

## NRHA COMMITTEE REPORT FORM

**Committee name:** Youth Committee

**Meeting date:** 1/12/10

**Committee Members Present:** Walter Fuchs, Karen Shedlauskas, Ashley Fuchs, Mike Hancock, Terry and Tom Lauth, Linda Raymond

**Committee Members not present:**

**Staff Present:** Brian Bendele

**Guests:** none

**Mission Statement:**

To provide a character and leadership building program that will enable youth to become the future leaders of the Reining horse industry.

**Agenda Items**

- The Youth Committee reviewed 2010 NRHyA Business Plan. Discussed Pros and Cons of 2009 and what to prepare for 2010.
- The Youth Committee approved a change in the NRHyA officer travel plans to allow the officers the flexibility to attend the World Equestrian Games. Still looking for reduced rates on hotel rooms or support from NRHA members in the area.
- Chair Walter Fuchs asked Brian to present the rule changes for the Youth Team Tournament program for 2010. One focus point was to allow the addition of the Youth Rookie class to participate in the YTT program. Discussion over ownership rules came into play, in which the committee agreed would not detriment the program and should be allowed. Mike Hancock moved to accept the program changes and Linda Raymond seconded. The committee approved the 2010 Youth Team Tournament changes.
- Chair Walter Fuchs established a Scholarship Sub-Committee to review current scholarship status. The sub-committee was made up of Mike Hancock, Anne-Marie Burns, John Foy and Brian Bendele. Brian presented the recommendation from the sub-committee.
  - The first part consisted of decreasing the amount of scholarship funds to award in the YTT program. With the addition of a new region in 2010 and decrease in fundraising dollars from 2009 as well as the desire to realign scholarship money to meet NRHyA's mission. Karen Shedlauskas motioned to accept the proposal of reducing the funds allocated to award \$23,400 and altering the payout. Each Regional Affiliate Finals will receive \$1,800 in scholarship funds splitting the money between first and second place teams. This would total to \$1,200 split 3 ways for first and \$600 split 3 ways for second. Ashley Fuchs seconded this motion and it was approved by the committee.
  - The second part consisted of adding additional funding to existing scholarship programs. Mike Hancock motioned \$3000 should be added to the RHSF

Scholarship and \$2000 to the Varsity Reining Club. Linda Raymond seconded this motion and the committee approved this allocation. Mike and Brian were charged with splitting the funds within the current programs and presenting the information on the next conference call.

- The third and final part consisted of lowering the age for scholarship recipients to use their scholarship dollars. It was noted by John Foy in the sub-committee that the age of 25 makes it difficult to keep track of funds not awarded and noted that most students are graduated by this age. It was suggested to lower the age to 23. Mike Hancock motioned to accept this and Linda Raymond seconded. The motion was approved by the committee.
- New business consisted of an open discussion of how the Youth Committee could help support RHSF. Ideas consisted from less competition between fundraising mechanisms, simple donation avenues such as PayPal link on NRHyA and RHSF and continue supporting incentives back to Affiliates.
- Meeting was adjourned.