

**National Reining Horse Association
Minutes of the Officers and Executive Committee Conference Call
NRHA Office
Oklahoma City, OK
February 20, 2009**

Approved April 2, 2009

Present: President, Rick Weaver; Vice President, Allen Mitchels; Elected Board Members Kit Cospers, Mike Hancock, Greg Hill, Beth Himes, Dale Lopp.

Not Present: Mark Schols.

Staff: Executive Director, Dan Wall; Executive Assistant, Katie Wagner.

CALL TO ORDER

President Weaver called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m. on February 20, 2009, roll was called and a quorum was announced.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

January 27-28, 2009 Meeting: Kit Cospers noted there was no mention of the eligibility issues discussed and Kit Cospers provided the verbiage for that section. President Weaver noted a correction in the timeline for approval of EC minutes as addressed at the convention..

Allen Mitchels moved to approve the minutes as amended. Seconded by Kit Cospers. Motion passed.

February 9, 2009 Conference Call: Mike Hancock moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by Beth Himes. Motion passed.

AUSTRALIAN SHOW APPROVAL

Dan Wall presented a request from the Victorian Reining Horse Association to change their show due to the rampant wildfires currently devastating Australia. Wall noted the importance of the show as being a qualifier for the Australian Affiliate Championships. Wall suggested to allow them to: 1) run an aged event with less than \$2000 added money and 2) run a category 1 slate of classes with less than \$500 added money. He felt this was an appropriate allowance to make given their unfortunate circumstances. Discussion was held.

Kit Cospers moved to approve the Victorian Reining Horse Association's request for 2009 in recognition of extenuating circumstances. Seconded by Greg Hill. Wall stated that he had noted to the show the need to adjust their entry fees accordingly and the need to allow any pre-entries to request a refund if so desired. Mike Hancock moved to amend

the motion to include language regarding the entry fees and refunds. Amendment seconded by Kit Cospers. Motion passed.

EUROPEAN FUTURITY UPDATE

Dan Wall presented an update on the status of the European Futurity. Wall stated he had just returned from a meeting with show management and a site visit of the facility in Kreuth, Germany. Wall noted that the facility was excellent and would serve as a perfect host to the first European NRHA Futurity. He also noted that we were ahead in anticipated sponsorship money. Wall said the contract with the management team was not yet signed due to tax liability issues and that he was waiting on a recommendation from KPMG in Oklahoma City. Wall also stated that he was pleased to report to the Executive Committee that after the first entry deadline we had 320 horses, 635 entries and 16 countries represented at the show.

CLOSED SESSION

EUROPEAN AFFILIATE CHAMPIONSHIP CONDITIONS

Dan Wall presented a request from the Affiliate Committee to make an amendment to the European Affiliate Championship conditions. Wall said because there is no procedure for qualifying out of both Rookie Level I & II, the International Committee is asking to amend the qualifications to allow people to qualify out of both classes. Discussion was held regarding the difference between what is done here versus Europe and why it should be structured differently.

President Weaver directed Dan Wall, Beth Himes and Mike Hancock to look into the matter further before a decision is made.

TRAVEL & EXPENSE POLICY

Mike Hancock noted that he and Beth Himes were working on a policy to outline the travel and expense reimbursement for the Executive Committee and Board of Directors.

CLOSED SESSION

There being no further items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 12:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Katie Wagner, Executive Assistant.