

NRHA COMMITTEE REPORT FORM

Committee name: Professionals Committee

Committee meeting date: 3/21/2011

Members present: Shane Brown- Chair, Brett Walters- Vice Chair, Casey Hinton, Kim Diercks, Mike Berg, Sam Smith, David Hanson, Josh Visser, Meri Shefler.

Not Present: Abby Cosenza, Jordan Larson

Staff: Jessica Johnson, Leigha Stevenson

Agenda Items:

Discussed training donation program

- Discussion regarding one-time or annual fee, payment scale, levels, money allocation and donator amenities occurred.
- The money allocated to the Professionals program will allow the committee to reinvigorate the program, provide additional awards to trainers.
- Shane- it is vital that the membership understand where the donated funds are allocated.
- Hanson- ask that an incentive to join be recognized and advertised to NRHA membership- advertising venues can be RHSF donor, *Reiner* magazine and website.
- 2 levels of donors will be recognized- Donor of more than \$500 and contributing donor.
- Jessica can research options for more *Reiner* advertisement and recognition for all donors.

Top 20 Revision

- Discussed the revision in detail.
- Davis Hanson suggested that we have an Outstanding Professional Horseman of the Year award to be given to the rider who helps contribute to the Professionals program and industry. More details will be discussed later.
- The 6 new categories will receive Montana Silversmith Trophy Spurs.
- Committee will work on the options to create funding for the new categories.

Brett Walters motioned to accept the Top 20 revision, include the new award (Outstanding Professional Horseman of the Year) and award trophy spurs to the recipients of the new award categories. Seconded by David Hanson. Motion passed unanimously.

NRHA Derby Meeting

- Derby meeting will be scheduled for June 26 at 5pm in café.
- Jessica will coordinate with NRHA *Reiner* to get the meeting date and time published.

Medications

Shane Brown asked the committee members how the Town Talks were going. Members of the committee attended recent Town Talks in Gordyville and Stephenville. Members attending reported that the Talks were very well attended and several questions, comments and concerns were addressed.

Progress/Action on past committee assignments:

Comments for or requests from Executive Director regarding committee Assignments/issues: