

**National Reining Horse Association  
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting  
NRHA Office  
Oklahoma City, OK  
March 29-30, 2008**

*Approved 6/7/08*

**Present: President, Dr. Kim Sloan; President Elect, Rick Weaver; Vice President, Allen Mitchels; Elected Board Members, Doug Carpenter, Kit Cospers, Greg Hill, Dale Lopp and Colleen McQuay; and Appointed Board Members, Amanda Brumley, Anne-Marie Burns, Rick Clark, Nick Cornelissens (web), Lance Griffin, Terry Griffin, Mike Hancock, Tom McCutcheon, Jim Morgan, DVM (web), Jeff Petska, Rosanne Sternberg, Guy Vernon, Robb Walther, Monica Widh (web), Robert Welle (web) and Brian Welman.**

**Not Present: Immediate Past President, Mike Boyle; RHSF President, Bill Peel; Elected Board Member, Frank Costantini and Appointed Board Members Susan Camfferman, Raul Leal Cavazos, Andre DeBellefeuille, Lee Foster, Walter Fuchs, Helmut Gerstenberg, Ollie Griffith, Anat Kirshner, Eugenio Latorre, Chris Potter, Helmut Schulz and Wim Van Gemert.**

**Staff: Executive Director, Dan Wall; Chief Financial and Operations Officer, John Foy; Sr. Director of Publications, Carol Trimmer; Director of Information Technology, Dennis York; Director of Member Services, Tobi Coleman; Executive Assistant, Katie Borum; Supervisor Futurity/Derby Entries, Susie Trimmer; Supervisor Show Department, Melanie Rinehart; Supervisor Judges Program, Michelle Wrigley; Supervisor Youth Programs, Jill Worthington; Director of Marketing and Communications, Kathy Damrill.**

**Legal Counsel: Terry Wiens**

**Guests: Susan Morrison (Quarter Horse News), Bob Kiser (Kiser Arena Specialists), Steve Plauche (Century Investment Group), Steve Cavin (Century Investment Group), Roxanne Peters and Mandy McCutcheon.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Sloan called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. on March 29, 2008 and roll was called and a quorum was announced.

**CENTURY INVESTMENT GROUP PRESENTATION**

Steve Plauche of NRHA Corporate Partner, Century Investment Group made a presentation to the board regarding the funding of an endowment fund for the Reining Horse Sports Foundation.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**January 30, 2008 Board of Directors Meeting:** Dale Lopp moved to approve. Seconded by Robb Walther. Motion passed.

**February 1, 2008 General Membership Meeting:** Mike Hancock moved to approve. Seconded by Dale Lopp. Motion passed.

**February 2, 2008 Board of Directors Meeting:** Terry Griffin moved to approve. Seconded by Guy Vernon. Motion passed.

**February 14, 2008 Board of Directors E-mail Vote:** Lance Griffin moved to approve. Seconded by Kit Cospers. Motion passed.

**March 3, 2008 Board of Directors Conference Call:** Robb Walther moved to approve. Seconded by Allen Mitchels. Motion passed.

### **IT UPGRADE PRESENTATION**

Terry Griffin presented the IT Committee's recommendation for the award of the IT upgrade bid. The committee's recommendation was to go with a company named Biz Data Solutions out of Oklahoma City, OK. The project would be split into 2 phases. She noted the overall time period projected to build and implement the system was estimated to be 18-24 months.

Lance Griffin moved to approve the budget to pay for the IT upgrades. Seconded by Dale Lopp. Motion passed.

Dale Lopp moved to award the bid for the IT improvements to Biz Data Solutions per the recommendations of the task force, the IT committee and the Executive Board. Seconded by Robb Walther. Motion passed.

### **FUTURITY/DERBY NOMINATION PLAN**

Tom McCutcheon presented a revised version of the Futurity/Derby Nomination Plan to the board, which had changed since the last presentation at the January board meeting. McCutcheon noted that the Aged Events committee had taken into account input from members and had worked even further on the plan to help accommodate more member needs.

It should be noted that this plan begins with foals born during 2008. It requires a \$300 weanling mandatory nomination and will not allow substitutions. One of the new benefits is a payment plan for members who choose that method. The yearling nomination was lowered to \$2,000 and the nomination deadline was changed from October 15 to December 31 and an international courtesy eligibility was added.

Greg Hill moved to adopt the Futurity/Derby Nomination Plan. Seconded by Lance Griffin. Motion passed.

### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT**

Rick Weaver announced that the committee recommended Doug Carpenter, Colleen McQuay, Mike Hancock and Mark Schols as candidates for the Elected Executive Board. Weaver noted that Frank Costantini had been asked to run, however declined.

Kit Cosper moved to accept the nominations recommended by the nominating committee. Seconded by Robb Walther. Motion passed.

*Break 4:50 p.m.*

*Reconvene 5:05 p.m.*

### **2009 NRHA CONVENTION**

President Sloan announced that the 2008 NRHA Convention held in Oklahoma City, OK was the most successful Convention to date. He noted the large savings on travel by having it in the same location as the office and staff. Discussion revealed concern over the length of the Convention and the need to look at compacting and shortening the schedule. The importance of board member attendance was stressed by President Sloan.

Guy Vernon moved to hold the 2009 NRHA Convention in Oklahoma City, OK. Seconded by Terry Griffin. Motion passed.

### **PLAQUE PRODUCTION COSTS**

Dan Wall announced that the Executive Board recommended remaining with the same plaque production company at the January meeting. He noted that this meant an increase in the cost of production of plaques and that the NRHA would need to raise the rate from \$40 to \$43, effective 6/1/08 to keep the same profit margin.

Mike Hancock moved to approve the \$3 increase in the price of plaques with a maximum three (3) year contract. Seconded by Lance Griffin. Motion passed.

### **INTERSCHOLASTIC EQUESTRIAN PROGRAM**

Rick Weaver presented a request from the Interscholastic Horse Show Association for awards for their Nationals on April 27, 2008 in Findlay, OH.

Allen Mitchels moved to approve the request from the Interscholastic Horse Show Association for a total of 2 Morrisons, 3 pewters and 1 plaque. Seconded by Colleen McQuay. Motion passed.

### **FEI WORLD REINING MASTERS BID**

President Sloan announced that the NRHA had submitted a bid to host the 2008 World Reining Masters. President Sloan mentioned the great success of the event last year held here in Oklahoma City during the NRHA Futurity Show.

Amanda Brumley moved to approve the bid for the NRHA to host the 2008 FEI World Reining Masters. Seconded by Robb Walther. Motion passed.

*Executive Session 5:47 p.m.  
Adjourn for the day 5:50 p.m.*

*Reconvene March 30, 2008 at 8:00 a.m.*

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### **CALL TO ORDER**

President Sloan called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. on March 30, 2008 and roll was called and a quorum was announced.

### **DERBY YOUTH NON PRO DIVISION CONDITIONS**

A Youth Non Pro Derby division adopting the Non Pro Futurity conditions was presented for approval. Anne-Marie Burns asked that the Youth Committee be allowed the option to review this later since the committee had not seen the submission.

Dale Lopp moved to accept the Youth Non Pro Derby division proposal as written. Colleen McQuay seconded. 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 on the last weekend of the games. Allen Mitchels noted we should start looking into off-site promotion in Lexington.

## **2008 NRHA FUTURITY CONDITIONS**

Mike Hancock moved to remove #3 of the 2008 Futurity Conditions. Lance Griffin seconded. Motion passed.

## **BUSINESS PLAN**

Dan Wall announced that he had presented an annual business plan to the Executive Board but there wasn't enough time to completely go over. There will be an entire day dedicated to the business plan at the June meeting.

*Break 8:47 a.m.*

*Reconvene 8:55 a.m.*

## **FINANCIALS**

John Foy presented the profit and loss overview and described the budgeting process. Foy announced that the Executive Board had approved the Finance Committee's proposed operating budget on March 27, 2008. He said that the staff would be working to allocate the funds in each department and then present to the board for approval at the June meeting. Committee member Keri Sigman has been assigned to look at the Convention.

## **SHOW STEWARDS TRAINING PROGRAM**

President Sloan appointed an ad hoc committee to develop a plan for a show stewards training program. He appointed as Chair, Amanda Brumley; members, Terry Griffin, Cheryl Magoteaux, Tom McCutcheon, Ollie Griffith and Staff Liaison, Melanie Rinehart.

*Lunch 11:45*

*Reconvene 12:30*

## **NON PRO FUTURITY CONDITIONS CHANGE**

The Non Pro Committee presented a proposed change to the 2008 NRHA Non Pro Futurity Conditions that would allow more Intermediate and Limited Non Pro exhibitors a have a "second chance" to compete for additional slots in their respective finals. They also submitted a proposed payout schedule with the additional payouts.

Mike Hancock moved to accept the proposal from the Non Pro Committee with the payout changes. Seconded by Rick Clark. Motion passed.

*Executive Session 12:40 p.m.  
Reconvene Open Session 1:12 p.m.*

## **BYLAW & RULE CHANGE SUBMISSIONS**

President Sloan heard each bylaw and rule change submission from the respective submitter if present. Discussion followed each one. Several of the submissions were sent back to committee for further consideration and re-wording.

Anne-Marie Burns moved that the NRHA Board of Directors support the bylaw change (Article X. Annual Statements) submitted by the Finance Committee. Seconded by Mike Hancock. Kit Cosper noted that there should be some time limitation to get the audit placed on the NRHA website. After discussion, it was decided that 150 days from the close of the fiscal year would be sufficient time to post the audit on the website. Anne-Marie amended the motion to include the 150 day time frame in the bylaw change. Seconded by Mike Hancock. Motion passed.

*Break 1:45 p.m.  
Reconvene 1:55 pm.*

President Sloan directed that the Eligibility and Aged Events committees need to review new Futurity / Derby Program conditions before press release(s) go out.

## **MEMBER SERVICES UPDATE**

Tobi Coleman reported that membership services guarantees a two-week turnaround time on processing memberships and licenses. She was happy to report that the department is currently at 2-days processing time. Show Department Supervisor Melanie Rinehart has been conducting webcast show management seminars.

## **JUDGES COMMITTEE**

Allen Mitchels reported the launch of a new educational judges program, the Sixth Chair Program, being initiated at the 2008 NRHA Derby and Futurity. There will be no cost to NRHA. In the future staff liaison Michelle Wrigley will separate new and renewing judges.

*There being no further items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 2:26 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted by Katie Borum, Executive Assistant.