

**National Reining Horse Association
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
OK State Fairgrounds
Oklahoma City, OK
August 9-10, 2008**

Approved January 29, 2009

Present: President, Dr. Kim Sloan; President Elect, Rick Weaver; Vice President, Allen Mitchels; Immediate Past President, Mike Boyle; Elected Board Members, Kit Cosper, Frank Costantini, Greg Hill, Dale Lopp and Colleen McQuay; and Appointed Board Members, Amanda Brumley (conference call), Anne-Marie Burns, Rick Clark, Nick Cornelissens (webcast), Andre De Bellefeuille, Walter Fuchs (conference call), Helmut Gerstenberg, Lance Griffin, Terry Griffin (webcast), Ollie Griffith, Mike Hancock, Tom McCutcheon, Jim Morgan, DVM, Jeff Petska, Chris Potter (conference call), Guy Vernon, Judith Vetter (webcast), Robb Walther, Robert Welle (webcast) and Brian Welman.

**Not Present: RHSF President, Bill Peel; Elected Board Member, Doug Carpenter
Appointed Board Members, Amanda Brumley, Susan Camfferman, Raul Leal Cavazos, Walter Fuchs, Anat Kirshner, Chris Potter, Rosanne Sternberg, Wim Van Gemert and Monica Widh.**

Staff: Executive Director, Dan Wall; Chief Financial Officer, John Foy; Chief Operations Officer, Dennis York; Executive Assistant, Katie Wagner; Sr. Director of Publications, Carol Trimmer; Assistant Editor, Krissy Colbath; Designer & Production Coordinator, Bucky Harris; Director of Marketing and Communications, Todd Barden; Manager of Marketing and Communications, Christa Morris; Website Designer & Internet Marketing Specialist, Haley Carmen; Sr. Director of Alliance Programs, International Development & Equine Sales, Debbie Drinko; Director of Member Services, Tobi Coleman; Supervisor Futurity/Derby Entries, Susie Trimmer; Supervisor Show Department, Melanie Rinehart; Supervisor Judges Program, Michelle Wrigley; Accounting Manager, Dillard Moore.

Legal Counsel: Terry Wiens

Guests: Michael Martin, Liz Haverty, Pandy Dillard, Beth Himes, Michelle Florida, Heidi Arvidson, Todd Arvidson, Nancy Eppers, Jack Hertig, Dee Hertig, Brian Bell, Kristin Lilley, Greg Lilley, Rod Patrick, Tim McQuay,

CALL TO ORDER

President Sloan called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. on August 9, 2008 and roll was called and a quorum was announced.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

June 7-8, 2008 Board of Directors Meeting: Lance Griffin moved to approve. Seconded by Frank Costantini. Motion passed.

President Sloan gave the President's Report to the membership.

PREVIOUS NOTICE OF MOTIONS SUBMITTED BY GUY VERNON

Guy Vernon presented his motion to rescind the motion requiring mandatory membership as an NRHA Professional for anyone entering an approved NRHA Open Class. Discussion followed.

Guy Vernon moved that the NRHA Board of Directors rescind the motion requiring mandatory membership as an NRHA Professional for anyone entering an approved NRHA Open Class. Seconded by Ollie Griffith.

Dan Wall noted he had contacted the AQHA who had examined, on two separate occasions, whether or not they could require mandatory membership in their Professionals Association in order to compete in an open class. AQHA's legal counsel advised them it would violate Right to Work laws.

Break 4:01 p.m.

Reconvene 4:12 p.m.

A roll call vote was requested. Rick Weaver: Opposed; Allen Mitchels: In Favor; Mike Boyle: In favor; Kit Cosper: In Favor; Frank Costantini: Abstain; Greg Hill: In Favor; Dale Lopp: In Favor; Colleen McQuay: Opposed; Bill Peel: Opposed; Amanda Brumley: Opposed; Anne-Marie Burns: Opposed; Rick Clark: In Favor; Andre DeBellefeuille: Opposed; Walter Fuchs: Opposed; Helmut Gerstenberg: Opposed; Lance Griffin: Opposed; Terry Griffin: Opposed; Ollie Griffith: In Favor; Mike Hancock: Opposed; Tom McCutcheon: Opposed; Jim Morgan: Opposed; Jeff Petska: Opposed; Chris Potter: Opposed; Guy Vernon: Judith Vetter: Opposed; In Favor; Robb Walther: Opposed; Robert Welle: Opposed; Brian Welman. Motion defeated.

Vernon withdrew his motion to rescind anything related to the NRHA Professionals program that was included in any of the rule changes passed by the Board at the June meeting.

NRHA OFFICE LEASE AGREEMENT

Dan Wall noted the Executive Board had recommended to sign a two (2) year lease agreement extension with the Oklahoma State Fair Park be approved by the Board of Directors.

Rick Weaver moved to allow Dan Wall to enter into the two (2) year lease agreement with the Oklahoma State Fair Park. Seconded by Lance Griffin. Motion passed.

President Sloan noted that a building sub-committee had been appointed to investigate other options for possibly relocating the NRHA Office after the two (2) lease extension expires.

FINANCIALS

John Foy presented the profit and loss overview from 7/1/07 through 6/30/08. Foy also noted that the fiscal year ended 6/30.08 and the audit is set to begin 8/15/08.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Department updates were presented.

Closed Session 4:35 p.m.

Recessed for the day 4:46 p.m.

Reconvene August 10, 2008 at 8:04 a.m.

Present: President, Dr. Kim Sloan; President Elect, Rick Weaver; Vice President, Allen Mitchels; Immediate Past President, Mike Boyle; Elected Board Members, Kit Cosper, Greg Hill, Dale Lopp and Colleen McQuay; and Appointed Board Members, Anne-Marie Burns, Rick Clark, Nick Cornelissens (webcast), Andre De Bellefeuille, Helmut Gerstenberg, Lance Griffin, Terry Griffin (webcast), Ollie Griffith, Mike Hancock, Tom McCutcheon, Jim Morgan, DVM, Jeff Petska, Guy Vernon, Judith Vetter (webcast), Robb Walther, and Brian Welman.

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Legal Counsel: Terry Wiens.

Guests: Tim McQuay and Biz Data Employees.

CALL TO ORDER

President Sloan called the meeting to order at 8:04 a.m. on August 10, 2008 and roll was called and a quorum was announced.

IT PROJECT UPDATE

Biz Data presented an update on the current IT project. They noted that Phase 1 had been completed and were seeking approval to begin Phase 2 of the project. They answered multiple

questions from various board members. Brian noted they would be providing the NRHA with bi-weekly status reports. Also, he noted a projected completion date of October 2009.

Chief Operations Officer, Dennis York recommended to approve the funding for Phase 2 of the IT Project to Biz Data.

Biz Data Excused 8:40 a.m.

Robb Walther moved to approve the funding for Phase 2 of the IT project. Seconded by Lance Griffin. Walther amended his motion to read “approve the funding for Phase 2 of the It project with Biz Data.” Amendment seconded by Lance Griffin. Motion passed.

Dennis York reported that he had received three (3) bids for the financial software package portion of the IT project. The lowest bid came from a company called Interdyne, which was also the bid he felt was the best one. York noted this is the same software used by the Oklahoma State Fair Park and that they have been very pleased with it. It was his recommendation to buy the software from Interdyne.

Anne-Marie Burns moved to approve the purchase of the software from Interdyne. Seconded by Lance Griffin. Motion passed.

Break 9:05 a.m.

Reconvene 9:18 a.m.

NRHA NAA ELECTION PROCEDURES

President Sloan stated that the Executive Board recommended that all NRHA members residing in their country be allowed to nominate and vote for their representative to serve on the NRHA Board of Directors. Discussion followed. Some of the international board members expressed concern regarding the difficulty this would pose with their affiliate’s own existing bylaws.

Mike Hancock moved that the International Affiliate Committee work with each individual NAA to agree upon a selection procedure for their 2009 Director seat(s). Also, the 2009 Bylaws Committee to meet and work with the International Affiliate Committee to formalize the election process and present as a proposed bylaw change for 2010. Seconded by Robb Walther. Motion passed.

Break 10:00 a.m.

Reconvene 10:10 a.m.

PROPOSED 2008 NRHA FUTURITY SCHEDULE

Colleen McQuay, on behalf of the Aged Events committee, presented the proposed schedule for the 2008 NRHA Futurity.

Kit Cospers moved to approve the proposed 2008 NRHA Futurity schedule. Seconded by Rick Weaver. Kit Cospers amended his motion to include the approval of the patterns. Amendment seconded by Rick Weaver. Motion passed.

2009 NRHA DERBY CONDITIONS

Colleen McQuay, on behalf of the Aged Events committee, presented the proposed conditions for the 2009 NRHA Derby.

Robb Walther moved to adopt the 2009 NRHA Derby Conditions. Seconded by Greg Hill. Walther amended his motion to adopt the 2009 NRHA Derby Conditions as modified with the added money structure. Amendment seconded by Greg Hill. Motion passed.

2009 NRHA FUTURITY CONDITIONS

Mike Boyle moved to adopt the Gelding Incentive Conditions as stated on page 13 of the submitted 2009 NRHA Futurity Conditions and award ten (10) places, including awarding a trophy and a buckle. Seconded by Tom McCutcheon. Motion passed.

Robb Walther moved to add a tie-breaker policy into the Derby conditions. Seconded by Greg Hill. Walther amended his motion to add that zeros and scratches will be paid in the finals. Amendment seconded by Greg Hill. Motion passed.

Robb Walther moved to adopt the 2009 NRHA Futurity Conditions as amended. Seconded by Rick Weaver. Walther amended his motion to add tie-breaker verbiage and verbiage regarding zeros and scratches being paid in the finals. Amendment seconded by Rick Weaver. Motion passed.

2009 NRHA EUROPEAN FUTURITY

Nick Cornelissens gave an update on the 2009 NRHA European Futurity after meeting with the Arcese family.

Lance Griffin moved to approve the 2009 European Futurity Conditions as amended to include verbiage regarding tie-breaking and payouts regarding zeros and scratches being paid in the finals. Seconded by Greg Hill. Motion passed.

EUROPEAN AFFILIATE CHAMPIONSHIP CONDITIONS

Kit Cospers moved to approve the European Affiliate Championship Conditions. Seconded by Jeff Petska. Motion passed.

NRHA TROPHY FEES

Dan Wall stated that Midwest Trophy, the company that produces the NRHA trophies, will raise their prices in 2009. Wall presented the new pricing for 2009.

Kit Cospers moved to approve the new trophy fees. Seconded by Jeff Petska. Motion passed.

NON PRO APPRENTICE APPLICATIONS

The Non Pro Committee presented three (3) Non Pro Apprentice Applications for approval by the board.

Anne-Marie Burns moved to approve the three (3) applications submitted. Seconded by Jim Morgan. Motion passed.

MARKETING & SPONSORSHIP REPORT

Committee chair, Robb Walther noted the Marketing committee is working to address the problem of professionals wearing non NRHA sponsor patches and add-ons in the arena at shows. He recommended a policy be written addressing this issue and possibly appointing a task force to look into solutions.

AFFILIATE COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee chair, Rick Clark presented the bids for the next two (2) years for the NRHA Affiliate Championships.

Allen Mitchels moved to accept the recommendation of the Affiliate committee with the exception of the Mountain Region pending further study. Seconded by Dale Lopp. Motion passed.

PARD'S SADDLE SERIES

Affiliate Committee chair, Rick Clark noted that the committee is ready to make a recommendation to the board as to how to structure the Pard's Saddle Series. He noted they are looking to hold it as a sweepstakes program. Dan Wall said he would discuss the program with Pard's prior to the board making a decision.

NRHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS RESOLUTIONS

Kit Cospers presented two NRHA Board of Directors resolutions for approval from the board. The first was a board resolution regarding the NRHA Code of Conduct.

Allen Mitchels moved to adopt the resolution regarding the Code of Conduct. Seconded by Dale Lopp. Motion passed.

Kit Cospers presented a second board resolution addressing the issue of persons competing while suspended. It was noted that this issue is already addressed in the *NRHA Handbook*; therefore the resolution was not needed.

Closed Session 12:50 p.m.

There being no further items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Katie Wagner, Executive Assistant.