucrative public offering. Earlier in the decade, Rosenbluth recognized the potential for global growth and began forging partnerships with agencies around the world. It didn't work. Every agency has had its sweetheart deals with travel service suppliers, Rosenbluth says, and sometimes those deals were not the best thing for their company customers. Already disentangled from many of those relationships, Rosenbluth has been buying smaller agencies around the world and shaping each one to fit the Rosenbluth format. Rosenbluth's final move alone was an aborted partnership with Microsoft to develop agentless travel software. The benefits of the deal were obvious - but Rosenbluth is now away along in its product development, and Microsoft, which went on to partner with American Express, loomed as a potentially dominant partner. Microsoft doesn't travel, so they get used to the idea of working with American Express, says Dean Seool. And they don't serve like us, we've grown up as a service company that's now applying technology. In addition, I think people still like the idea that when something goes wrong, you can talk to a human being. That's the part where we do better than any other. As for Hal Rosenbluth, now he seems content to work on the farm, preparing for the future of an industry that is fully up in the air. I'm the most excited when I see The industry is confused, he says. And the travel industry is confused. It's the kind of environment, in other words, where you have to watch where you're going. Rob Walker (walker@hearst.com), senior editor at SmartMoney, has written for New York, The New Yorker, Texas Monthly and other publications. Farm Team Spirit CaptainFuture Farmers of AmericaRosenbluth Rodero Rodeo

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