

NRHA COMMITTEE REPORT FORM

Committee name: Youth Committee

Meeting date: April 2, 2012

Present: Brett Walters – Chair, Tom Lauth – Vice Chair, Jennifer Hoyt, Helen Lauth, Kathy Lopp, Judy Skwarek

Not Present: Roxane Lawrence, Mandy McCutcheon, Carlee Mahajan

Staff Present: Shianne Megel

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

- A fundraising update was presented. Shianne reported that while less Regional Clinics have been scheduled this year they have been very profitable and well managed. The fundraising total for the Clinic Series is right on track with the previous year. Raffle tickets have been mailed to Youth Delegates and committee members. It was decided that the winning tickets would be drawn after the first drag of the Open Finals. The winners would be contacted in draw order and select their prizes on a first drawn, first choice basis. Winners who could not be reached would be moved to the bottom of the list, but would still receive a prize. The announcement would be made in alphabetical order by sponsor so as to not share which prizes were selected first.
- An update was presented about the Youth Officer's trip to the American Youth Horse Council Symposium in Washington D.C. The NRHyA was the presenting sponsor of the Keynote Speaker, Dr. Jim Wand a motivational hypnotist. Blair Willette was selected to serve as a guest speaker and serve as anchor for the AYHC Morning News. The officer team did an outstanding job representing our association and interacting with other youth equestrian leaders.
- The NRHyA Officers and Delegates will have the opportunity in June to attend the Youth Excellence Seminar in Amarillo. This will be the first year delegates have been invited to attend. The cost of their attendance will be deferred by a mandate of Raffle Ticket sales before they register.
- The judges chairs in the Adequan Arena at the Derby were discussed. They will be moved out of the arena for IEA horsemanship. It was agreed that they needed to be put back in the arena every evening for regular warm up.
- Shianne proposed sharing 20% of Regional Clinic proceeds with the NRHA Professionals Committee for all clinics where they assist in securing trainers. She explained it has become increasingly difficult to find NRHA Professionals to donate their time. This is a result of packed schedules and asking them to take un-paid time away from their training operations. It is difficult to find a quality schedule of trainers that will draw a crowd to justify the expense. Brett asked for further brainstorming on this issue and mentioned he would talk with Shane Brown from the Professionals Committee and report back.
- The committee reviewed a by-law change that would change the number of delegates in each region from 4 to 2. It least one delegate would be 14-18 years old. The proposal would provide increased opportunities for delegates and to improve communication between NRHyA Officers and delegates.