

NRHA COMMITTEE REPORT FORM

Committee name: International Committee

Meeting date: January 30th, 2009

Committee Members Present: Andre De Bellefeuille-Chair, Arije Huijberts-attending for Wim Van Gemmert, Leonardo Archese-attending for Renzo Canciani, Anat Kirshner, Nick Cornelissens, Judith Vetter, Susan Camfferman, Terry Griffin

Committee Members not present: Raul Leal, Luis Cruz, Helmut Schulz, Roseanne Sternberg, Wim Van Gemmert, Renzo Canciani, Robert Welle, Helmut Schmaus-Gerstenberg, Monica Widh

Staff Present: Ashley Weyland-Committee Liaison, Brian Bendele, Dan Wall

Guests: Lance Griffin, Susy Baeck, Mike, Allen Mitchells, Judy Caton, Pat Fuerstein, Youth officers: Cash Bridges, Meghan Burns, Helen Lauth, Emily Winegar, Jordan Willettee.

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

- Verified all membership was current
- Reviewed NRHA Code of Conduct
- Reviewed charter and mission statement
- Reviewed critical due dates for the International Committee
 - verify trophy shipping and buckle shipping dates
 - verify saddle shipping with Pard's Western Shop for European Affiliate Championships
 - Highlighted working with graphics and marketing on promotion of the European Affiliate Finals
- Country Reports from the following countries:
 - NRHA of France, Reining Canada, Reining Australia, Dutch RHA, Italian RHA, NRHA of Belgium, Israel-presented by Ashley Weyland
 - further country reports still coming in
- Rule Change to place policy regarding the NAA program in the rule book
 - By-Law change regarding the NAA election procedures discussed, clarification of the existing by-law and its problems discussed and a subcommittee was appointed by the chair to research and write a new by-law working with the by-law committee in regards to the NAA election procedures and how NAA representatives will be elected. The subcommittee is comprised of the following: Nick Cornelissens, Terry Griffin, Helmut Schmaus-Gerstenberg, and Andre De Bellefeuille
 - Discussion and appointment of a sub-committee to write a by-law change to create a procedure where the Executive committee would have international representation, to represent a large and growing portion of the membership. The subcommittee is as follows: Judith Vetter, Nick

Cornelissens, Terry Griffin, Helmut Schmause Gerstenberg, and Andre De Bellefeuille

- Review NAA show program requirements
 - By-laws regarding the number of shows to be approved and or hosted by the NAA found to be in conflict. This conflict will be presented to the Executive Committee for discussion and clarification. Original sub-committee of Nick Cornelissens, Terry Griffin, Helmut Schmaus Gerstenberg and Andre De Bellefeuille charged with creating new by-law to address this approval versus hosting show problem
- Follow up of 2008 agenda items
 - Brian Bendele followed up with a second presentation to the committee regarding the youth, its programs, how to help grow the youth and the international exchange program that is being developed
 - Trophy sub-committee reported back from the futurity meeting
 - Italy presented prices for a trophy maker in Italy, and Germany has a company, but the whole committee agreed that more numbers on trophies needed and at what levels was needed. Meeting scheduled with German trophy maker at European Futurity. Numbers will be given to committee to review and then to Dan for the meeting and whomever might else be present at the trophy meeting.
 - NRHA European office
 - Discussion picked up from futurity office and meeting to be requested with Dan Wall and John Foy in regards to budget and staffing abilities before topic can proceed further.
- Follow up to meeting with NRHA Germany.
 - The international committee still feels firmly in reaching out to NRHA Germany and wanting to bring them on board with the organization, the requests of NRHA Germany are not able to be met at this time. Communication with NRHA Germany will be kept open and some different points brought up by NRHA Germany will be furthered researched and how some request by NRHA Germany will affect the NRHA show community. A meeting is between the international committee and NRHA Germany is trying to be arranged for the European Futurity.