

**National Reining Horse Association
Minutes of the Officers and Executive Board Meeting
NRHA Office
Oklahoma City, OK
March 27-28, 2008**

Approved 6/5/08

Present: President, Dr. Kim Sloan; President Elect, Rick Weaver; Vice President, Allen Mitchels; Elected Board Members, Doug Carpenter, Kit Cosper, Greg Hill, Dale Lopp, and Colleen McQuay.

Not Present: Past President, Mike Boyle and RHSF President, Bill Peel.

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

CALL TO ORDER

President Sloan called the meeting to order at 7:59 a.m. on March 27, 2008 and a quorum was announced.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

January 27-28, 2008 Executive Board Meeting: Rick Weaver moved to approve. Seconded by Kit Cosper. Motion passed.

January 27-28, 2008 Executive Session Board Meeting: Dale Lopp moved to approve. Seconded by Greg Hill. Motion passed.

January 31, 2008 Executive Board Meeting: Kit Cosper moved to approve. Seconded by Colleen McQuay. Motion passed.

February 12, 2008 Executive Board Conference Call: Frank Costantini moved to approve. Seconded by Dale Lopp. Motion passed.

March 17, 2008 Executive Board Conference Call: Rick Weaver moved to approve. Seconded by Colleen McQuay. In discussion, Allen Mitchels asked to change the motion to read that the shows be granted as “a single year exemption because the NRHA Derby dates had moved from May to June in 2008.” Mitchels also noted that he had suggested a rule change be submitted by the Executive Board stating that shows can not be held on the same date as the NRHA Derby or the NRHA Derby move-in dates. Motion passed.

JERRY KIMMEL – USEF/FEI

Jerry Kimmel appeared on behalf of the USEF High Performance Reining Committee to request NRHA's help in supporting USEF and FEI programs. Discussion was held as to the benefits of promotional support that could be provided by the NRHA in marketing USEF and FEI events. Tools such as the *NRHA Reiner* magazine, NRHA website and eNRHAnewsletter need to be utilized. It was noted that no NRHA funds will be used.

Executive Session 8:50 a.m.

Break 8:55 a.m.

Reconvene Executive Session 9:00 a.m.

Break 10:25 a.m.

Reconvene 10:35 a.m.

FINANCE

John Foy presented the 7/1/07 thru 2/29/08 financial statements.

BUDGET

John Foy presented the 2008 – 2009 operating expense budget, requesting approval to move forward with this budget so work can begin immediately with the Committees and Staff in allocating the operating budget to the various financial line items. Foy reminded everyone that the final budget will be presented at the June Board meeting for review and approval.

Dale Lopp moved to approve the budget as presented. Seconded by Kit Cospers. Motion passed.

Executive Session 11:10 a.m.

Reconvene Open 11:17 a.m.

EB TASK LIST

President Sloan noted for the new board members that the EB task list is maintained by Katie Borum and an update will be sent out every Friday.

AD HOC POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT

Kit Cospers reported that the committee had been able to review and evaluate all of the policies in the NRHA Operating Policies and Procedures Manual. He noted that many were in need of review and others were obsolete. Cospers also noted that some of the current policies in the manual should be submitted as rule changes. President Sloan directed the committee to have those policies submitted immediately for the 2009 rule change vote. He also said to have those in need of review distributed to the staff for input.

2008 NRHA FUTURITY/DERBY CONDITIONS

Rick Weaver moved to remove the statement in the 2008 NRHA Futurity/Derby conditions that requires entry in the 2008 NRHA Futurity in order to enter the 2009 NRHA Derby. Seconded by Dale Lopp. Motion passed.

Discussion was held regarding members who only entered the Futurity because they thought it was required to do so in order to enter the Derby. Dan Wall reported that a survey had been distributed to members who failed to make their second Futurity payment requesting the reason. Of the 64 horses that did not make the second payment, only 11 responded that they had only entered to avoid the late fees in the 2009 NRHA Derby.

Kit Cosper moved to issue a credit memo to those who respond to the NRHA's survey no earlier than 60 days from when the survey/letter was sent of the date on the survey for those horses who did not make their second payment because they had only entered to be able to enter the 2009 NRHA Derby. Seconded by Rick Weaver. Motion passed.

NRHA FUTURITY/DERBY NOMINATION PLAN

Discussion was held regarding the proposed NRHA Futurity/Derby Nomination Plan. President Sloan noted that the Aged Events Committee had made further modifications to the plan since their presentation at the January board meeting in order to further benefit the membership. He noted that they had added an optional payment plan and also extended the nomination deadline from October 15 to December 31.

Dale Lopp moved to recommend \$2,000 as the yearling nomination fee in the Futurity/Derby Nomination Plan to the Board of Directors. Seconded by Allen Mitchels. Motion passed.

*Break for Lunch 12:20 p.m.
Reconvene 1:05 p.m.*

Colleen McQuay also noted that another added benefit was the international courtesy eligibility. She also noted that another added benefit was the reciprocal eligibility with the NRHA European Futurity.

SPONSORSHIP UPDATE

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

SHOW APPROVALS

International Reining Festival (Denver, CO)

Allen Mitchels moved not to grant an exception in slate 6 of their show. Seconded by Colleen McQuay. Motion passed.

Spring Slide (Israel)

Frank Costantini moved to grant a one year exemption for their show. Seconded by Allen Mitchels. Motion passed.

Warm-Up III & Futurity (Katy, TX)

Rick Weaver moved not to approve this show. Seconded by Allen Mithcels. Colleen McQuay asked to send a letter to the show management outlining why the show could not be approved. Motion passed.

Break 2:35 p.m.

Reconvene 3:00 p.m.

President Sloan assigned Derby award presentations to individual Executive Board members and noted that board attendance will be published, including board meetings and events.

IT UPGRADE PRESENTATION

Terry Griffin presented the IT committee's recommendation for the award of the IT upgrade bid.

Allen Mitchels moved that the Executive Board recommend the IT committee's plan to the Board of Directors. Seconded by Dale Lopp. Motion passed.

2009 NRHA CONVENTION

Dan Wall announced that the 2008 NRHA Convention budget was very close to expenditures. He reported that the judges school was a success and that the judges committee liked the location. Discussion was held regarding the schedule and the possibility of condensing the Convention schedule into fewer days.

Rick Weaver moved to hold the 2009 convention in OKC at the Renaissance, January 21-February 1, 2009. Seconded by Colleen McQuay. Motion passed.

AQHA PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE SEAT

Dan Wall reported that the AQHA had offered the NRHA a seat on their Public Policy Committee if the NRHA is interested. President Sloan directed Wall to serve as the representative.

NRHA HALL OF FAME VIDEO ARCHIVE

Discussion was held regarding the need for a video record of the members of the NRHA Hall of Fame. Frank Costantini suggested that Doug Carpenter, Hall of Fame Committee Chair, head this project.

NRHA INVESTMENT POLICY

John Foy presented an Investment Policy proposed by the Finance Committee for approval from the Executive Board. After discussion, President Sloan requested that Dale Lopp and Kit Cosper work with Foy to re-word certain sections of the policy. To be presented in a month on a conference call.

NRHA FUTURITY/DERBY JUDGES SELECTION POLICY

President Sloan presented a policy to outline the selection and approval policy of judges for the Futurity and Derby. Discussion was held resulting in some changes. Tabled until Saturday.

Break 4:20 p.m.

Reconvene 4:35 p.m.

NRHA EUROPEAN FUTURITY & DERBY

Frank Costantini gave an update on the NRHA European Futurity and Derby. He announced the dates of the Futurity had been set for March 9-15, 2009, located in Manerbio, Italy. He advised that the committee to oversee this project consists of himself, Nick Cornelissens, Rosanne Sternberg, Leonardo Arcese, Debbie Drinko, Michele Flarida and Susy Baeck. These events will be run by NRHA rules and NRHA staff.

Adjourned for the day at 5:00 p.m.

Reconvened on March 28, 2008 at 8:00 a.m.

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AD HOC SALE COMMITTEE REPORT

Doug Carpenter reported that the committee is interested in hiring a full-time staff person to manage and organize our sales, develop a NRHA Sales' operations manual. President

Sloan asked John Foy to work with the committee to develop a budget for their proposed ideas. Dan Wall will negotiate staff contracts.

*Break 8:50 a.m.
Reconvene 9:00 a.m.*

BUSINESS PLAN

Dan Wall presented an annual business plan developed with John Foy and input from the NRHA staff. The business plan addresses the core business activities of the NRHA, indicating the strengths and weaknesses in each area. The purpose and goals for each of the NRHA's seventeen committees was also covered. Lastly, a list of initiatives was provided to guide the direction of the organization. This will need to be continually reviewed.

*Break 9:50 a.m.
Reconvene 9:55 a.m.*

Dale Lopp moved to approve the business plan timeline submitted by Dan Wall. Seconded by Frank Costantini. Motion passed. It was directed that the June Board meeting will include an additional day to be solely dedicated to review of the Business Plan, no minutes will be needed. Dan Wall and President Sloan will determine the most important issues that need to be addressed.

*Break 11:00 a.m.
Reconvene 11:05 a.m.*

TEACHING PANEL

Rick Weaver moved to approved Joe Hayes appointment to the Teaching Panel, as recommended by the Judges Committee. Seconded by Allen Mitchels. Motion passed.

2010 WORLD EQUESTRIAN GAMES UPDATE

Dan Wall reported on his recent trip to Lexington, KY to meet with the organizers of the 2010 World Equestrian Games. Wall announced that NBC will be covering the reining portion for 30 minutes of airtime on the last weekend of the games.

NRHA FUTURITY/DERBY JUDGES SELECTION POLICY

Revisited – tabled yesterday. Greg Hill moved to approve the policy as amended. Seconded by Dale Lopp. Motion passed.

NON PRO SPONSORSHIPS/ENDORSEMENTS

Present Sloan will appoint a Task Force to address Non Pro sponsorship and endorsements. Task Force to include legal counsel, Terry Wiens.

COWGIRL HALL OF FAME NOMINATION

Dan Wall announced that the NRHA had nominated Mandy McCutcheon to the Cowgirl Hall of Fame.

Break for Lunch 12:10 p.m.

Reconvene Executive Session 1:00 p.m.

There being no further items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Katie Borum, Executive Assistant.