

**National Reining Horse Association  
Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting  
NRHA Office  
Oklahoma City, OK  
January 16, 2008**

*Approved January 28, 2008*

**Present:** President, Dr. Kim Sloan; President Elect, Rick Weaver; Vice President, Allen Mitchels; Past President, Mike Boyle; Elected Board Members, Doug Carpenter, Kit Coper, Frank Costantini, Jr., Greg Hill, Dale Lopp, Colleen McQuay; and RHSF President, Bill Peel.

**Not Present:**

**Staff:** Executive Director, Dan Wall; Chief Financial and Operations Officer, John Foy; Sr. Director of Publications, Carol Trimmer; and Executive Assistant, Katie Borum.

**Guests:** NRHA Counsel, Brad Klepper; Parliamentarian, Rod Davidson; Attorney, Curtis Smith; Attorney, Jim Dobbs.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by President Sloan at 8:00 a.m.

Rick Weaver moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:00 p.m. rather than the scheduled 4:00 p.m. meeting adjournment time due to possible inclement weather. Seconded by Bill Peel. Motion passed.

**NOTICE OF MOTIONS SUBMITTED BY ALLEN MITCHELS**

Allen Mitchels moved to adopt Robert's Rules of Order for 2008 and submit as a bylaw change for 2009. Seconded by Rick Weaver. Discussion followed. Parliamentarian Rod Davidson noted that Robert's Rules of Order is the most widely used and accepted set of parliamentary procedures utilized by companies and organizations and that the Executive Board could employ the relaxed version for small boards. Motion passed.

Allen Mitchels moved to adopt the minority percentage requirement to request a roll call vote to be one-quarter of those executive board members present at a meeting and to submit as a proposed bylaw change for 2009. Seconded by Dale Lopp. Motion passed.

**Motion to Adopt a Fairer, More Open Confidentiality Agreement:**

Allen Mitchels addressed his motion to adopt a fairer, more open Confidentiality Agreement. President Sloan appointed an Ad hoc Committee to include Allen Mitchels,

Kit Cospers and Dan Wall to draft a replacement Confidentiality Agreement. All of the members of the Executive Board were in agreement that a Confidentiality Agreement is in the best interest of the organization for the Board of Directors, Executive Board and committee members.

President Sloan directed that the proposed draft of the Confidentiality Agreement be presented to the Executive Board at the next Executive Board meeting to be held during the Convention.

*Break 9:10 a.m.*

*Reconvene 9:16 a.m.*

Legal counsel Brad Klepper advised that NRHA needs to have a Document Retention Policy (DRP) and whatever method is adopted for minutes must follow the DRP and vice versa.

**Motion to Rescind the Motion to Appoint the 2008 Committee Chairs and to Rescind the Motion Approving the 2008 Appointed Board Members:**

Allen Mitchels addressed his motion to rescind the motion to appoint the 2008 committee chairs and to rescind the appointment of the 2008 Board of Directors.

President Sloan moved to ratify the appointments of the 2008 Committee Chairs as presented at the meeting. Seconded by Mike Boyle. Allen Mitchels moved to amend to divide the question (to be able to vote on each committee chair separately). Seconded by Dale Lopp. Motion passed.

*Executive Session 9:43 a.m.*

*Reconvene in Open Session 12:02 p.m.*

President Sloan appointed an ad hoc committee consisting of Rick Weaver as Chair, Allen Mitchels, Doug Carpenter and Kit Cospers to review the Policy Manual. .

*Break 12:14 p.m.*

*Reconvene 12:49 p.m.*

**Motion to Rescind the Motion to Change the Rule Concerning the NAA Rebates:**

Allen Mitchels moved to rescind the motion that National Association Affiliates receive a \$30.00 rebate per NRHA member. Seconded by Greg Hill. Motion passed. President Sloan stated that the \$30.00 rebate amount printed in the *2008 Handbook* was never approved by the Board of Directors, which was an increase over the \$20.00 rebate in the *2007 NRHA Handbook*, and therefore not valid.

President Sloan directed Dan Wall to contact every International Association Affiliate to inform them of the decision.

*Executive Session 1:15 p.m.*  
*Reconvene in Open Session 2:24 p.m.*

**2008 CONVENTION UPDATE:**

President Sloan moved that the Executive Board members be compensated for 2 nights (January 27 and 28) hotel stay at the 2008 NRHA Convention and be allowed 2 days of stipend and to set a meeting-only fee for the Convention, which will not include attendance at the banquet. Seconded by Greg Hill.

*Staff member Debbie Drinko enters 2:32 p.m.*

Debbie Drinko presented registration numbers and the different fees for the Convention. President Sloan moved to amend his motion to include a Convention-only fee be set at \$100. Greg Hill seconded. Motion passed.

*Staff member Debbie Drinko excused 2:42 p.m.*

**10 & UNDER POINTS AND ROOKIE ELIGIBILITY:**

Staff member Melanie Rinehart presented as issue concerning the Youth 10 & Under Division. When the class was put in place, the Board did not address its impact on Rookie eligibility and Youth Incentive Awards. Allen Mitchels moved to recommend to the Board of Directors to exclude the Youth 10 & Under Division points from Rookie eligibility and to award the 2007 Youth Incentive Awards already earned. Frank Costantini seconded. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Katie Borum, Executive Assistant.