

## NRHA COMMITTEE REPORT FORM

**Committee name:** Youth Committee

**Meeting date:** 7-15-09

**Committee Members Present:**

Walter Fuchs – Chair, Karen Shedlauskas – Vice Chair, Ann Barnard, Ian Barnard, Jim Gordon, Ashley Fuchs, Tom Lauth, Terry Lauth, Mandy McCutcheon, Linda Raymond,

**Committee Members not present:**

Jackie Bridges, Carlee Mahajan, Becky Jordan, Mike Hancock

**Staff Present:**

Brian Bendele – Liaison

**Guests:**

None

**Mission Statement:**

*To provide a character and leadership building program that will enable youth to become the future leaders of the Reining horse industry.*

**Agenda Items**

- Call to order
- Approved minutes as read from Youth Committee Meetings on 5-13-09
- Brian gave a recap about the European Affiliate Championships.
  - The Youth Team Tournament was successful; however there is concern about awarding scholarship and the European's ability to use them in their educational structure.
  - Received a lot of feedback and interest on the International Exchange Program.
  - Unable to hold the planned Regional Clinic however agreed to reschedule for a time that better suits facility, clinicians and participants.
- Brian presented the Montana Silversmiths award proposal. This proposal was designed to add new awards while supporting our corporate sponsors, encourage raffle ticket sales and add more involvement in VRC. This was voted on and passed with 11 in favor 3 abstains.
  - This adds 5 new prizes to the VRC program.
  - Each prize requires a minimum of 1 booklet sale per prize plus VRC points that match the value assigned to comparable prizes.
  - The concept is to continue to encourage VRC activity and raffle ticket sales.

- Brian presented the 2009 Affiliate Finals Raffle Ticket Contest and Delegate meeting stipend.
  - The new proposal suggested a Flip Camera giveaway along with VRC T-shirts and a \$250 stipend for the meetings.
  - The total budget will be \$3650.
  - Youth Committee approved the proposal and budget.
  
- Brian presented the plan to contact Affiliate Coordinators ahead of time to organize and prepare for the Affiliate Finals. This included sending care packages to everyone by the middle of August.
  - Care Packages included:
    - NRHyA Affiliate Finals Binder with instructions
    - Youth Team Tournament info
    - VRC T-Shirt to be given away
    - Raffle ticket packets and rules
  - NRHA Rep will bring:
    - Youth Team Tournament Scholarships
    - Raffle Ticket Challenge prize: Flip Camera