

**National Reining Horse Association
Minutes of the Officers and Executive Committee Conference Call
NRHA Office
Oklahoma City, OK
January 14, 2009**

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

Not Present: Mark Schols.

Staff: Executive Director, Dan Wall.

CALL TO ORDER

President Weaver called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on January 14, 2009 and a quorum was announced.

RHSF CONFERENCE CALL

Dan Wall confirmed that the invitees to the RHSF Annual Meeting conference call on Thursday, January 15, 2009 were to include all 2008 RHSF Officers (who had not resigned), the 2008 RHSF Appointed Board and the 2009 NRHA Executive Committee. Wall noted that the validity of holding the meeting via a telephone conference had been questioned. He also noted that proper notification had been given to all parties involved.

Due to recent scrutiny of the RHSF Bylaws, it was discussed whether or not the meeting should proceed Thursday or not. Allen Mitchels noted that the bylaws were fairly vague. Dan Wall said it was in the best interest of the Foundation in order to hold the meeting and election to keep activities moving and allow the new officers and directors time to plan to attend the Convention. All were in agreement to proceed as scheduled with the January 15, 2009 RHSF meeting.

Mike Hancock noted it would be appropriate to publicly thank the 2008 RHSF Board for their service the previous year.

Discussion was held as to who would be appointed to the 2009 RHSF Board. It was decided to try to keep the board as small as possible in order to be able to achieve a quorum at meetings. Several people suggested having an "honorary" board in order to retain more input from more people without overpopulating the board.

Mike Hancock suggested making the minimum (10) appointments to the board at the meeting Thursday and allowing for further appointments at the Convention. He also

suggested asking the members of the 2008 appointed board to confirm their desire to participate in 2009.

Mike Hancock moved to, at the January 15 RHSF meeting, appoint Frank Costantini, Doug Carpenter and Tracy Lynch to the Reining Horse Sports Foundation Board of Directors and secondly to nominate them as President, Vice President and Secretary, respectively. Seconded by Beth Himes. Motion passed.

Allen Mitchels moved to, at the January 15 RHSF meeting, to nominate Steve Simon as Treasurer and in the event he would not accept to nominate Mike Hancock as an interim Treasurer. Seconded by Dale Lopp. Motion passed.

Allen Mitchels noted that when they are updated, the RHSF Bylaws need to require that meeting minutes be published.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AFFILIATES – NRHA BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Further discussion was held from previous meetings regarding the status of the NAA seats on the board. Allen Mitchels pointed out that some of the NAA's had already appointed a person to the NRHA Board of Directors even though the 2009 Bylaws committee had not worked out a set election procedure. Mitchels suggested seating the appointments already received for an interim period via a board resolution that would allow it until an election could be conducted. A deadline would need to be set.

Mike Hancock agreed with an interim appointment via a board resolution, but then to appoint a task force to study the situation further. Hancock felt this would too difficult to present the new board with and ask them for further input with more information.

REINING AUSTRALIA – DUAL ELIGIBILITY REQUEST

Dan Wall announced that Reining Australia has requested a one year extension granting them dual eligibility.

Allen Mitchels moved to grant Reining Australia a one year extension of their dual eligibility. Seconded by Greg Hill. Motion passed.

Allen Mitchels noted that we need to let other affiliates know this consideration is available.

There being no further items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Katie Wagner, Executive Assistant.