

NRHA COMMITTEE REPORT FORM

Committee name: Professionals Committee

Committee meeting date: 1/31/2011

Members present: Shane Brown- Chair, Brett Walters – Vice Chair, Kim Diercks, David Hanson, Josh Visser, Meri Sheffler.

Not Present: Casey Hinton, Abby Cosenza, Mike Berg, Sam Smith, Jordan Larson.

Staff: Jessica Johnson

Agenda Items:

Reviewed Mission Statement:

The goal for the NRHA Professionals is to bring together the Reining Horse professional to govern and uphold ethics and to develop and set new policy, so that they may better serve the Reining Horse Industry.

Discussed training donation program

- Shane Brown – Chair explained to the committee the training donation program and how the money would be allocated between the Professionals program and Reining Horse Sports Foundation (RHSF).
- Program would first target million dollar riders and established trainers and then would target new trainers.
- David Hanson recommended that only the training be donated and not the board, feed, shoes, etc.
- Set a specific amount to be donated? (\$500)
- The training program would be included with the Professionals membership fee. If someone opted out of the training program they would only pay \$25 to be listed as a Professional.
- Currently NRHA has 245 Professional members. The current program offers 3 advantages: Top Twenty, website listings and *Reiner*. The incorporation of the training donation program would grow the Professionals and provide funds to further the awards program. The money allocated to the RHSF would only be available to professionals.
- Discussion will be tabled.

Discussed the Top 20 Revision

- Discussion of what, if any changes needed to be made to the Top 20 program and jackets currently awarded each year, along with the possibility of extending the awards.
- The extension of the awards program to include trainers without a strong open horse program would increase the Professionals participation.
- Financial support would come from the training program.
- Committee still needs to establish the criteria for voting.

Insurance

Progress on finding a company supportive of NRHA trainers/members has been difficult. Brett will continue to look into the idea and Shane will seek information from Aflac.

Medications

Discussion about the medications rule change draft. Shane Brown and Josh Visser will attend the workshop and will provide information back to the committee on the next conference call.

Other

Staff Liaison- Jessica Johnson will create a report of open riders sorted by region for the committee to contact and contact the Marketing committee on the Professionals Kit.