

## NRHA COMMITTEE REPORT FORM

**Committee name:** Youth Committee

**Meeting date:** February 1, 2008

**Committee Members Present:** Chair, Walter Fuchs, Vice Chair, Anne-Marie Burns, Ann Barnard, Jackie Bridges, Michele Florida, Ashley Fuchs, Jim Gordon, Mike Hancock, Jennifer Hoyt, Becky Jordan, Carlee Mahajan, Mandy McCutcheon, Linda Raymond

**Committee Members Not Present:** Sheila Beane, Frank Costantini, Terry Lauth, Tom Lauth, Karen Shedlauskas

**Staff Present:** Mandy Kennedy

**Guests:** Ian Barnard, Cash Bridges, Abigail Grabein, Meaghan Burns, Melanie Galbraith, Austin Griffith, Amanda Whitney, Libby Robinson, Elizabeth Cosper, Christi Gordon, Jim Blumer, Ollie Griffith, Courtney Barnett, Monica Widh

**Mission Statement:** To provide a character and leadership building program that will enable youth to become the future leaders of the Reining horse industry.

**Agenda Items:**

1. Youth officer team presented a slideshow highlighting past year activities.
2. Mandy Kennedy made a presentation that showed the growth of the youth program from 2002 to date.
  - \* 47% increase in membership
  - \* Increased participation
  - \* Increased number of regional delegates and their responsibilities
  - \* Increase in officer responsibilities
  - \* Implementation of new programs (Varsity Reining Club)
  - \* Implementation of new youth classes (Youth Rookie, Unrestricted and Short stirrup).
  - \* Increased number of fundraisers
  - \* Increased amount of funds raised
  - \* Increase amount of scholarships awarded
3. Anne-Marie Burns presented the financial statement.
4. The committee discussed the North American Young Rider Championship (NAYRC). Courtney Barnett from the USEF spoke on the qualifier and the championships. Barnett will work with Mandy Kennedy on providing the information for the members. A subcommittee was formed to assist with implementation.
5. The committee discussed the Varsity Reining Club. A subcommittee was formed to assist with creating new guidelines.
6. The committee reviewed and established the 2008 Regional Clinic Series plans. A subcommittee was formed to assist with implementation.
7. Monica Widh presented to the committee a proposal to establish an international exchange program. A subcommittee was formed to assist with implementation.
8. Proposed rules changes were discussed.