

**National Reining Horse Association
Minutes of Open Forum & General Membership Meeting
February 17, 2006
South Coast Hotel & Casino
Las Vegas, NV**

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Present: President, Dell Hendricks; President Elect, Mike Boyle; Vice President, Kim Sloan; Immediate Past President, Bill Bradley; Elected Board Members, Anne-Marie Burns, Doug Carpenter, Marc Wagman, Rick Weaver, Dave Wilkins; RHSF President, Frank Costantini; and Appointed Board members Nick Cornelissens, Dave Dorland, Walter Fuchs, Lance Griffin, Terry Griffin, Steve Harris, Sam Houston, Eugenio Latorre, Anat Kirshner Leventhal, Dale Lopp, Colleen McQuay, Bill Peel, Jeff Petska, Rosanne Sternberg, Monica Widh, and Francois Zurcher.

Staff present: Executive Director, Dan Wall; Chief Financial and Operations Officer, John Foy; Sr. Director of Publications, Carol Trimmer; Sr. Director of Affiliate and Alliance Programs, Debbie Drinko; Manager of Membership Services, Tobi Coleman; Director of Information Technology, Rick Hall; Communications Supervisor, Courtney England; Feature Editor, Pat Feuerstein; and RHSF Administrative Assistant, Heather Cline.

Guests: Convention attendees

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 pm

II. Introduction of Board Members

President Hendricks introduced each of the Board members present.

III. Committee Reports

Affiliate Committee – Chair Mike Boyle reported on the Affiliate Committee's accomplishments in 2005 and their 2006 goals. He also advised that the committee is looking at redistricting proposals and asked affiliates to provide input.

Finance Committee – Chair Anne-Marie Burns reported on the Finance Committee's accomplishments in 2005 and their 2006 goals.

Sale Committee – Staff Liaison Debbie Drinko reported on the outcome and success of the Futurity Sales. With all three sales combined, 337 horses went through the ring and 277 were sold. The sales grossed over \$4.6 million.

Sire & Dam Committee – Tobi Coleman reported that in 2005 the Sire & Dam program paid out \$100,000 in sire awards. She also reported that in 2005, 635 breedings were donated and 377 were sold.

Youth Committee – Chair Walter Fuchs reported on the Youth Committee's accomplishments in 2005 and their 2006 goals. Their plans for Year of the Youth include a Shawn Flarida workshop and a raffle for a colt donated by Walter Fuchs and Frank Costantini.

IV. Open Discussion

Charlie Hutton stated that he thinks the Top 20 Professionals program is great. However, he would like to see a similar program for the top 20 breeders. His idea is that the award should be given in C.T. Fuller's name.

V. International Affiliate Program

Kim Sloan explained how the International Affiliate Program works and referred to pages 15 and 16 of the 2006 *NRHA Handbook*. Bill Bradley noted that this program was designed to grow the sport of Reining at all levels.

VI. Judges Rule Change

Dan Wall explained how the new rule change works. He let the membership know that there is a "Just The Facts" fact sheet on the Hot Topics page of the NRHA website that explains the new rule. Dan explained that this rule will encourage show committees around the world to have their events approved, thus allowing us to allowing us to create a world wide record keeping and eligibility system.

VII. Medications

Medications Committee Chair, Dr. Steve Harris spoke regarding NRHA's position on creating a medications policy and the current actions of the Medications Committee. Dr. Harris stressed that the first and foremost concern is the health and welfare of the horses and what is best for the reining industry as a whole. He stated that one of the goals of the Medications Committee is to keep an open dialogue with the NRHA Professionals.

VIII. Road to 2012 Olympics

Frank Costantini reported on the progress of the sport of Reining becoming an Equestrian discipline at the 2012 Olympics. Dan Wall and Don Treadway, from AQHA, met with the chair of the FEI Strategic Planning committee and the 2012 Olympic Equestrian Committee in London. The meeting was very successful and Frank commended both Dan and Don for a job well done. Frank stressed that the most important issue that we need to work on if we are to go to the Olympics is our universality. Reining needs to have more exposure in more countries.

IX. 2006 Non Pro Futurity

Non Pro Committee Chair, Marc Wagman spoke regarding the changes to the 2006 Non Pro Futurity. He stated that it has always been a goal of the Non Pro Committee to increase participation in the Non Pro Futurity. The changes made previously did not increase the participation. The changes to the 2006 Non Pro Futurity are as follows:

- Increased added money in the Non Pro, Intermediate Non Pro, and Limited Non Pro Divisions
- Added a new Youth Division
- The Non Pro Futurity will have a go round, a consolation class, and a finals
- 5% of the purse will be paid to the go round and 95% will be paid to the finals
- The Limited Non Pro will now have a finals
- The top 25 in the Non Pro go round plus the top 5 in the Consolation will advance to the finals
- There will be no guaranteed payout to 1st place
- \$5,000 will be awarded to the trainer of the highest scoring 1st time exhibitor in the go round

IX. Adjournment

There being no further items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm