

NRHA COMMITTEE REPORT FORM

Committee name: International Affiliate Committee

Meeting date: 8/11/09

Committee Members Present: Andre De Bellefeuille (chair), Anat Kirshner, Nick Cornelissens, Judith Vetter, Robert Welle, Helmut Schmaus-Gerstenberg

Staff Present: Dan Wall (Executive Director) Ashley Weyland (Committee Liaison), Brian Bendele (NRHA Youth Supervisor)

Guests: None

Mission Statement: To assist, evaluate and communicate the planning and strategic development of reining as a truly international sport by synchronizing global growth of the NRHA with international governing bodies and to ensure that reining grows equally at all levels from the most basic grassroots to the highest international competitions.

Agenda Items: The conference call did not have a quorum of committee members, therefore no official votes or committee business was done. The agenda was followed and items discussed amongst the present committee members but no official business was completed.

▪ **Approval of 2010 EAC Conditions**

- The present committee members did discuss a change in the number of qualifiers for the 2009/2010 qualifying period as was discussed during the International Affiliate Committee meeting in Sweden. It was the recommendation after further discussion that there should not be an increase to the amount of qualifiers and that the qualification period of the EAC's should not change. The qualification period set up now is the most efficient for all members in Europe to have a chance to come and show. Both of these majority thoughts by the committee would be communicated to the rest of the committee. No official vote was taken, approval moved back to email vote.

▪ **Review of EAC Conditions approval timeline**

- The approval timelines for both the Australian and European Championships conditions have not been in keeping with the proper qualifying time period. From a proceeding precedence the European Championship Conditions have always been approved at the European Championships for the following year. However it was noted in the office that this approval and thus subsequent approval by the board does not take place until the qualifying period for the conditions has already started again thus not allowing the committee to b\make any necessary major changes to the conditions. Therefore the timeline for this approval process for both the EAC conditions and the Australian conditions have been modified. The 2011 EAC and 2011 Australian conditions have already begun discussion and discussion and review of possible changes will occur until the Jan/February meetings. The committee will have a final recommendation to the board for approval by the April board meeting. This will make sure that any approvals on changes for the conditions will be approved in advance of the new qualifying

period. European Championship qualifying period begins 5/1/ of the current year /and Australian Championship conditions begin 7/1/of the current year.

- **2011 EAC Conditions**
 - No discussion
- **Youth Exchange Program**
 - Brian Bendele the NRHA Youth Supervisor reviewed the final pending documents for the youth exchange programmed and answered the questions and concerns of the committee members. An agreeance overall from the committee is that they would like to see more youth be able to be involved then just a 1 to 1 exchange. The committee did note the progress on the forms and the program as a whole.
- **Vote on 2010 Bylaws and Executive Committee Seats**
 - Reminders to all present to advertise the voting process and make sure all members are aware of the pending bylaws and Executive Committee seats and to encourage all members to participate in the voting process.
- **New Business**
 - **European Futurity**
 - No discussion
 - **European Futurity Nomination Program**
 - Follow up discussion to the European Futurity Nomination Program from The European Championships regarding the nomination plan, the fee structure, how the nomination of American foals into the American Futurity would work in Europe. European concern regarding the American horses. Dan addressed that it is already in the conditions and has been voted on and approved. Therefore cannot be changed right now. Agreeance from the meeting in Sweden that some sort of nomination program is needed to sustain and fund the future Futurities but needs further discussion. Europeans very uneasy regarding how the American horses affecting the pay in and thus the payouts of the European nomination program. A meeting is being held in Germany on the August 27th, 2009 by Dan Wall and Nick Cornelissens to present, discuss, and review more of a possible but needed European Futurity Nomination program and how it will work with the already established American Futurity Nomination Program.