

**National Reining Horse Association  
Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting  
Cox Convention Center  
January 29, 2010**

**Approved 04/07/10**

**PRESENT: President Rick Weaver; Allen Mitchels, Terry Griffin, Beth Himes, Dale Lopp, Mike Hancock and Mark Schols.**

**NOT PRESENT: Rosanne Sternberg.**

**STAFF: Executive Director Dan Wall, Chief Financial Officer John Foy, Chief Operations Officer Dennis York, Sr. Director of Publications Carol Trimmer and Executive Assistant Debby Hutchinson.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Weaver called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m. Roll was called and a quorum was announced.

**BUSINESS PLAN**

Executive Director Wall provided information about the 2009-2010 Business Plan. He added medications to the Business Plan and shifted order of priorities by making WEG # 1, IT #2 and Medications/Animal Welfare #3. Executive Director Wall created an NAAC Awards Task Force. Need affiliates to go forward with the new programs.

**CLOSED SESSION 8:40 a.m.**

**END CLOSED SESSION 9:05 a.m.**

***Break 9:05 a.m.***

***Reconvene 9:17 a.m.***

Executive Director Wall asked if the EC wants to narrow its focus. He advised that the IT initiative has moved up in the business plan. Allen Mitchels stated international development may need to move up as well. Executive Director Wall asked if the EC needs to reposition some items. Executive Director Wall talked about current situation analysis and creating a task force to study owner promotion.

We can add to the Business Plan what comes out of the meeting as initiatives. All committees need to be aware of and adjust goals when needed. The committees need to support key priorities of the business plan. Executive Director Wall will create a revised plan by April when the board ratifies the business plan.

Notify staff of what their committees are charged with: What their committee can contribute to the Business Plan. Liaisons need to communicate with Chairs and Vice Chairs that committees are to follow the business plan.

Futurity / Derby Nomination Program – Membership services and events management was commended for their hard work and effort in making the program a success. Dan discussed nomination comparisons between 2009 and 2010, which are favorable - 2842 for 2008, 2934 for 2009. Dan stated there are 16

late payments and some that arrived just past the due date but appeared to be mailed on time. Terry Griffin made the motion that late nominations and all nominations received through January 6 be accepted. Motion seconded by Mike Hancock. Motion passed.

***Break 10:33 a.m.***

***Reconvene 10:50 a.m.***

**RECOMMENDATION OF NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Committee changes and recommendations were presented. Fred Thomasson has been added to the Sale committee. Per the bylaws no vice chairs are required in standing committees. Mike Hancock requested to be taken off of the non pro committee and to be moved to the finance committee.

***Closed Session 11:05 a.m.***

**Bill Allen, Oklahoma State Fair Park joined the meeting**

**11:29 a.m. Bill Allen departed the meeting**

**11:36 a.m. Break**

**11:45 a.m. Reconvened**

Discussion continued on changes within the committees. There is still one seat to be approved for a three-year term on the Hearing Panel. Mike Hancock made a motion to approve Roger Brazeau's acceptance to serve on the Hearing Panel, pending Board approval. Motion seconded by Beth Himes. Motion passed unanimously. President Weaver stated NRHA incurs substantial Hearing expenses and suggested that when a person is found guilty, they should incur the expense. President Weaver directed that the hearing body has the latitude to fine anyone that loses their case per the *NRHA Handbook* and is effective immediately.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION FORM**

Membership Services submitted a recommendation to lower show secretary fines. Discussion pursued about waiving fines on competition licenses for six months and lowering all secretary fines. Mike Hancock made a motion to waive show fines on competition licenses for 2010 shows and that show secretaries receive \$5.00 of each rush fee they process. All show secretary applicable fines will be lowered to \$15.00. Seconded by Dale Lopp. Motion passed.

**TRADE SHOW FEES**

Mike Hancock made a motion to approve Trade Show Fees as amended. Seconded by Terry Griffin. Motion passed.

**NON PRO COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

Mike Hancock made a motion to suspend non pro card and privileges for an individual that the Non Pro Committee recommended should forfeit non pro status. Seconded by Beth Himes. Motion passed unanimously.

**Christa Morris joined the meeting**

**ANIMAL WELFARE**

Christa Morris reported that the committee met the previous week and did not have a quorum. However, they did discuss several rule change proposals to submit including: A new trot-in pattern, a new procedure and form to file abuse reports without a \$100 fee, requiring that Show Representatives

are certified NRHA judges or stewards, implementing video-camera monitoring of warm-up area and practice arenas at the NRHA Futurity and Derby. It was suggested that video monitoring would not necessarily have to be in the rulebook, but in the event conditions. Discussion was held. Need to look at expense to implement.

**1:15 p.m. Christa Morris departed the meeting**

**1:15 p.m. General Counsel Terry Wiens joined the meeting.**

***Closed Session 1:58 p.m.***

***Reconvened 2:42 p.m.***

**Michelle Wrigley joined the meeting**

**POLICY MANUAL** - Michelle Wrigley presented two forms for approval. The original form has been split into two forms-no changes have been made except for splitting the form into two forms instead of one. An event judge's selection policy was also presented for approval. CFO Foy added that if paperwork is not in order for an international payment, 3% must be withheld. Mike Hancock made a motion that the Executive Committee recommend to the Board of Directors to approve these policies. Seconded by Dale Lopp. Motion passed unanimously.

Non Pro / Amateur Task Force

Executive Director Wall explained the NCHA amateur requirements and advised that the NRHA non pro amateur task force needs to resolve the payout issues.

**Nick Cornelissens joined the meeting via web-cast @ 3:35 p.m.**

### **TASK FORCE FINDINGS**

Nick Cornelissens explained the CAC task force findings as it relates to international board representation and that the task force is comfortable with how this will work for the European Community. The committee hasn't discovered a down side to the proposal. Terry Griffin asked how this would affect IAPs, to which Cornelissens answered that there would be no change.

The International Director position proposal would allow Executive Director Wall to concentrate on his duties more fully. CFO Foy asked if they had considered how to fund a new position? That had not been discussed in the committee. It was suggested that Cornelissens communicate back to his task force, board of directors and the membership. Terry Griffin suggested the possibility of growing someone into the position of International Director. President Weaver said the proposal for the European Council was sound. Allen Mitchels suggested that affiliates address all affiliate questions and concerns. There will be Web cast availability for the International Committee meeting.

**Nick Cornelissens departed at 4:10 p.m.**

**Break 4:14 p.m.**

**Reconvened 4:23 p.m.**

**Christa Morris joined the meeting**

### **Medications Timeline**

President Weaver gave the task force access to an online materials page and discussion forum to help their progress. In addition, Christa Morris sent information out via e-mail. President Weaver followed up with several personal phone calls. The Executive Committee will have access to the forum. The Executive Committee reviewed the timeframe proposed by President Weaver. Terry Griffin suggested presenting a policy in August and then a rule change can be submitted to go into effect in 2011. Allen Mitchels suggested we keep Mario Boisjoli up-to-date on the timeline and any changes. Executive Director Wall stated the need to keep the membership informed about the task force's progress.

Motion to adjourn was made by Allen Mitchels and seconded by Mike Hancock. Motion passed.

**Adjourned 5:45 p.m.**