

NATIONAL REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION
Minutes of the Board of Directors
NRHA Office
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
June 10th, 2010

Approved 08/21/10

I. Call to Order: President Weaver called the meeting to order 8:08 a.m.

RECONVENE June 10, 2010

Roll call – Rick Weaver, Allen Mitchels, Terry Griffin, Beth Himes, Dale Lopp, Susy Baeck, Rick Clark, Julia Cowan, Frank Costantini, Andre DeBellefeuille, Nancy Eppers, Helmut Gerstenberg, Jennifer Hoyt, Michael Martin, Dan McGregor, Matt Mills, Woody Taylor, Guy Vernon and Josh Visser.

Not Attending – Mike Hancock, Mark Schols, Rosanne Sternberg, Susan Camfferman, Luis Cruz, Roberto Cuoghi, Mike Deer, Katarina Dorminy, Tom Foran, Lee Foster, Arie Huijberts, Geroge King, Matt Livengood, Raul Leal Cavazos, Tim Lynch, Katharina Quinte, Rick Ramsey, helmut Schulz, Brett Walters, Robert Welle and Flemming Winberg.

Quorum not achieved so will proceed under the Super Majority scenario.

Staff: Executive Director Dan Wall, John Foy, Dennis York, Carol Trimmer, Katie Hendrickson, Chris Mossman, Todd Barden, Christa Morris, Melanie Rinehart, Michelle Wrigley, Jessica Johnson, Hannah Spitler, Brad Etttleman, Brian Bendele, Nick Cornelissens, and Debby Hutchinson.

Guest: Terry Wiens, General Counsel

Bylaw Change Proposals – Allen Mitchels – forward comments to bylaw committee, no need to discuss at this meeting. Mike Hancock and Allen Mitchels will negotiate with the committee to represent Andre DeBellefeuille's concerns on the second bylaw – 11-01-11.

FEI Update – Executive Director Wall – FEI has asked NRHA to become more compliant in order to co-exist. Key points up for discussion include:

- Who is international governing body
- Education of judges
- Medications – LACK OF POLICY
- International approval of events. Any event that has 4 countries or 15 competitors would need to be FEI approved.
- Activity/Money

Time line – have until end of June to respond. Letter will need board approval before being sent.

DEPARTMENTAL UPDATES.

Sire & Dam – Michelle, marketing will need to keep up, have a plan, Terry Griffin, Allen Mitchels, Vaughn Zimmerman will work with Sire & Dam representative Karen Shedlauskas to present recommendations in August.

Membership comparisons – Michelle Wrigley reported that memberships are still down but not as much as earlier in the year.

Shows - Jessica Johnson reported the number of shows – there is an increase due to entry-level program. The green class is most popular. Terry Griffin suggested holding an affiliate workshop at the Futurity. President Weaver stated his belief that a champion is needed to fill the new Affiliate Manager position. Jennifer Hoyt suggested holding workshops at the RAFs.

Aged Events –Director of Events Brad Ettleman noted current Derby entries.

Nomination Program – Melanie Rinehart. Over 500 in NRHA European Nominations.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Affiliate – Chairman Rick Clark distributed proposed revised NAAC payout structure. Terry Griffin moved to approve the payout structure as presented. Beth Himes seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Guy Vernon suggested a surcharge at the affiliate shows and split the proceeds between the RAFs and NAAC to increase payouts. Executive Director Wall will put Guy's idea forward as a proposed rule change for 2012 in January 2011.

Animal Welfare – Staff Liaison Christa Morris reported the committee had worked on their budget and a safety action plan – smaller working group working on, committee goals, business, rule change proposals. Christa Morris to send to Beth Himes and Brad Ettleman for their review.

Finance Committee – CFO John Foy had already covered finance in his previous reports.

Hall of Fame – Staff Liaison Carol Trimmer advised that July 31 is the deadline for nominations.

International Committee – Chairman Andre DeBellefeuille – Suzy Baeck shared her concerns about the Italian Derby – concerned about eligibility (some countries use a combined eligibility). Per Executive Director Wall this will be discussed at the NRHA European Affiliate Championships.

Marketing – Director of Marketing Todd Barden – addressed the success of NRHA Inside Reining and the need for NRHA program promotions on the show, as well as segment sponsors. The committee is also working on improving owner recognition.

Nominating Committee – Waiting on regional committee candidates and reviewing to make sure they meet criteria. Terry Griffin suggested documentation of exactly what the committee is responsible for. President Weaver asked that board members to make an effort to recruit quality candidates.

Non Pro Committee – Michael Martin advised that the committee reviewed proposed rule changes and non pro endorsements. Michael Martin moved to count only non

pro monies for Top 20 (clarification). Rick Clark seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The committee requests more feed back from the rank n file.

Youth – Manager Brian Bendele reported that the proceeds from the Derby's Egg & Spoon class will go to Stillcreek Boys & Girls Ranch. Rick Weaver suggested holding a pro/am competition in the future.

Returned to remaining rule changes that had been tabled on Thursday, June 10 – Non Pro definition -Michael Martin, Guy Vernon moved to approve as revised. Andre De Bellefeuille believes life partners should be included. Non pro committee is to investigate options, etc. Passed.

43-01-11: Dale Lopp moved to approve. Seconded by Allen Mitchels.

Allen Mitchels moved to table and vote on Friday. Seconded by Guy Vernon. Passed.

For: Allen Mitchels, Terry Griffin, Beth Himes, Dale Lopp, Rick Clark, Julia Cowan, Frank Costantini, Nancy Eppers, Jennifer Hoyt, Michael Martin, Dan McGregor, Matt Mills, Guy Vernon, Josh Visser and Helmut Gerstenburg.

Against: Susy Baeck and Andre DeBellefeuille.

49-02-11: Andre DeBellefeuille moved to approve. Seconded by Dale Lopp.

Allen Mitchels moved to table and vote on Friday. Seconded by Frank Costantini.

Motion passed.

For: Allen Mitchels, Terry Griffin, Beth Himes, Dale Lopp, Susy Baeck, Rick Clark, Julia Cowan, Frank Costantini, Andre DeBellefeuille, Nancy Eppers, Jennifer Hoyt, Michael Martin, Dan McGregor, Matt Mills, Guy Vernon, Josh Visser and Helmut Gerstenburg.

Against: None

66-01-11: Michael Martin moved to approve. Second by Beth Himes.

Terry Griffin moved to table and vote on Friday. Second by Josh Visser. Passed.

For: Allen Mitchels, Terry Griffin, Mike Hancock, Beth Himes, Dale Lopp, Susy Baeck, Rick Clark, Julia Cowan, Frank Costantini, Andre DeBellefeuille, Nancy Eppers, Jennifer Hoyt, Arie Huijberts, Michael Martin, Dan McGregor, Matt Mills, Guy Vernon, Josh Visser and Helmut Gerstenburg.

Against: None

Senior Horse Class – Allen Mitchels moved to adopt as presented. Josh Visser seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Todd Barden noted that there are several extra activities at the Derby sponsored by NRHA Corporate Partners.

VI. Adjourn: 10:29 a.m. Dale Lopp moved to adjourn. Seconded by Guy Vernon. Motion passed unanimously.

Executive Committee reconvened in closed session - 10:30 a.m.

Respectively submitted by Debby Hutchinson, Executive Assistant.