

**National Reining Horse Association
Minutes of the Officers and Executive Committee Meeting
Sawmill Creek Resort
Huron, OH
January 8, 2009**

Approved January 27, 2009

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

Not Present: None.

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

CALL TO ORDER

President Weaver called the meeting to order at 9:12 a.m. on January 8, 2009 and a quorum was announced.

BUSINESS PLAN

2009-10 key priorities for the association were discussed. Additional committees beyond the five standing committees for 2009 were also discussed.

Standing committee member suggestions to the board were discussed. Mike Hancock moved to recommend to the board for approval to the Finance Committee, Jim Blumer, Chair; Greg Hill, Steve Simon, Larry King, Rick Ramsey and Judy Caton and to the Compensation committee, Mike Hancock, Chair; Beth Himes and Mark Schols. Seconded by Kit Cospers. Motion passed.

Additional committees needed were discussed. Kit Cospers moved to recommend to the board for approval the following additional committees: Affiliate Committee, Animal Welfare Committee, Events Management Advisory Committee, Hall of Fame Committee, International Committee, IT Committee, Judges Committee, Marketing Committee, Non Pro Committee, Professionals Committee, Sale Committee, Sire & Dam Committee and Youth Committee. Seconded by Dale Lopp. Motion passed.

Allen Mitchels suggested holding a conference call or E-vote of the 2009 NRHA Board of Directors in order to get the list of additional committees approved prior to the NRHA Convention.

Break 9:24 a.m.

Reconvene 9:36 a.m.

Greg Hill moved to hold an E-vote of the 2009 NRHA Board of Directors to secure approval of additional committees in 2009 with the explanation that the additional committees are needed before the convention in order to hold committee meetings at the convention and also include a copy of the section of the bylaws referencing additional committees. Seconded by Dale Lopp. Motion passed.

Dan Wall suggested waiving convention registration late fees for any new 2009 committee chairs/ members because they did not have advance notice of their position.

*Break for Lunch 12:06 p.m.
Reconvene 1:03 p.m.*

WESTERN CANADA REGIONAL AFFILIATE FINALS

Dan Wall announced that the Central Canada Reining Horse Association had requested a date and venue change for the Western Canada Regional Affiliate Finals from September 11-13, 2009 in Winnipeg, Manitoba to September 25-27, 2009 in Brandon, Manitoba in order to allow for more participation. He noted that the new date is the same as the Eastern Canada Regional Affiliate Finals, but that it did not seem to be an issue.

Greg Hill moved to allow the change of dates of the Western Canada Regional Affiliate Finals from September 11-13, 2009 in Winnipeg, Manitoba to September 25-27, 2009 in Brandon, Manitoba. Seconded by Allen Mitchels. Motion passed.

FLORIDA CLASSIC

Dan Wall announced that the Florida Reining Horse Association had requested a date change for the Florida Classic from February 19-22, 2009 to February 12-15, 2009 due to a facility conflict.

Allen Mitchels moved to allow the Florida Reining Horse Association to change the Florida Classic from February 19-22, 2009 to February 12-15, 2009 as long as the mileage rule is not violated. Seconded by Beth Himes. Motion passed.

ITALIAN REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION- DUAL ELIGIBILITY REQUEST

Dan Wall announced the Italian Reining Horse Association was requesting an extension of their original 3 year permission granting them dual eligibility.

Allen Mitchels moved to grant a one year dual eligibility extension for the Italian Reining Horse Association. Seconded by Mark Schols. Motion passed.

VARSITY REINING CLUB PROPOSAL

Dan Wall announced that the Youth Committee had formed a task force to evaluate the current Varsity Reining Club program. The task force made recommendations to the youth committee to improve the program as the original guidelines had become obsolete. Wall presented the new proposal as approved by the youth committee and recommended by the Youth Program Manager. To reduce costs, an option was presented to create a cap on the awards. Discussion was held as to whether or not it was fair to place a limitation on the number of prizes given away in the program in order to be fair to all participants.

Mike Hancock moved to approve the new Varsity Reining Club program as long as no limitations are placed on prizes awarded. Seconded by Dale Lopp. Motion passed.

NRHA FUTURITY/DERBY NOMINATION PROGRAM

Dan Wall gave an update on the Futurity/ Derby nomination program with a total number of nominations to date of 2,868 foals.

Mark Schols suggested comparing our list of nominees to the list of foals nominated to the NRBC and contacting people who had nominated to the NRBC and not the NRHA program. Schols also suggested granting a 60 day or so timeframe to contact those people via a telephone campaign and allow them to nominate to the NRHA program with only a \$50 late fee and of that \$50 late fee to award \$20 to the employee that made the call.

Allen Mitchels moved to recommend to the full board to conduct a comparison of our list of NRHA Futurity/ Derby nominees to the list of foals nominated to the NRBC and then contact people who had nominated to the NRBC and not the NRHA program. The telephone campaign would allow nominations through March 31, 2009 with only a \$50 late fee and of that \$50 late fee to award \$20 to the employee that made the call. Seconded by Beth Himes. Motion passed.

Dan Wall asked the EC to reconsider their decision. After further discussion, the EC decided to table the previous action for further deliberation.

2009 NRHA CONVENTION

Discussion was held to finalize the 2009 Convention schedule and general membership meeting agenda.

REINING HORSE SPORTS FOUNDATION

Dan Wall announced that 2 of the 4 RHSF officers had submitted their resignations; Bill Peel and Anne-Marie Burns. Discussion was held to set up the RHSF Board Annual Meeting according to the RHSF bylaws. It was decided to hold the meeting via a

conference call on Thursday, January 15, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. (central). The agenda and necessary attendees for the meeting were also discussed.

Break 2:55 p.m.

Reconvene 3:10 p.m.

HEARING BODY

Possible suggestions to the Hearing Body were made. This matter was tabled to a later date.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AFFILIATES – NRHA BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Discussion was held as to the status of the pending new election procedures for all NAA representatives to the board as discussed at the August Board of Directors meeting and on an October Executive Board conference call meeting. A motion had been made at the August board meeting for the 2009 Bylaws committee to work with the International Affiliate committee to work with each NAA individually to develop a set of election procedures in order to populate their NRHA board seat.

President Weaver suggested that because this process had not been completed that we go ahead and populate the NAA seats as done so in the past and to continue the charge as directed at the August 2008 board meeting for the Bylaws Committee to work with the International Affiliate committee to develop a bylaw change for 2010.

Dan Wall noted that there were also two empty regional director seats on the board in the Southwest region. Wall said that Amanda Brumley, who was elected from the Southwest, had submitted a resignation. Discussion was held as to possible candidates to fill these vacancies.

Allen Mitchels moved to recommend to the full board for approval, Matt Mills and Tom Foran as Regional Directors seats to the NRHA Board of Directors. Seconded by Beth Himes. Motion passed.

There being no further items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Katie Wagner, Executive Assistant.