

**National Reining Horse Association
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
OK State Fairgrounds
Oklahoma City, OK
June 7-8, 2008**

Approved August 9, 2008

Present: President, Dr. Kim Sloan; President Elect, Rick Weaver; Vice President, Allen Mitchels; Elected Board Members, Doug Carpenter, Kit Cospers, Frank Costantini, Greg Hill, Dale Lopp and Colleen McQuay; and Appointed Board Members, Amanda Brumley, Anne-Marie Burns, Rick Clark, Nick Cornelissens, Andre De Bellefeuille, Helmut Gerstenberg, Lance Griffin, Terry Griffin, Ollie Griffith, Mike Hancock, Tom McCutcheon, Jim Morgan, DVM Chris Potter, Robb Walther, and Robert Welle.

Not Present: Immediate Past President, Mike Boyle; RHSF President, Bill Peel; Appointed Board Members Susan Camfferman, Raul Leal Cavazos, Lee Foster, Walter Fuchs, Anat Kirshner, Eugenio Latorre, Jeff Petska, Helmut Schulz, Rosanne Sternberg, Wim Van Gemert, Guy Vernon, Judith Vetter, Monica Widh and Brian Welman.

Staff: Executive Director, Dan Wall; Chief Financial Officer, John Foy; Chief Operations Officer, Dennis York; Executive Assistant, Katie Borum; 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

CALL TO ORDER

President Sloan called the meeting to order at 8:08 a.m. on June 7, 2008 and roll was called and a quorum was announced.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

March 29-30, 2008 Board of Directors Meeting: Dale Lopp moved to approve. Seconded by Nick Cornelissens. Motion passed.

April 14, 2008 Board of Directors E-mail Vote: Chris Potter moved to approve. Seconded by Anne-Marie Burns. Motion passed.

May 6, 2008 Board of Directors Conference Call: Rick Weaver moved to approve. Seconded by Chris Potter. Motion passed.

2009 NRHA RULE CHANGES

Rule Change 16-01-09: Robert Welle moved to approve. Seconded by Colleen McQuay. Motion defeated.

For: Rick Weaver, Doug Carpenter, Frank Costantini, Colleen McQuay, Anne-Marie Burns, Rick Clark, Nick Cornelissens, Lance Griffin, Chris Potter, Robert Welle.

Opposed: Allen Mitchels, Kit Cospers, Greg Hill, Dale Lopp, Amanda Brumley, Andre De Bellefeuille, Helmut Gerstenberg, Terry Griffin, Ollie Griffith, Mike Hancock, Tom McCutcheon, Jim Morgan, Robb Walther.

Rule Change 16-02-09: Kit Cospers moved to approve. Seconded by Lance Griffin. Motion passed. All in favor.

Rule Change 18-01-09: Author revised. Colleen McQuay moved to approve as revised. Seconded by Terry Griffin. Motion passed. All in favor.

Rule Change 20-01-09: Greg Hill moved to approve, seconded by Jim Morgan. Motion tabled for revisions. Andre DeBellefeuille moved to approve as revised. Seconded by Mike Hancock. Motion passed. All in favor.

Rule Change 23-01-09: Chris Potter moved to approve. Seconded by Amanda Brumley. Motion passed. All in favor.

Break 9:10 a.m.

Reconvene 9:20 a.m.

Rule Change 23-02-09: Anne-Marie Burns moved to approve. Seconded by Chris Potter. Motion passed.

For: Rick Weaver, Allen Mitchels, Doug Carpenter, Kit Cospers, Frank Costantini, Greg Hill, Colleen McQuay, Amanda Brumley, Anne-Marie Burns, Rick Clark, Nick Cornelissens, Andre De Bellefeuille, Helmut Gerstenberg, Lance Griffin, Terry Griffin, Ollie Griffith, Mike Hancock, Tom McCutcheon, Jim Morgan, Chris Potter, Robert Welle, Robb Walther.

Opposed: Dale Lopp

Allen Mitchels moved to amend the Life Membership dues from \$2,500.00 to \$2,000.00. Seconded by Mike Hancock. Kim Sloan and Anne-Marie Burns abstained. Motion passed.

Break 10:15 a.m.

Reconvene 10:25 a.m.

Rule Change 23-03-09: Amanda Brumley moved to approve as amended. Seconded by Colleen McQuay. Motion passed.

For: Rick Weaver, Doug Carpenter, Frank Costantini, Colleen McQuay, Amanda Brumley, Anne-Marie Burns, Rick Clark, Andre DeBellefeuille, Lance Griffin, Terry Griffin, Mike Hancock, Tom McCutcheon, Jim Morgan, Chris Potter, Robb Walther, Robert Welle.

Opposed: Allen Mitchels, Kit Cospers, Greg Hill, Dale Lopp, Nick Cornelissens, Helmut Gerstenberg.

*Break for Lunch 11:45 a.m.
Reconvene 12:35 p.m.*

Rule Change 24-01-09: Lance Griffin moved to approve as amended as revised. Seconded by Chris Potter. Motion passed.

For: Rick Weaver, Allen Mitchels, Doug Carpenter, Kit Cospers, Frank Costantini, Greg Hill, Colleen McQuay, Amanda Brumley, Anne-Marie Burns, Rick Clark, Nick Cornelissens, Andre De Bellefeuille, Helmut Gerstenberg, Lance Griffin, Terry Griffin, Ollie Griffith, Mike Hancock, Tom McCutcheon, Jim Morgan, Chris Potter, Robert Welle, Robb Walther.

Opposed: Dale Lopp

Rule Change 29-04-09: Colleen McQuay moved to approve. Seconded by Lance Griffin. Motion passed.

For: Rick Weaver, Doug Carpenter, Frank Costantini, Colleen McQuay, Amanda Brumley, Anne-Marie Burns, Rick Clark, Andre DeBellefeuille, Helmut Gerstenberg, Lance Griffin, Terry Griffin, Mike Hancock, Tom McCutcheon, Jim Morgan, Chris Potter, Robb Walther.

Opposed: Allen Mitchels, Kit Cospers, Greg Hill, Dale Lopp, Nick Cornelissens, Ollie Griffith, Robert Welle.

Rule Change 30-03-09: Mike Hancock moved to approve. Seconded by Jim Morgan. Motion passed. All in favor.

Rule Change 31-04-09: Mike Hancock moved to approve. Seconded by Jim Morgan. Motion passed. All in favor.

Rule Change 33-01-09: Mike Hancock moved to approve. Seconded by Jim Morgan. Motion passed. All in favor.

Rule Change 40-01-09: Amanda Brumley moved to approve as revised. Seconded by Ollie Griffith. Motion passed. Robert Welle abstained. All in favor.

Rule Change 24-02-09: Dale Lopp motioned to approve. No action.

Rule Change 41-01-09: Dale Lopp motioned to approve. No action.

Rule Change 25-01-09: No action.

Rule Change 26-01-09: No action.

Rule Change 29-01-09: Amanda Brumley moved to approve. Seconded by Chris Potter. Motion passed.

For: Rick Weaver, Allen Mitchels, Doug Carpenter, Kit Cospers, Frank Costantini, Greg Hill, Dale Lopp, Colleen McQuay, Amanda Brumley, Anne-Marie Burns, Rick Clark, Andre De Bellefeuille, Helmut Gerstenberg, Lance Griffin, Terry Griffin, Ollie Griffith, Mike Hancock, Tom McCutcheon, Jim Morgan, Chris Potter, Robert Welle, Robb Walther.

Opposed: Nick Cornelissens.

Rule Change 29-02-09: Chris Potter moved to approve. Seconded by Colleen McQuay. Motion passed.

For: Rick Weaver, Doug Carpenter, Frank Costantini, Greg Hill, Colleen McQuay, Amanda Brumley, Anne-Marie Burns, Rick Clark, Nick Cornelissens, Andre De Bellefeuille, Helmut Gerstenberg, Lance Griffin, Terry Griffin, Ollie Griffith, Mike Hancock, Tom McCutcheon, Jim Morgan, Chris Potter, Robert Welle, Robb Walther.

Opposed: Allen Mitchels, Kit Cospers, Dale Lopp.

Mike Hancock amended the motion to make this a Category 5 class instead of a Category 1. Seconded by Nick Cornelissens. Motion passed.

Rule Change 29-03-09: Lance Griffin moved to approve. Seconded by Amanda Brumley. Anne-Marie Burns and Robert Welle abstained. Motion passed. All in favor.

Rule Change 29-05-09: Amanda Brumley moved to approve. No action.

Rule Change 29-06-09: No action.

Rule Change 30-01-09: Chris Potter moved to approve. Seconded by Amanda Brumley. Potter amended his motion to include the new Professionals language. Amendment seconded by Brumley. Motion passed. All in favor.

Rule Change 30-02-09: Jim Morgan moved to approve. Seconded by Amanda Brumley. Motion passed. All in favor.

Rule Change 31-01-09: Chris Potter moved to approve. Seconded by Nick Cornelissens. Motion defeated.

For: Colleen McQuay, Chris Potter.

Opposed: Rick Weaver, Allen Mitchels, Doug Carpenter, Kit Cospers, Frank Costantini, Greg Hill, Dale Lopp, Amanda Brumley, Anne-Marie Burns, Rick Clark, Nick Cornelissens, Andre De Bellefeuille, Helmut Gerstenberg, Lance Griffin, Terry Griffin, Ollie Griffith, Mike Hancock, Tom McCutcheon, Jim Morgan, Robert Welle, Robb Walther.

Rule Change 31-02-09: Chris Potter moved to approve. Seconded by Anne-Marie Burns. All opposed. Motion defeated.

Rule Change 31-03-09: Colleen McQuay moved to approve. Seconded by Anne-Marie Burns. Motion passed. All in favor.

Rule Change 32-01-09: Colleen McQuay moved to approve. Seconded by Rick Weaver. Motion passed. All in favor.

Rule Change 32-02-09: Anne-Marie Burns moved to approve. Seconded by Mike Hancock. Motion passed. All in favor.

Rule Change 32-03-09: Allen Mitchels moved to approve. Seconded by Chris Potter. Motion passed. All in favor.

Rule Change 33-02-09: No action.

Rule Change 31-04-09: Duplicate

Rule Change 33-03-09: Kit Cospers moved to approve. Seconded by Allen Mitchels. Motion withdrawn.

Rule Change 34-01-09: Chris Potter moved to approve as amended. Seconded by Robb Walther. Motion passed.

For: Rick Weaver, Doug Carpenter, Frank Costantini, Greg Hill, Colleen McQuay, Amanda Brumley, Anne-Marie Burns, Rick Clark, Nick Cornelissens, Andre De Bellefeuille, Helmut Gerstenberg, Lance Griffin, Terry Griffin, Ollie Griffith, Mike Hancock, Tom McCutcheon, Jim Morgan, Chris Potter, Robert Welle, Robb Walther.

Opposed: Allen Mitchels, Kit Cospers, Dale Lopp.

Rule Change 34-02-09: No action.

Rule Change 61-01-09: No action.

Rule Change 34-03-09: Kit Cospers moved to approve. Seconded by Rick Clark. No action. Kit Cospers abstained. All opposed.

Rule Change 35-01-09: Chris Potter moved to approve. Seconded by Nick Cornelissens. Motion passed. All in favor.

Rule Change 35-02-09: Ollie Griffith moved to approve. Seconded by Allen Mitchels. Motion defeated.

For: Allen Mitchels, Kit Cospers, Greg Hill, Dale Lopp, Rick Clark, Ollie Griffith.

Opposed: Rick Weaver, Doug Carpenter, Frank Costantini, Colleen McQuay, Amanda Brumley, Anne-Marie Burns, Nick Cornelissens, Andre De Bellefeuille, Helmut Gerstenberg, Lance Griffin, Terry Griffin, Mike Hancock, Tom McCutcheon, Jim Morgan, Chris Potter, Robert Welle, Robb Walther.

Break 1:50 p.m.
Reconvene 2:00 p.m.

Rule Change 37-01-09: Chris Potter moved to approve. Seconded by Colleen McQuay. No action.

For: Nick Cornelissens.

Opposed: Rick Weaver, Allen Mitchels, Doug Carpenter, Kit Cospers, Frank Costantini, Greg Hill, Dale Lopp, Colleen McQuay, Amanda Brumley, Anne-Marie Burns, Rick Clark, Andre De Bellefeuille, Helmut Gerstenberg, Lance Griffin, Terry Griffin, Ollie Griffith, Mike Hancock, Tom McCutcheon, Jim Morgan, Chris Potter, Robert Welle, Robb Walther.

Rule Change 44-01-09: Kit Cospers moved to approve. Seconded by Mike Hancock. Motion passed. All in favor.

Rule Change 44-02-09: No action.

Rule Change 37-02-09: Mike Hancock moved to approve. Seconded by Colleen McQuay. Motion passed.

For: Rick Weaver, Doug Carpenter, Kit Cospers, Frank Costantini, Greg Hill, Colleen McQuay, Amanda Brumley, Anne-Marie Burns, Rick Clark, Helmut Gerstenberg, Terry Griffin, Ollie Griffith, Mike Hancock, Tom McCutcheon, Jim Morgan, Chris Potter.

Opposed: Allen Mitchels, Dale Lopp, Nick Cornelissens, Andre DeBellefeuille, Lance Griffin, Robb Walther, Robert Welle.

Rule Change 39-01-09: Kit Cospers moved to approve. Seconded by Anne-Marie Burns. Motion passed.

For: Rick Weaver, Allen Mitchels, Doug Carpenter, Kit Cospers, Frank Costantini, Greg Hill, Dale Lopp, Colleen McQuay, Amanda Brumley, Anne-Marie Burns, Rick Clark, Nick Cornelissens, Andre De Bellefeuille, Helmut Gerstenberg, Lance Griffin, Terry Griffin, Ollie Griffith, Mike Hancock, Tom McCutcheon, Jim Morgan, Chris Potter, Robb Walther.

Opposed: Robert Welle.

Nick Cornelissens amended the motion to add that if trophies are not purchased from NRHA, the show cannot deduct the cost. NRHA trophies can be deducted. Seconded by Mike Hancock. Motion passed.

Rule Change 39-02-09: Anne-Marie Burns moved to approve. Seconded by Kit Cospers. Motion passed. All in favor.

Rule Change 51-03-09: Mike Hancock moved to approve. Seconded by Nick Cornelissens. Motion passed. All in favor.

Rule Change 40-02-09: Kit Cospers moved to approve as amended. Seconded by Frank Costantini. Mike Hancock and Anne-Marie Burns abstained. Motion passed. All in favor.

Rule Change 43-01-09: Chris Potter moved to approve. Seconded by Lance Griffin. Ollie amended the motion to remove “no-scores”. Potter seconded the amendment. Colleen McQuay abstained. Motion passed. All in favor.

Rule Change 51-01-09: Anne-Marie Burns moved to approve. Seconded by Kit Cosper. Motion passed. All in favor.

Rule Change 51-02-09: Allen Mitchels moved to approve. Seconded by Anne-Marie Burns. Motion passed. All in favor.

Rule Change 52-01-09: Anne-Marie Burns moved to approve. Seconded by Mike Hancock. Amanda Brumley abstained. Motion passed. All in favor.

Rule Change 58-01-09: Allen Mitchels moved to approve. Seconded by Dale Lopp. Motion passed. All in favor.

Rule Change 63-01-09: No action.

Rule Change 68-01-09: Kit Cosper moved to approve. Seconded by Dale Lopp. Motion passed. All in favor.

IT PROJECT FINANCE PROPOSAL

John Foy presented the financing option recommended by the Finance Committee and the Executive Board.

Rick Weaver moved to approve Chase Financing Option 1 (Chase commitment letter dated June 2, 2008 in Board materials) to finance the I/T project. Seconded by Anne-Marie Burns. Motion Passed.

REINER PRINTING CONTRACT

Anne-Marie Burns moved to approve the contract with Dartmouth. Seconded by Kit Cosper. Motion passed.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT REPORT

John Foy reported that the 2008/2009 budget was done. Anne-Marie moved to approve the 2008/2009 budget. Seconded by Lance Griffin. Motion passed

Break 4:03 p.m.

Reconvene 4:12 p.m.

2009 NRHA PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGES

Bylaw Change 05-01-09: Allen Mitchels moved to support as amended. Seconded by Dale Lopp. No action.

Bylaw Change 06-01-09: Jim Morgan moved to support. Seconded by Lance Griffin. Motion passed.

Bylaw Change 07-01-09: Withdrawn.

Bylaw Change 10-01-09: Dale Lopp moved to support. Seconded by Robb Walther. No action.

Bylaw Change 11-01-09: Anne-Marie Burns moved to support. Seconded by Terry Griffin. No action.

Bylaw Change 11-02-09: Lance Griffin moved to support as amended. Seconded by Robert Welle. Motion passed.

Bylaw Change 11-03-09: Rick Clark moved to support. Seconded by Allen Mitchels. Motion passed.

Bylaw Change 11-04-09: Withdrawn.

Bylaw Change 11-05-09: Withdrawn. Passed as a board resolution.

RESOLUTION # 02-08

Subject: Regional Affiliates

Submitted by: Affiliate Committee

Date of Submittal: June 7, 2008

Regional Affiliates

Renewing Affiliates shall submit a complete and correct annual renewal application listing officers who are NRHA members in good standing and dues, for the current year to NRHA by January 31 of each year. Affiliates failing to submit completed and correct renewal applications by January 31 or whose renewal applications remain incomplete or incorrect after January 31, will realize all NRHA business including show approval, will be held in a suspended status until a complete and correct renewal application has been presented to NRHA or until March 1 whichever comes first. If a complete and correct renewal application is still outstanding by March 1 of the current year Affiliate status will be annulled. If the Affiliate Officers are not current members of NRHA in good standing by March 1 of the current year, Affiliate status will be annulled. Annulment of Affiliate status will be published in the *NRHA Reiner*.

After March 1, an annulled Affiliate may re-apply for renewal by paying a re-instatement fee of \$50 and re-submitting a complete and correct affiliate application representing officers who are current members of NRHA in good standing.

Allen Mitchels moved to approve NRHA Board Resolution #02-08. Seconded by Robb Walther. Motion passed.

Bylaw Change 13-01-09: Anne-Marie Burns moved to support. Seconded by Terry Griffin. Motion passed.

Bylaw Change 14-01-09: Dale Lopp moved to support. Seconded by Allen Mitchels. Motion passed.

Bylaw Change 53-01-09: Anne-Marie Burns moved to support as amended. Seconded by Allen Mitchels. Motion passed.

Break 5:05 p.m.

Reconvene Executive Session 5:40 p.m.

Adjourn for the day 6:45 p.m.

Reconvene June 8, 2008 at 8:05 a.m.

Present: President, Dr. Kim Sloan; President Elect, Rick Weaver; Vice President, Allen Mitchels; Elected Board Members, Doug Carpenter, Kit Cosper, Frank Costantini, Greg Hill, Dale Lopp and Colleen McQuay; and Appointed Board Members, Amanda Brumley, Anne-Marie Burns, Rick Clark, Nick Cornelissens, Andre De Bellefeuille, Lance Griffin, Terry Griffin, Ollie Griffith, Mike Hancock, Tom McCutcheon, Jim Morgan, DVM Chris Potter, Robb Walther, and Robert Welle.

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Legal Counsel: Terry Wiens

CALL TO ORDER

President Sloan called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m. on June 8, 2008 and roll was called and a quorum was announced.

Executive Session 8:06 a.m.

2008 NRHA BUSINESS PLAN

Dan Wall presented an overview of the 2008 NRHA Business Plan. Wall noted the importance of aligning the work of the association with the mission statement, bylaws and articles of incorporation.

Dale Lopp moved to adopt the 2008 NRHA Business Plan. Seconded by Rick Weaver. Motion passed. 1 abstained.

2009 NRHA EUROPEAN FUTURITY

Frank Costantini gave an update on the NRHA European Futurity and Derby. He confirmed the dates of the Futurity of March 9-15, 2009, located in Manerbio, Italy. He noted that promotion of the show needed to begin immediately.

AD HOC ANIMAL WELFARE TASK FORCE

Chair, Robb Walther gave an update on the task force's work. He noted that they had examined other breed association's policies on animal welfare. Walther stated they are in the process of creating a show crisis plan.

AD HOC SHOW STEWARDS TRAINING PROGRAM

Chair, Amanda Brumley gave an update on the committee's progress. She noted the intent of the training program will be to provide NRHA approved events a certified NRHA representative at their show. Brumley said the committee is currently developing a training program for show stewards that will hopefully go into effect by 2010.

FINANCE

John Foy presented the 7/1/07 thru 4/30/08 financial statements.

Break 10:30 a.m.

Reconvene Executive Session 10:45 a.m.

Open 10:50 a.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee reports were presented from the Affiliate, Aged Events, Eligibility, Finance, International Affiliate, Judges, Marketing & Sponsorship, Non Pro, Owners, Sale, Show Standards, Sire & Dam and Youth Committees.

SPONSORSHIP UPDATE

Dan Wall presented an update on sponsorships and sponsorship renewal status.

IT UPDATE

Terry Griffin noted that an IT update was included for review in the board meeting materials.

Break 11:45 a.m.

Reconvene 12:15 p.m.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Susie Trimmer presented a comparison of Derby nominations from this year prior to last year.
Debbie Drinko gave an update on the Derby.

There being no further items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.
Respectfully submitted by Katie Borum, Executive Assistant.