

**National Reining Horse Association
Minutes of the Board of Directors Conference Call
NRHA Office
Oklahoma City, OK
September 17, 2008**

Approved January 29, 2009

Present: Kim Sloan, Allen Mitchels, Doug Carpenter, Kit Cosper, Frank Costantini, Dale Lopp, Colleen McQuay, Bill Peel, Amanda Brumley, Anne-Marie Burns, Rick Clark, Nick Cornelissens, Andre De Bellefeuille, Walter Fuchs, Helmut Gerstenberg, Terry Griffin, Ollie Griffith, Mike Hancock, Anat Kirshner, Dr. Jim Morgan, Rosanne Sternberg, Wim Van Gemert, Guy Vernon, Judith Vetter, Robb Walther, and Brian Welman.

Not Present: Rick Weaver, Mike Boyle, Greg Hill, Susan Camfferman, Raul Leal Cavazos, Lance Griffin, Tom McCutcheon, Jeff Petska, Chris Potter, Monica Widh and Robert Welle.

Staff Present: Dan Wall, John Foy, Dennis York, Tobi Coleman, Susie Trimmer and Katie Wagner.

I. Call to Order:

The Meeting was called to order by President Kim Sloan at 11:10 a.m., September 17, 2008.

II. Business:

NORTHWEST AFFILIATE FINALS BID

Affiliate committee chair Rick Clark announced that the affiliate committee had approved and recommended to award the Northwest Affiliate Finals to the Snake River Reining Alliance as the host. The dates of the show are October 1-4, 2008.

Robb Walther moved to award the Northwest Affiliate Finals bid to the Snake River Reining Alliance. Seconded by Rick Clark. Motion passed.

NON PRO APPRENTICE APPLICATION APPROVAL

Susie Trimmer stated that the Non Pro committee had approved and recommended the board to approve Jessica Ruffino's application for the Non Pro apprentice program. Trimmer noted she would be working under Francis Mercier, an NRHA Professional.

Dr. Jim Morgan moved to approve Jessica Ruffino's application to the Non Pro Apprentice Program. Seconded by Dale Lopp. Motion passed.

2009 RULES & BYLAWS CONFLICT

President Sloan stated that a rule change and a bylaw had been passed for the 2009 Handbook that were in conflict with each other. The Finance submitted a rule change that was passed allowing for 150 days to publish the yearly audit on the NRHA website. President Sloan also noted that a bylaw had been passed that called for 120 days to publish the yearly audit on the NRHA website.

Discussion was held as to the legality of the conflict between the rule change and bylaw. Finance committee chair, Anne-Marie Burns noted the Finance committee supported the 150 day timeline in order to allow the accounting department enough time to publish the audit. Further discussion included whether or not both the rule change and bylaw change could stand at the same time and whether or not the board had the authority to make a clarification.

Mike Hancock proposed a resolution that in light of the conflict in the rule change and bylaw in the 2009 Handbook, the Finance committee would strive to meet the 120 day timeline and to submit a bylaw change to allow 150 days for the 2010 Handbook. Seconded by Nick Cornelissens. Resolution passed.

President Sloan presented a second conflict in the 2009 Handbook regarding added money entry fees.

Ollie Griffith moved to recommend that the Executive Board make a clarification on the added money entry fees in the 2009 Handbook. Seconded by Mike Hancock. Motion passed.

NORTH AMERICAN AFFILIATE CONDITIONS

Affiliate committee chair, Rick Clark presented the proposed North American Affiliate Conditions as approved by the Affiliate committee. He noted that they had been updated to reflect the new classes that would be added as a result of a rule change in 2009. Clark also pointed out that the top five riders would now be accepted instead of four.

Allen Mitchels moved to approve the 2009 North American Affiliate Conditions. Seconded by Dale Lopp. Motion passed.

MOUNTAIN REGION AFFILIATE FINALS BID

President Sloan announced that the Rocky Mountain Reining Horse Association had withdrawn their bid to host the Mountain Region Affiliate Finals. Affiliate committee chair, Rick Clark noted that two bids had originally been submitted. Clark stated the Affiliate committee recommended awarding the bid to the Intermountain Reining Horse Association.

Dale Lopp moved to award the Mountain Region Affiliate Finals bid for 2009/2010 to the Intermountain Reining Horse Association. Seconded by Dale Lopp. Motion passed.

There being no further items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Katie Wagner, Executive Assistant.