

**National Reining Horse Association  
Minutes of the Board of Directors Conference Call  
NRHA Office  
Oklahoma City, OK  
December 11, 2008**

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**Present:** Kim Sloan, Rick Weaver, Allen Mitchels, Kit Cosper, Frank Costantini, Dale Lopp, Colleen McQuay, Anne-Marie Burns, Raul Leal Cavazos, Rick Clark, Nick Cornelissens, Walter Fuchs, Helmut Gerstenberg, Lance Griffin, Terry Griffin, Ollie Griffith, Mike Hancock, Jeff Petska, Wim Van Gemert, Guy Vernon, Robb Walther, Robert Welle, Brian Welman.

**Not Present:** Mike Boyle, Doug Carpenter, Greg Hill, Bill Peel, Amanda Brumley, Susan Camfferman, Andre DeBellefeuille, Anat Kirshner, Tom McCutcheon, Dr. Jim Morgan, Chris Potter, Rosanne Sternberg, Judith Vetter, Monica Widh.

**Staff Present:** Dan Wall, Katie Wagner.

**I. Call to Order:**

The Meeting was called to order by President Kim Sloan at 3:16 p.m., December 11, 2008.

**II. Business:**

**EUROPEAN FUTURITY**

President Sloan gave an update on the status of the European Futurity. He noted that Martin Wink (of Eventomania) had agreed to manage the event if we could raise the \$310,000 needed for added money. The dates discussed were March 9-15, 2009. It was noted the venue change was due to a facility conflict in Manerbio. Sloan also stated that Mr. Arcese had pledged \$100,000 for the 2009 European Futurity in addition to his previous commitment. Nick Cornelissens asked if the conditions needed to be approved by the NRHA Board. The answer was yes.

Lance Griffin moved to approve the 2009 European Futurity to be held March 9-15, 2009 in Kreuth, Germany. Seconded by Allen Mitchels. Lance Griffin amended his motion to grant approval provided we have a commitment of \$250,000 by December 18, 2008 and held in escrow for thirty (30) days. Amendment seconded by Allen Mitchels. Motion passed.

Anne-Marie Burns went on the record stating that this will cause an unrecognized expense for the 6/30/09 fiscal year because of the sponsorship amenities that will be given away at the 2009 NRHA Futurity.

## **OFFICE BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT**

President Sloan presented the Office Building Task Forces' recommendations regarding the future of the NRHA office location. The task force recommended entering into a three (3) year commitment with the Oklahoma State Fairgrounds at the current location for the present time. Sloan announced that two (2) lots had been donated to the RHSF by Terry and Jo Wiens for the purpose of building a new office building. The task force also recommended waiting a period of 12-18 months for the market to stabilize before initiating construction.

Dan Wall noted that the task force had looked into other options and felt this was the best course for the NRHA. Mike Hancock asked if we were obligated to build an office building on the donated land. President Sloan said that if no office building is built within three (3) years the land would revert back to the Wiens'. Anne-Marie Burns noted that IRS code would need to be researched to determine whether this could constitute a gift since it comes with terms.

President Sloan tabled the matter for the RHSF Board to discuss further.

## **AFFILIATE FINALS DATE CHANGE**

Dan Wall presented two requests to change Regional Affiliate Finals dates. Wall said the Northwest RAF requested a date change from October 10-12, 2009 to October 15-17, 2009 and the North Central RAF requested a date change from October 30-November 1, 2009 to October 16-18, 2009.

Mike Hancock moved to approve the date changes. Seconded by Kit Cosper. Motion passed.

## **2010 CONVENTION DATES**

Dan Wall announced that the 2010 Convention dates are currently reserved for the last week of January 2010 with the Cox Convention Center. He noted that the board had previously requested to move the NRHA Convention off of the same dates as the Color Breed Council. Wall said that the dates of February 10-20, 2010 had become available. Wall noted the only conflict for this date was the Scottsdale Arabian Futurity.

Robb Walther moved to keep the original dates already reserved and not move the 2010 Convention. Seconded by Nick Cornelissens. Motion passed.

There being no further items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 4:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Katie Wagner, Executive Assistant.