

**National Reining Horse Association
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
NRHA Office
Oklahoma City, OK
August 25-26, 2007**

Approved January 30, 2008

Present: President, Mike Boyle; President Elect, Kim Sloan; Vice President, Rick Weaver; Elected Board Members, Anne-Marie Burns, Doug Carpenter, Frank Costantini, Steve Harris, and Colleen McQuay; RHSF President, Bill Peel; and Appointed Board Members, Amanda Brumley, Nick Cornelissens (via web cast), Lisa Cover, JP Forget, Walter Fuchs, Terry Griffin, Lance Griffin, Greg Hill, Sam Houston, Dale Lopp, Bryant Pace, Jeff Petska, Chris Potter, Rosanne Sternberg, Nanette Till, Robb Walther, and Vaughn Zimmerman.

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Guests: Rebecca Overton (Quarter Horse News), Brad Klepper (Legal Counsel), Carol Hoffman, Jack Hertig, Gary Pipkin, Dee Hertig, Bob Kiser, Jack Covington, Craig Sutter, Michele Florida, Kit Copser, Bob Hamilton, Dean Peightell, Cheryl Magoteaux, Nancy Eppers, Terry Owens, Jennifer Reynolds, Rod Patrick, Michael Martin, Chuck Ohlfs, Adam Park, Rod Miller, Tim McQuay, Dave Archer.

CALL TO ORDER

Mike Boyle called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m. and roll was called.

ORGANIZATIONAL REVIEW

Mike Boyle announced that the Organizational Review had been completed. It had been difficult to have one in the past because of the cost involved with hiring an outside consultant. Mike appointed Steve Harris, Terry Griffin, Sam Houston and Jack Covington to the Organizational Review Task Force.

Steve started out with presenting the Organizational Review Summary. He pointed out that the goal of the task force was to gain an appreciation of both the NRHA office and as an organization. Steve noted that the task force's documents and notes had all been destroyed in order to keep the confidentiality of the review participants.

Sam Houston announced that the members of the task force spent over 150 hours preparing and studying documents before the review. They also studied and/or visited several other organizations such as the Team Ropers and Hunters and Jumpers to see how they are run.

The Organizational Review Panel met with each employee, department, department head, the CFO and Executive Director. The final conclusion and presentation of the audit found both strengths and improvements in the organization.

Sam provided background on each of the Task Force members. Steve pointed out that the largest surprise of the review was the very apparent dedication and passion of the staff members. Terry noted the realization of how overloaded the staff actually is. The team also discovered that the outdated IT systems in place are a source of frustration and make the daily work flow more difficult. Sam pointed out what a great organization the NRHA is; an organization with no debt, more and more shows yearly and a highly successful television program. The problem is that we do not have the proper structure for the operation of the NRHA.

Mike opened the floor to discussion. Greg Hill noted that the problems within the organization have become apparent over the last several months and feels the BOD needs to have more involvement in the decision-making process rather than just the Executive Board. He also felt like the BOD was just as responsible for the problems. Sam pointed out that the dysfunction of the organization has not just happened recently, but has been building for the last 40 years. NRHA grew from a small organization to a very large one, but never provided the infrastructure to support the growth. Greg again felt like one of the major problems is a lack of open communication between everyone in the organization.

Bill pointed out that the BOD comes in around 5 times a year and drops a large workload on the staff in a matter of 2 days. The problem is that the staff never has time to catch up on the workload. Dale Lopp suggested getting the infrastructure in place before continuing to expect more things from the staff. Questions were directed to the task force as to where we go as an organization from here. Steve noted that their function was only to observe and conclude.

Break 3:57 p.m.

Reconvene 4:14 p.m.

Mike Boyle opened the floor to additional questions regarding the Organizational Review. Rosanne Sternberg asked why we haven't acted sooner on this matter. Sam pointed out that no one has really been monitoring the organization and there has been no concise infrastructure. He also pointed out that the staff has spoken out with problems in the past and no one has listened to them. Sam said we needed to stop asking the questions about how we got to this point, but take action to correct the problems within the NRHA.

Mike thanked the panel for their hard work and announced plans for an immediate Short Term Action Plan to start to be able to implement changes. Mike created a task force to cover these issues: 1) Define the needs of the US membership and create a plan of action 2) Define the needs of the International membership and create a plan of action 3) Incorporate the findings of the Organizational Review 4) Evaluate planning projects 5) IT upgrades implementation 6) Develop an annual business plan. The Short Term Action Plan Task Force will include Lance Griffin, Chair, Vaughn Zimmerman, Greg Hill, Doug Carpenter and Rick Weaver.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

June 23-24, 2007 Minutes: Lance Griffin moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by Dale Lopp. The motion passed.

MEMBER SERVICES UPDATE

Tobi Coleman reported that membership and licensing processing is currently within one day of the date it is received. Tobi reported that the Show/Events Department staff is testing new show program software for use at our major events. Membership Services is working with the IT Department to allow members to print their original or duplicate membership cards online at any time throughout the year. Tobi stated that John Foy, Allison Hall, Kathy Damrill, Dillard Moore, Mandy Kennedy, Dan Wall, Jill Worthington and Ashley Weyland all recently celebrated anniversaries. Katie Borum joined as the Executive Assistant, July 9, 2007, and Lacy Boyer joined as a member services customer representative on August 1, 2007

Tobi went on to report that memberships and licenses are up over last year. Since the June Board meeting, the Membership Services department has processed 727 brand new memberships and 1,058 new competition licenses. They have also processed 938 license transfers. The total number of members as of August 20, 2007 is 14,759 which is a 9% increase. Tobi noted that the International membership has had significant growth this year, attributing a large part to Reining Australia becoming an International Affiliate.

Tobi reported that currently, there are 683 shows scheduled for 2007. She predicted that there would be about 700 NRHA approved shows this year. Internationally, there are 129 approved shows so far, excluding Canada. Canada has 98 approved shows.

The 2007 Futurity nominations are currently at 587 nominations. This is 69 horses less than the same time last year. Tobi feels that it is due to the substitution rule that was put into effect for last year's Futurity. She feels that there will be an influx of nominations later in the year.

Tobi also reported that 324 breedings have been donated to the Sire & Dam Program to date and 191 have been sold. The program has brought in \$272,495.00 in donations (does not include holds). The online auction will begin November 15, 2007. Tobi also presented the Partial Top Ten Standings.

RHSF UPDATE

Bill stated that there have been 5 Rookie Days this year, which have been a great success and have provided more than \$80,000 to the crisis fund. There is one more Rookie Day in Katy, TX where about 50 participants are expected. There have been two crisis fund applications that have been submitted in 2007 so far, one for \$5,000 and one for \$10,000. The Ardmore Rookie Day was filmed by the NRHA Inside Reining crew and is scheduled to air November 26th.

RHSF is planning to hold an Americana Day, which includes a Thanksgiving Dinner and a hospitality room at the Futurity. The tickets for the Thanksgiving Dinner will be \$25 in advance and \$40 at the door. They will also be hosting the 8 Second Slide Celebrity Reining at the Futurity to support the Make-A-Wish Foundation and the local community food bank. There is a "Casino Night" scheduled again this year on Friday night of the Convention. The Foundation will be developing an international program at the World Reining Masters this year. They are also working on completely redesigning their website.

FEI/USEF UPDATE

Frank Costantini reported that he and Dan attended the FEI World Championships last week in Mooselargue, France. It was a great success. He pointed out the need for stewards and veterinarians that are familiar with FEI standards. When asked if FEI adopts NRHA rules, Frank reported that the FEI realigned their rules to NRHA rules as printed in the *NRHA Handbook*.

2008 CONVENTION

Dan Wall reported that the Executive Board met with the Teaching Panel and it was decided to expand Convention Week by adding an extra 3 days to the beginning to include a judges school, running Jan 25 – February 2 at the Renaissance Hotel and Cox Convention Center. It was also decided that the BOD and EB meetings will be held at the Convention this year. Dan announced we will have vendors and a tradeshow. Tenter's will be open late one night and offer 25-40% discounts for Convention attendees. There will be several seminars held, including a show management seminar, show secretary seminar and a show steward seminar. There will be a Casino night on Friday to benefit the RHSF. Committee meetings will be held Thursday and Friday. A banquet and Year-end Awards presentation will be held at the end of the week.

Dan noted that this would be the first year to hold a training seminar for EB and BOD members and Committee chairs. Bill said we should get the word out and try to solicit as many attendees as possible. He also thought we should encourage as many Affiliates as possible to attend. Dan announced that there will again be an Affiliate Congress at the Convention.

NEW BUSINESS

FUTURITY SCHEDULE

Mike stated that the Aged Events Committee had examined the Futurity scheduled and presented it to the BOD for approval. Bill stated that RHSF would like to have a 9:00 a.m. BOD meeting on 1/29/07. Dan stated that the new barns should be completed in time. Also, the owner's

reception has been put on hold until the 2008 Futurity. Chris Potter moved to accept the 2007 Futurity Schedule as amended. Lance Griffin seconded. The motion passed.

Closed Session 5:10 p.m.

Adjourned for the day 5:15 p.m.

Reconvene Sunday, August 26, 2007 8:10 a.m.

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FINANCIALS

Anne-Marie Burns discussed each value center based on the draft June 30th financials. She also announced that the auditors are currently here and should be done around the end of September. They should have a report to us at the first of October.

Closed Session 8:40 a.m.

Break 9:50 a.m.

Reconvene in Open Session 10:30 a.m.

Discussion was resumed dealing with the much needed IT updates. Sam Houston explained that during the Organizational Review, the deficiencies of our IT systems are most tantamount. The new Action Plan Task Force will need to assess our options and costs thereof. Sam stated that

the IT upgrades will need to enable the organization to process memberships and licenses online; provide immediate show results online; improve customer service; improve communication; and provide the ability to hold committee and Board of Directors meetings online.

A guest asked exactly what the money would be going to, and would a portion of the dues increase be allocated strictly to IT. Sam said that \$20 of the increase in dues will be allocated for upgrading the IT system as well as continuous updates and improvements in the IT department. Bill Peel noted that the \$20 would be used to fund growth in the organization, IT just being the initial focus for the funds. He pointed out that while the number of members and shows have grown, we have not grown in staff proportionately and only have a safety net of funds for four months. Vaughn noted that the increase in dues would not affect the life members. Bob Hamilton said that he was in support of setting aside money for technological improvements so that we are not in this same situation in ten years. One of the guests expressed that the members will not be upset over the dues increase as long as the NRHA informs them where the funds are going. Lance Griffin pointed out that NRHA had not had a dues increase in over 20 years until 2004, while the membership tripled in that same amount of time. Tobi Coleman stated that the members really need to come to the NRHA office to see exactly what frustrations the staff deals with daily, rather than making assumptions.

Discussion was held over the distribution of the *NRHA Reiner*. The Board of Directors supported the idea of including the Reiner with membership. With the lower circulation numbers, people will not continue to advertise in the magazine. Discussion was also held as to whether it will be feasible to implement an IT plan this year, or if it should wait until next year.

JP Forget pointed out that with all the complaints of a dues increase, the \$40 is minimal, only a little over \$3 a month. Nick noted that the International members are not that interested in the printed Reiner because it takes so long to reach them, that he thinks more take the Electronic Reiner. Further discussion about the printed *Reiner* versus the electronic copy for International members ensued. It was the consensus of the Board of Directors that the membership dues need to be the same for everyone. It was also discussed that the election of printed or electronic copies of the Reiner would be up to each member.

Nanette Till moved to increase the membership dues to \$100 a year/per member. Seconded by Terri Griffin. Anne-Marie Burns said that the Youth memberships should be less and life should be raised as well. Nanette and Terri withdrew the motion. After open discussion, Rosanne Sternberg moved to increase general membership dues to \$95/year. Youth memberships to be set at \$35/year and life memberships will be \$1500. Seconded by Bill Peel. Motion was amended to include optional *Reiner* delivery, and the Electronic Reiner will be included with International and youth memberships; (Only life members before 2004 receive the *Reiner*.) Three year memberships (5% discount per year) would still be available. Bill asked for an individual vote of the Board of Directors. Motion passed unanimously. Of the \$35 increase in dues, \$20 will cover the cost of the Reiner, and \$15 will be allocated for IT growth.

Lunch Break 11:42 a.m.

Reconvene 12:42 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Affiliate Committee – Chairman Kim Sloan reported that the Committee discussed the 2008 rule changes at the direction of the Rules and Regulations Committee. The 2008-2009 Canadian Regional Finals in Western Canada will be the CRBC and Eastern Canada is to be determined next week in an e-mail vote. The Affiliate Committee would like to allow an exhibitor from Alaska to participate in the North American Freestyle Championships due to geographical restrictions. Bryant Pace moved to make an exception to allow an exhibitor from Alaska to participate in the North American Freestyle Championships. Seconded by Robb Walther. Motion passed. J. P. Forget moved to approve the CRBC to host the 2008/2009 Western Canada North American Affiliate Finals. Sam Houston seconded. Motion passed. Two proposals were submitted for the Eastern Canada NAA finals, which will be determined by an email vote next week. The committee agreed to award ribbons through tenth place at NAAC. Certificates will also be sent to all qualifiers in each region, regardless of NAAC participation. The committee will review participation and the success of the 2007 Mexico Championships prior to approval for 2008.

Aged Events – Committee member Chris Potter reported that the committee reviewed proposed rule changes. They reviewed a proposal submitted by Bob Hamilton and approved it. Amendments to the Futurity and Derby Conditions were reviewed and approved. They discussed scribes for the Futurity Equipment Judges. The Owner’s Reception at the Futurity was also discussed and will be put on hold this year due to budget constraints. They have planned a Celebrity Reining at the Futurity to benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation. They also approved and have submitted the 2007 Futurity Schedule to the Board of Directors for approval. Cheryl Magoteaux suggested having a “think pink” day at the Futurity to help support cancer research.

Eligibility Committee – Chairman Kim Sloan reported that the Committee reviewed rule changes that they submitted as well as rule changes submitted by members.

Finance Committee – Chairperson Anne-Marie Burns reported that the Committee discussed the IT budget funding request. The membership fee structure was reviewed, as well as the 2008 Budget and Audit for fiscal year end June 30, 2007. Lastly, they had a review of the documentation retention policy, and appointed Larry King to head the development of a whistleblower policy.

Hall of Fame Committee – The Committee discussed and selected nominees for recommendation into the Hall of Fame, to be inducted in 2008 and to be voted on at the August meeting. They also discussed the Dale Wilkinson Lifetime Achievement Award criteria and reviewed a rough draft of the criteria.

Closed Session for Hall of Fame induction recommendation and voting.
Reconvened

International Committee – The Committee provided an update on the 2007 European Affiliate Championships in July. A Show Secretary’s Seminar was presented to 10 participants. Changes to the 2008 EAC Conditions were voted on and ready to present to the NRHA Board of Directors. The 2008 EAC hosting was awarded to Sweden. Also discussed was the 2007 Australian Affiliate Championship. A Show Management Seminar was presented to 10 participants. There were 350 runs over 4 days. A Judges Seminar was also presented at the

AAC. Lastly, the 2007 FEI World Reining Masters will be in Oklahoma City, OK, November 29, 2007. The Committee will hold a meeting at the NRHA Futurity.

Information Technology Committee – The Committee Chair Kim Sloan announced that they have completed new websites for both the NRHA and NRHyA. They discussed the IT integration project currently under development. The timeline for the project is estimated at 18 months.

Judges Committee – On an August 13th conference call, the Committee reviewed a short list for Futurity Judge Selection, votes to be submitted later today. Rule changes were also reviewed. The committee voted to extend the judging privileges of the Israel judges for one year because a judges seminar/school had been cancelled by NRHA. At the August Board meeting, the committee reviewed the proposed rule changes. They also discussed a future timeline for Derby/Futurity Judge selection. The committee presented an update on their proposal for the structure of 2008 Judges Schools and Seminars.

Marketing Committee – The Committee Chair Robb Walther reported that the committee prepared a media plan for the 2007 NRHA Futurity. Sam Houston presented an update on Inside Reining and its great success, also, the show has brought more traffic to the website. Anne-Marie Burns moved to renew NRHA Inside Reining for 2008. Seconded by Lisa Cover. Motion passed. The Youth Committee has requested coverage of their Regional Clinics by Inside Reining. Trade Show Booth designs were presented to the committee. A new brochure for the Youth and Sire & Dam programs has been produced.

Non Pro Committee – Committee Chair Lisa Cover reported that the committee held an August 7, 2007 conference call meeting and reviewed proposed rule changes. An update was given on the Apprentice Program changes and exit survey. The Affiliate Challenge Cup for the Derby was reviewed and discussed. They will work with the Affiliate Committee on this project. A revival of the Non Pro article/editorial in the *NRHA Reiner* is set for the November issue.

Professionals Committee – Jeff Petska, the committee chair, noted that the committee reviewed proposed rule changes. The Judges Committee brought forth the issue of excessive paint to cover-up wounds, which was reviewed and discussed. A new structure for the Professionals Committee was also discussed to encourage more participation and communication with the Professionals.

Reiner Committee – Chairman Frank Costantini reported that Executive Editor Kathy Swan presented samples of the *Reiner* redesign. Also announced was Sheridan Printing as the new printer for the *Reiner* beginning with the November issue. Also starting with the November issue, show results will be pulled from the magazine, but will still appear on the website. They reviewed information for the new 2007 Futurity Show Program as well as changes in *The Score* and the *Finals Draw Sheets*. Rate cards are available for anyone interested in advertising.

Rules and Regulations Committee – Susie Trimmer, committee liaison, reported that the committee reviewed all proposed rule changes. They recommended each rule to certain committees for further review. A draft of the *2008 NRHA Handbook* will be reviewed after the August Board meeting.

Sale Committee – Staff Liaison, Debbie Drinko, report that the Committee discussed the 2007 Futurity sales. They announced that they have a large number of consignments. Screening for Prospect and Breeders showcase will be September 5th & 6th. Notification will be made via postcard within 5 days of selection.

Show Standards Committee – Chairman Chris Potter reported that at an August 15, 2007 meeting, the Committee reviewed and discussed a large number of rule changes. At the August Board meeting, the Committee revisited two rule changes that had been re-submitted. A Show Rep/ Show Stewards program was discussed. Also discussed was a plan on how to get more affiliate participation in education of show management, NRHA processes, NRHA programs, etc.

Sire & Dam Committee – Committee Chair Vaughn Zimmerman reported that on a June 25, 2007 conference call, the Committee reviewed and discussed the location of the booth from last year's Futurity. Changes to the new brochure were made. The committee looked at the new stall cards for sale and talked about a display of the top 20 pictures.

Sponsorship Committee – Committee Chair Sam Houston announced that he and Dan Wall will be taking over Corporate Sponsorships until a Marketing Director is hired. Sam will be attending the Denver Tradeshow in January to seek new sponsors. Century Investment Group's agreement has been finalized and they are now a Corporate Partner. Dan Wall asked that anyone that uses Purina feeds contact their dealer and request that Purina continue their sponsorship, which is up for renewal shortly.

Youth Committee – Youth Committee Liaison Mandy Kennedy reported that the Committee reviewed three rule changes that would affect the youth membership. They announced that the 2007 Regional Clinic series rose over \$20,000 and more than 140 people participated. They also reviewed the Youth Team Tournament Terms & Conditions and are submitting to the Board of Directors for approval. Also, raffle tickets are being sold for Cashin' Out, donated by the McQuay's. Stallion breedings have been obtained for the Futurity Prospect Sale with Mike Hancock and Mandy McCutcheon's help. Future projects include recruiting volunteers to assist at the Youth Team Tournament at each of the Regional Affiliate Finals. They are starting to collect items for the Youth Silent Auction at the Futurity, with the assistance of Michele Florida. They are also creating guidelines for hosting a Regional Clinic series to benefit the NRHyA. Mandy Kennedy has been invited to serve on the USEF High Performance Committee.

Kim Sloan moved to accept the Youth Team Tournament Terms & Conditions approved as presented. Seconded by Steve Harris. Motion passed.

2008 DERBY CONDITIONS

Frank Costantini announced that the Derby dates have been changed to June 23-28, 2007. The date was chosen due to the fact that it is the only time in June that is available within the next ten years. Frank also felt like this change will make the event more family friendly and more successful. Amanda Brumley was concerned that the change in dates will greatly affect the Affiliate Finals. Frank also noted that payment by credit/debit cards will be accepted; however

declined cards are also subject to fees. Changes to the conditions include all date changes throughout the conditions. The late fees were also changed. Frank also noted that eligibility requirements are not spelled out in the conditions, but refer to the eligibility requirements in the *NRHA Handbook*. Payment due dates were also changed. JP Forget moved to approve the Derby conditions as amended. Seconded by Lance Griffin. Motion passed.

2008 FUTURITY

Frank Costantini announced that the Futurity will be based on Bob Hamilton's proposal. The full effect of the changes will not occur until the 2011 Futurity. The 2008 \$100 entry fee will allow more babies to be entered, which will help grow the event. Bill Peel noted that because the Futurity is the NRHA's largest event, we need to closely examine and find ways to make improvements to the event. Steve Harris pointed out that the current Sire & Dam Program can not be changed at this point, but will need to be addressed in the near future. Tobi Coleman stated that the Sire & Dam Program will be making changes to the 2009 Futurity. Frank asked the Board of Directors who would be in support of the new nomination style; most of the Board of Directors were in favor.

Tobi Coleman noted that the changes will not present a problem if the IT structure is in place at that time. There was further discussion of the new Futurity structure. JP Forget moved to approve the 2008 Futurity Conditions. Seconded by Lance Griffin. Kim noted that we will not see a significant increase in the purse monies until 2009. Lisa Cover said that she had not had time to present this to the Non Pro Committee, but as the committee chair, she was in support of the conditions. Jeff Petska reported the same with the Professionals Committee. Terri Griffin thought these would be great changes, and also allow the staff an entire year to implement the changes, in line with the recommendations that came out of the Organizational Review. Kim Sloan stated that there needs to be a 30 days grace period on the payments. Motion passed.

Closed Session 2:08 p.m.

Reconvened in Open Session 2:25 p.m.

RULE CHANGES

Kim Sloan announced that every rule change had been evaluated by the Rules & Regulations Committee as to which rules would or would not tax the structure of the organization. Some rules were recommended to be withdrawn from their respective committees.

Mike Boyle reported that even though the Medications Policy was being withdrawn, he wants to form an Animal Welfare Task Force to be chaired by Robb Walther, and include Jeff Petska, Dale Lopp, Bryant Pace and Amanda Brumley. The Task Force will hold open meetings and will need to develop a plan to present at the 2007 Futurity.

Rule Change 15-01-08: Withdrawn.

Rule Change 18-01-08: Kim Sloan moved to approve. Seconded by Nick Cornelissens. Motion passed.

Rule Change 19-01-08: Lance Griffin moved to approve. Seconded by Terri Griffin. Motion passed.

Rule Change 21-01-08: Lance Griffin moved to approve. Seconded by Bill Peel. Motion passed.

Rule Change 25-01-08: Amended. Refer to Finance Report given by Anne-Marie Burns.

Rule Change 25-02-08: Withdrawn.

Rule Change 26-01-08: Withdrawn.

Rule Change 26-02-08: Amended to include “ ... a person who has not directly (money) or indirectly (goods or services) received remuneration... “ Nanette Till moved to approve as amended. Seconded by JP Forget. Motion passed.

Rule Change 26-03-08: Terri Griffin moved to approve. Seconded by Bill Peel. Motion passed.

Rule Change 29-01-08: JP Forget moved to approve. Seconded by Nanette Till. Motion passed.

Rule Change 30-01-08: Amended dates to change from “July” to “August”. Lance Griffin moved to accept as amended. Seconded by Steve Harris. Motion passed.

Rule Change 30-02-08: Nanette Till moved to approve. Seconded by Sam Houston. Motion passed.

Rule Change 31-01-08: Withdrawn.

Rule Change 31-03-08: No action.

Rule Change 31-04-08: No action.

Rule Change 32-01-08: Withdrawn.

Rule Change 32-02-08: Withdrawn.

Rule Change 32-03-08: Withdrawn.

Rule Change 32-04-08: Withdrawn.

Rule Change 32-05-08: Withdrawn.

Rule Change 32-06-08: No action.

Rule Change 34-01-08: No action.

Rule Change 34-03-08: Withdrawn.

Rule Change 34-04-08: Steve Harris moved to approve. Seconded by Lisa Cover. Motion passed.

Rule Change 36-01-08: Amended from “ ... after the appropriate deadline or that is not completed... “ to “ ... after the appropriate deadline or an approval form that is not completed... “. Amanda Brumley moved to approve as amended. Seconded by Rosanne Sternberg. Motion passed.

Rule Change 37-01-08: Sam Houston moved to approve. Seconded by Steve Harris. Motion passed.

Rule Change 37-02-08: Bill Peel moved to approve. Seconded by Nick Cornelissens. Motion passed.

Rule Change 38-01-08: Lance Griffin moved to approve. Seconded by Chris Potter. Motion passed.

Rule Change 41-01-08: Chris Potter moved to approve. Seconded by JP Forget. Motion passed.

Rule Change 42-01-08: Withdrawn.

Rule Change 42-02-08: Lance Griffin moved to approve. Seconded by Nanette Till. Motion passed.

Rule Change 42-03-08: Chris Potter moved to approve. Seconded by Lisa Cover. Motion failed.

Rule Change 43-01-08: No action.

Rule Change 44-01-08: Amended #4 from “The final draw must be available to exhibitors prior to the first horse entering the arena.” to “The draw must be available to exhibitors 30 minutes prior to the first horse entering the arena.” JP Forget moved to approve as amended. Seconded by Nanette Till. Motion passed.

Rule Change 45-01-08: Nanette Till moved to approve. Seconded by Lance Griffin. Motion passed.

Rule Change 47-01-08: JP Forget moved to approve. Seconded by Vaughn Zimmerman. Motion passed.

Rule Change 63-01-08: Remove shaded area ... after review and approval from legal council or the NRHA Executive Director, ... Robb Walther moved to approve as revised Seconded by JP Forget. Motion passed.

Rule Change 63-02-08: Bill Peel moved to approve. Seconded by Lance Griffin. Motion passed.

Rule Change 64-01-08: Withdrawn.

Rule Change 64-02-08: Withdrawn.

Rule Change 65-01-08: No action.

Rule Change 68-01-08: Bryant Pace moved to approve. Seconded by Lance Griffin. Motion passed.

OTHER ITEMS

Greg Hill made a public apology to Anne-Marie Burns to settle rumors that he made untrue and hurtful comments towards Anne-Marie.

Mike Boyle presented a suggestion to hold a debate between all the candidates running for election this year. Kit Cosper expressed opposition to the idea. After further discussion, Colleen McQuay stated that the debate should just be cancelled.

Sam Houston asked to have the 2008 Inside Reining Contract accepted. Anne-Marie Burns moved to approve the 2008 Inside Reining Contract as is. Seconded by Lisa Cover. Motion passed.

NRHA TRIP REPORT

Tobi Coleman presented a trip report from a visit to the AQHA office by herself and Melanie Rinehart. The visit revealed that the AQHA has similar difficulties with the workload in their office. They have very late show results being submitted; do not provide access to membership information to show secretaries; and do not have electronic show result submissions.

Tobi stated that they received several good ideas from attending their show secretary seminar that may be possible to implement in ours. She also stated that if they have web cast capabilities in 2008, it would be a service that they are currently unable to provide.

There being no further items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Katie Borum, Executive Assistant.