

NATIONAL REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION
Board of Director Meeting Minutes
Oklahoma City, OK
August 25, 2012

Approved November 12, 2012

Present: Beth Himes - President, Rick Clark – Vice President, Mike Deer, Terry Griffin, Doug Milholland, Rick Ramsey, Rosanne Sternberg, Josh Visser, Jim Blumer, Shane Brown, Barbara Brookshire, Becky Hanson, Jennifer Hoyt, Jordan Larson, Tim Lynch, Michel Martin, Guy Vernon, Marc Wagman, Brett Walters, Brian Welman, Mike Hancock, Roberto Cuoghi, Helmut Schmaus-Gerstenberg, Pim Berendse, Gerd Wilhelm, Lee Foster

Web: Dan McGregor, Kim Maharaj

Not Present: Johnette Burman, Julia Cowan, Brad Giesbrecht, Susy Baeck, Filippo Masi, Annie Woodhouse, Greg Campagna, Raul Leal

Staff: Chief Financial Officer John Foy, Chief Operations Officer Dennis York, Executive Administrator Jessica Johnson, Senior Director of Publications Carol Trimmer, Senior Director of Shows & Affiliate Programs Chris Potter, Senior Director of Sponsorship & Television Programming Todd Barden, Senior Director of Marketing Christa Morris, Director of Member Services & Judges Michelle Wrigley, Accounting Manager Chris Mossman, *Reiner* Advertising Production Coordinator Bucky Harris, Programmer Analyst / DBA Dan Dobbs, Programmer Analyst / DBA Brian Richardson, Website Admin & Marketing Specialist Haley Carmen, Marketing & Sponsorship Coordinator Christina Brezack

Web Staff: European Programs Advisor Nick Cornelissens

Guests: NRHA Legal Counsel Terry Wiens, NRHyA Officers Blair Willette and Emma Holbrook, Simona Diale

Call to Order

Beth Himes called the meeting to order at 8:10am

Roll call was conducted, a quorum was established.

Mitchels Lawsuit Update – Executive Session

Dan Wall Resignation Update – Executive Session

Open Session at 8:33am

Terry Wiens left meeting

Dennis York, Carol Trimmer, Dan Dobbs, Dori Schwarzenberger and Dave Archer joined the meeting at 8:33am

Judges Seminar/Events/Judging Testing

Dori Schwarzenberger explained the purpose of the new applicant seminar structure. One applicant seminar has been hosted and any potential judges could have signed up to attend, 24 people were accepted. The Seminar lasted three days and gave the Teaching Panel a chance to meet the applicants prior to the Judges School. Several members were impressed with the new format and were very complimentary of the new process.

Membership Secrets of Judging Courses can be hosted by an Affiliate and have been very popular among the clinicians and members.

Jim Blumer expressed concerns with the quality of some of the Judges and the control mechanism in place to review Judges. The Applicant Seminar was changed to address the new applicants and gives the Judges Committee some control over who is accepted.

The challenge for the Judges Committee is managing the weekend horse shows. The Judges Committee welcomes feedback from affiliates and members, so they can understand potential issues and handle complaints and criticism more timely. The Judges Committee is reviewing ways to increase communication through the Affiliates. .

Marc Wagman noted that the Judges Schools should place more emphasis on ethics, fortitude and confidence to make the tough calls.

Mike Hancock noted that he believes that three skill sets are needed to be a good judge: technical, integrity and psychological.

Mike Monroe from Ontario RHA joined at 8:59am.

The Judges Committee is also looking at creating a subcommittee to assist with identifying good International Judges. The European Community could utilize the subcommittee to express and relay concerns.

The JEEP Program is designed to handle the technical aspects of the Judges Program and requires a video and complaint. The panel of Judges reviews, scores and gives feedback to the Judge in question. If there is a problem the judge can be asked to re-judge the class and/or can be asked to come back to a Judges School. The person that submitted the video will receive confirmation that the JEEP request was received and is being reviewed.

Meeting Minutes

April 28, 2012 Meeting Minutes: Rosanne Sternberg motioned to approve. Seconded by Tery Griffin. Motion passed unanimously.

April 28, 2012 Executive Session Meeting Minutes: Mike Deer motioned to approve. Seconded by Rick Ramsey. Motion passed unanimously.

May 1, 2012, May 18, 2012 and May 23, 2012 E-Vote Minutes: Jennifer Hoyt motioned to approve. Seconded by Rosanne Sternberg. Motion passed unanimously.

June 11, 2012 Executive Session Conference Call Minutes: Rick Ramsey motioned to approve. Seconded by Jennifer Hoyt. Motion passed unanimously.

July 31, 2012 E-Vote: Mike Hancock motioned to approve. Seconded by Barbara Brookshire. Motion passed unanimously.

August 8, 2012: Executive Session Conference Call Minutes: Rick Ramsey motioned to approve. Seconded by Terry Griffin. Motion passed unanimously.

August 10, 2012 Executive Session E-Vote: Doug Milholland motioned to approve. Seconded by Jennifer Hoyt. Motion passed unanimously.

Break 9:18am

Reconvene at 9:34am

Michelle Wrigley joined the meeting

Financial Update

John Foy presented the financial update Profit & Loss Overview ending June 30, 2012.

John Foy noted that the European Futurity operated at a positive 3.000 euro, a positive swing of 81.000 compared to prior year. John Foy commended Gerd Wilhelm and the NRHA Global team for their hard work.

The NRHA Derby operated very close to budget and NRHA can expect another \$25,000 in state support.

The total before unrealized investment showed a positive variance of \$123,738 compared to budget.

NRHA continues to struggle to find sponsorship for Inside Reining and the Executive Committee and Board need to have further discussion on its future.

Last year NRHA invested approximately \$83,000 in the Cowtown Classic. Jim Blumer asked for the goal of the Cowtown Classic and NRHA Programs.

Conversations regarding communicating the importance of the survey conducted at Cowtown in relation to the amount of state funding occurred.

Chris Potter, Bucky Harris, Christa Morris, Haley Carmen, Chris Mossman, Jamie Boller (Web), Youth Officers (Emma Holbrook and Blair Willette) joined the meeting 9:52am

Affiliate Regional Affiliate Final (RAF) Proposals

Eastern Canada

Mike Monroe, on behalf of Ontario RHA, joined the meeting via the web. Gaetan Laroche, Association Quebecoise, joined the meeting via teleconference.

Chris Potter noted the Affiliate Committee recommendation and both guests were allowed to comment on their RFP.

Mike Monroe and Gaetan Laroche left the meeting.

Rick Clark motioned to award the Eastern Canada Regional Affiliate Finals to the Ontario RHA for 2013-2014. Seconded by Brett Walters.

The Board directed staff to make Ontario aware that the RAF classes have standard added money, entry fees and trophies.

Motion passed unanimously.

Intermountain

Shane Brown and Mike Deer spoke on behalf of Western Slope and Rocky Mountain. No attendees for Intermountain were present. The facility for Western Slope and Rocky Mountain is capable of hosting an Affiliate Finals and two affiliates will be working together to host the event.

Todd Barden and Christina Brezack joined the meeting at 10:07am

Mike Deer noted that the Mountain region was not unhappy with Intermountain hosting that event and the Intermountain RHA did a great job.

The Affiliate Committee recommended Western Slope RHA & Rocky Mountain RHA.

Rick Clark motioned to accept the bid of Western Slope RHA and Rocky Mountain RHA for the 2013-2014 Mountain Region Regional Affiliate Finals. Seconded by Jennifer Hoyt. Motion passed unanimously.

Single Bids

Josh Visser motioned to approve all single bids submitted for 2013-2014 Regional Affiliate Finals: East Central, Mexico, North Central, Northeast, Northwest, Southeast. Seconded by Rosanne Sternberg. Motion passed unanimously.

Western Canada

Dorothy Queen, Reining Alberta, joined the meeting.

Kim Maharaj, spoke on behalf of Central Canada RHA and compared the amount of NRHA support and approved classes between the two competing affiliates.

Dorothy Queen spoke of the facility in Alberta and its suitability to host a Regional Affiliate Finals.

Marc Wagman asked why some of Reining Alberta's reining classes were not NRHA approved. Dorothy Queen responded that several of the unapproved classes are Sunday jackpot classes, where riders are involved in a short clinic and then compete in a jackpot class (include Open classes), the cost using NRHA Judges detours the Affiliate from getting the event approved.

Terry Griffin noted that the location of Reining Alberta is more convenient, however, expressed concerns that the affiliate is not supportive of NRHA and use other Affiliate's events to create a circuit.

The Affiliate Committee recommended Central Canada RHA.

Jennifer Hoyt motioned to award the Western Canada Regional Affiliate Finals to Central Canada RHA for 2013-2014. Seconded by Rosanne Sternberg. Motion passed unanimously.

Kim Maharaj recused from voting.

Terry Griffin suggested that a letter be sent explaining the Board's reasoning for not selecting Reining Alberta as the host affiliate.

Southwest

Jerry Kimmel, Tom Foran and Barbara Dietz joined the meeting

Jerry Kimmel, Barbara Dietz and Tim Lynch spoke on behalf of Arizona RHA regarding the excellent facilities at Westworld.

Rick Clark commented that the Southwest RAF held in conjunction with the Scottsdale Classic is a large event and expressed concerns with member comments regarding the Regional Affiliate Finals not being the focus of the event. Chris Potter attended the Southwest RAF and commented that the focus of the event was not the RAF.

Jennifer Hoyt expressed concerns regarding the high stall cost for affiliate exhibitors, Jerry Kimmel and Barbara Dietz noted that they could look at a potential weekend rate for affiliate exhibitors.

Tim Lynch noted that the geographic location and the concentration of members in the Southwest region is more towards the Arizona area.

Tom Foran, California RHA, spoke regarding the Burbank, CA facility and show managements priority to make the event focused around the RAF.

Tom Foran, Jerry Kimmel and Barbara Dietz left the meeting

Becky Hanson noted that the California group is working to regenerate the affiliate levels and is supported by top trainers. The bids are comparable regarding facilities and one RFP is more focused on the RAF, the RAF's were meant to move around.

Rick Clark noted that a successful major event helps the affiliate finals take steps forward.

Jennifer Hoyt noted that an RAF can grow without a large added money event and the Board should not look solely at added money, sometimes a very large event can detour people from attending.

Silent ballot vote was conducted.

California RHA was selected as the host for the Southwest Regional Affiliate finals for 2013-2014.

South Central

Dave Archer, Tami Wagman, Heidi Arvidson, Carol Hoffman, Vicki Holbrook, Cheryl Lauder, Sherman Lauder, Jeff Tuttle joined the meeting

David Archer, Heart of Texas RHA (HOT), summarized the RFP submitted to the Affiliate Committee. The dates proposed by HOT are from an existing event and include a small Futurity. The largest contributors to the South Central RAF are Texas and Oklahoma.

A letter from Kansas RHA was received and the dates of the proposal from HOT directly conflict with an established event in Kansas.

Tami Wagman, Oklahoma RHA, spoke on behalf of the Tulsa Classic. The Tulsa Classic has been host to the South Central RAF since 2005 and maintaining the event in Tulsa will continue to ensure its success.

Break at 11:07am

Reconvene at 11:19am

The Board discussed the concerns over show management groups and the intent of moving the RAF to different affiliates. Additional conversations regarding the events losing focus on the RAF continued.

Chris Potter noted the Affiliate Committee's recommendation to move to HOT. The treatment of the RAF and the exhibitors last year was unacceptable and the RAF's were not meant to stay in place.

Silent Ballot Vote was conducted.

Oklahoma RHA was selected to host the South Central RAF for 2013-2014.

Affiliate Conditions

Chris Potter presented the 2013 Adequan North American Affiliate Program Conditions.

Rick Clark motioned to approve the 2013 Affiliate Conditions as presented. Seconded by Rick Ramsey. Motion passed unanimously

Budget

John Foy presented the Budget for 2012-2013, which was approved by the Finance Committee. John Foy noted that an area of concern regarding the budget was with NRHA Horse Sales, due to the increase in industry dispersal sales. The Finance Committee maintained the actual number from last year.

Staff salary increases are included in the budget.

Design fees for potential office changes were not included in the budget.

The Executive Committee and Board of Directors will need to work on Inside Reining production and make a determination.

Terry Griffin motioned to approve the 2012-2013 budget as presented. Seconded by Marc Wagman. Motion passed unanimously.

Lunch break at 11:58am

Reconvene at 12:46pm

Rule Changes

Dan McGregor left webinar

Beth Himes noted the procedures for reviewing and voting on rule changes. If a motion is not made, the proposed rule change is reflected as no motion. The policy put in place last year would allow for rule changes to be voted on and passed during the same day.

Rule Change Clarifications

59-01-13

Terry Griffin motioned to approve rule change 59-01-13. Seconded by Marc Wagman. Motion passed unanimously.

67-01-13

Rosanne Sternberg motioned to approve rule change 67-01-13. Seconded by Jennifer Hoyt. Motion passed unanimously.

68-04-13

Rosanne Sternberg motioned to approve rule change 68-04-13. Seconded by Gerd Wilhelm. Motion passed unanimously.

72-01-13

Terry Griffin motioned to approve rule change 72-01-13. Seconded by Tim Lynch. Motion passed unanimously.

74-05-13

Rosanne Sternberg motioned to approve rule change 74-05-13. Seconded by Becky Hanson. Motion passed unanimously.

75-02-13

Jessica Johnson recommended the verbiage be changed to properly reflect the current procedures.

Mike Hancock motioned to move 75-02-13 forward. Seconded by Shane Brown. Motion passed unanimously.

New verbiage: The NRHA Executive Committee may deny approval of events scheduled during the same show week as an NRHA owned event.

Mike Hancock motioned to adopt rule change 75-02-13 as amended and presented. Seconded by Shane Brown. Motion passed unanimously.

78-02-13

Rosanne Sternberg motioned to approve rule change 78-02-13. Seconded by Barbara Brookshire. Motion passed unanimously.

99-01-13

Rick Ramsey motioned to approve rule change 99-01-13. Seconded by Mike Deer. Motion passed unanimously.

115-01-13

Rick Ramsey motioned to approve rule change 115-01-13. Seconded by Rosanne Sternberg. Motion passed unanimously.

122-01-13

Terry Griffin motioned to approve rule change 122-01-13. Seconded by Jennifer Hoyt. Motion passed unanimously.

39-01-13

Rosanne Sternberg motioned to approve rule change 39-01-13. Seconded by Becky Hanson. Motion passed unanimously.

39-02-13

Terry Griffin motioned to approve rule change 39-02-13. Seconded by Jennifer Hoyt. Motion passed unanimously.

39-03-13

Jennifer Hoyt motioned to approve rule change 39-03-13. Seconded by Rosanne Sternberg.

Mike Hancock cautioned the Board that approving as written could be dangerous and recommended that the verbiage be changed to "The author of a rule change may withdraw the proposal at any time prior to the first review of the rule change by the Board".

Mike Hancock motioned to approve the amended verbiage for rule change 39-03-13. Seconded by Guy Vernon.

Roll call vote for amended verbiage was conducted.

Approve: Rick Clark, Doug Milholland, Rosanne Sternberg, Jim Blumer, Shane Brown, Barbara Brookshire, Jennifer Hoyt, Guy Vernon, Mike Hancock, Roberto Cuoghi, Helmut Schmaus-Gerstenberg, Pim Berendse, Lee Foster

Opposed: Mike Deer, Terry Griffin, Rick Ramsey, Josh Visser, Becky Hanson, Jordan Larson, Tim Lynch, Michael Martin, Marc Wagman, Brett Walters, Brian Welman, Gerd Wilhelm, Kim Maharaj

The roll call vote was a tie 13 approved, 13 opposed.

Beth Himes, President, broke tie and voted to approve. Final vote 14 approve, 13 opposed. Motion passed.

Roll call vote for approval of rule change 39-03-13 as amended.

Approve: Rick Clark, Rosanne Sternberg, Jim Blumer, Shane Brown, Barbara Brookshire, Becky Hanson, Jennifer Hoyt, Guy Vernon, Marc Wagman, Mike Hancock, Roberto Cuoghi, Helmut Schmaus-Gerstenberg, Pim Berendse, Lee Foster

Opposed: Mike Deer, Terry Griffin, Doug Milholland, Rick Ramsey, Josh Visser, Jordan Larson, Tim Lynch, Michael Martin, Brett Walters, Brian Welman, Gerd Wilhelm, Kim Maharaj

14 approve, 12 opposed. Motion passed.

40-01-13

Terry Griffin motioned to approve rule change 40-01-13. Seconded by Rosanne Sternberg. Motion passed unanimously.

48-01-13

Rosanne Sternberg motioned to approve rule change 48-01-13. Seconded by Doug Milholland.

Jessica Johnson explained the European Affiliates Council's recommendation and the potential consequences as written.

Motion defeated unanimously. Rule change defeated.

Terry Wiens joined the meeting at 2:03

57-01-13

Rick Ramsey motioned to approve rule change 57-01-13. Seconded by Mike Hancock. Motion passed unanimously.

59-02-13

Jennifer Hoyt motioned to approve rule change 59-02-13 and the policy presented. Seconded by Terry Griffin.

Approve: Rick Clark, Mike Deer, Terry Griffin, Doug Milholland, Rick Ramsey, Rosanne Sternberg, Josh Visser, Jim Blumer, Shane Brown, Barbara Brookshire, Becky Hanson, Jennifer Hoyt, Jordan Larson, Tim Lynch, Michael Martin, Dan McGregor, Marc Wagman, Brett Walters, Brian Welman, Mike Hancock, Roberto Cuoghi, Helmut Schmaus-Gerstenberg, Pim Berendse, Gerd Wilhelm, Kim Maharaj, Lee Foster

Opposed: Guy Vernon

Motion passed.

62-01-13

Amendments to presented rule change were presented on the screen.

(1). (a). (1). "training astride or showing.

(1). (a). (2). "giving instruction on showing or instruction on training"

(1). (a). (3). Remove "pre".

(1). (c). include Category 2 & 6 in regards to determining eligibility after relinquishment of Non Pro status.

(4). (a). (4). Include all affiliate finals and add to associated conditions.

(4). (b). education curriculum, “during the term of the curriculum” and the final sentence should read, “ Students exempted under this provision may only show in open competition during the term of the curriculum”. Eligibility criteria similar to the Apprentice Program will be followed.

Rick Clark motioned to approve 62-01-13 as amended. Seconded by Jim Blumer.

Roll call vote was conducted.

Approve: Rick Clark, Mike Deer, Terry Griffin, Doug Milholland, Rosanne Sternberg, Josh Visser, Jim Blumer, Shane Brown, Barbara Brookshire, Becky Hanson, Jennifer Hoyt, Jordan Larson, Tim Lynch, Dan McGregor, Guy Vernon, Brett Walters, Brian Welman, Mike Hancock, Roberto Cuoghi, Helmut Schmaus-Gerstenberg, Pim Berendse, Gerd Wilhelm, Kim Maharaj, Lee Foster

Opposed: Michael Martin, Marc Wagman

Motion passed.

62-02-13

No motion.

41-01-13

Amendments to presented rule change were recorded.

Section 4. Protest and Complaint Filing Procedures. 2). “ Whenever any current member... or whenever any current member”.

Section 6. Hearing Body. 11). “shall have the right to appoint members”.

Section 8. Hearing Results 3). B). “re-apply for membership or other previously held privileges such as Judges, Steward, Show Secretary, Professionals and Non Pro”.

F. Section 4. “other recognized equine related associations, states, provinces or countries”.

F. Section 7. 4). “regain privileges (Professionals, Non Pro, Judges, Show Secretaries, Stewards, etc.)

Rick Ramsey motioned to approve 41-01-13 as amended. Seconded by Michael Martin. Motion passed unanimously.

46-01-13

Merged with 41-01-13.

Break at 2:37pm

Reconvene at 2:51pm

73-01-13, 73-02-13, 74-03-13, 74-04-13

Verbiage for each rule change was amended to require General members to have Non Pro status and Associate members eligible to attain Non Pro status.

Rick Ramsey motioned to approve as amended on rule changes 73-01-13, 73-02-13, 74-03-13, 74-04-13. Seconded by Terry Griffin. Motion passed unanimously.

74-01-13

Mike Hancock motioned to approve rule change 74-01-13. Seconded by Rosanne Sternberg. Motion passed unanimously.

74-02-13

Terry Griffin motioned to approve rule change 74-02-13. Seconded by Jennifer Hoyt. Motion passed unanimously.

75-01-13

Discussion regarding the potential negative affect on International events and the infeasibility of being able to enforce 75-01-13 occurred.

No motion.

75-03-13

Rick Ramsey motioned to approve rule change 75-03-13. Seconded by Jim Blumer. Motion passed unanimously.

78-01-13

Rosanne Sternberg motioned to approve rule change 78-01-13. Seconded by Barbara Brookshire. Motion passed unanimously.

80-01-13

Rick Ramsey motioned to approve rule change 80-01-13. Seconded by Mike Deer. Motion passed unanimously.

81-01-13

Rosanne Sternberg motioned to approve rule change 81-01-13. Seconded by Terry Griffin. Motion passed unanimously.

89-01-13

Rick Ramsey motioned to approve rule change 89-01-13. Seconded by Tim Lynch. Motion passed unanimously.

90-01-13

Rosanne Sternberg motioned to approve rule change 90-01-13. Seconded by Barbara Brookshire.

Approve: Rick Clark, Mike Deer, Terry Griffin, Doug Milholland, Rick Ramsey, Rosanne Sternberg, Josh Visser, Shane Brown, Barbara Brookshire, Becky Hanson, Jennifer Hoyt, Jordan Larson, Tim Lynch, Michael Martin, Dan McGregor, Marc Wagman, Brett Walters, Brian Welman, Mike Hancock, Roberto Cuoghi, Helmut Schmaus-Gerstenberg, Pim Berendse, Gerd Wilhelm, Kim Maharaj, Lee Foster

Opposed: Jim Blumer and Guy Vernon

Motion passed.

91-01-13

Discussion regarding the levels and the number of achievements occurred.

No motion.

100-01-13

Jim Blumer motioned to approve rule change 100-01-13. Seconded by Marc Wagman. Motion passed unanimously.

103-01-13

Terry Griffin motioned to approve rule change 103-01-13. Seconded by Mike Deer. Motion passed unanimously.

113-01-13

No motion.

115-02-13

Beth Himes updated the Board on recent meetings with FEI and the commitment to work together and find an agreement on common Judges Schools. The meeting also revealed the procedures for hosting an NRHA – FEI Event without bending either association’s current guidelines.

No motion.

115-03-13

No motion.

66-01-13

Rick Clark motioned to approve rule change 66-01-13. Seconded by Shane Brown.

Guy Vernon expressed concerns with placing several items into policy. Terry Griffin noted that the policy would allow NRHA to be timelier with needed eligibility changes.

The Board discussed the appropriate date and timeline for setting eligibility for the next year.

The Eligibility Task Force, including Mike Hancock, was tasked with reviewing the rule change during break.

Break at 4:03pm

Reconvene at 4:24pm

The Eligibility Task Force presented amended verbiage, "Eligibility levels will be set by the Board of Directors by August 31st of the preceding year for all categories".

Rick Clark motioned to amend the original motion to include the revision for rule change 66-01-13. Seconded by Shane Brown. Motion passed unanimously.

With the approval of moving all eligibility to a policy the following rule changes will be recorded as no motion: 67-04-13, 67-05-13, 67-06-13, 67-07-13, 68-01-13, 68-02-13, 68-03-13, 69-01-13, 69-02-13 and 69-03-13.

71-03-13

Staff presented the proposed Restricted Non Pro class, for riders with less than \$1,500 in lifetime earnings.

Mike Hancock motioned to accept rule change 71-03-13. Seconded by Rick Clark.

Approve: Rick Clark, Mike Hancock

Opposed: Mike Deer, Terry Griffin, Doug Milholland, Rick Ramsey, Rosanne Sternberg, Josh Visser, Jim Blumer, Shane Brown, Barbara Brookshire, Becky Hanson, Jennifer Hoyt, Jordan Larson, Tim Lynch, Michael Martin, Dan McGregor, Guy Vernon, Marc Wagman, Brett Walters, Brian Welman, Roberto Cuoghi, Helmut Schmaus-Gerstenberg, Pim Berendse, Gerd Wilhelm, Kim Maharaj, Lee Foster

Motion defeated.

Eligibility Policy

Category 1 Eligibility Policy

The lifetime earnings capacity for the Category 1 Limited Non Pro class was discussed. The Eligibility Task Force is proposing \$10,000 lifetime earnings, all categories, except 3, 7, 9, 10, 11 & 12.

Mike Deer motioned to approve 2013 proposed eligibility changes for category 1 classes in policy. Seconded by Jennifer Hoyt. Motion passed unanimously.

Category 2 Eligibility Policy (excluding Amateur)

Jim Blumer motioned to approve category 2 eligibility for 2013 as presented in policy, excluding Amateur Division. Seconded by Jennifer Hoyt. Motion passed unanimously.

Terry Griffin suggested that communication for the new eligibility be relayed to all members through various channels: *Reiner*, website, Regional Affiliate Finals, Affiliate Summit.

Staff was directed to review Category 1 Intermediate Open eligibility.

Amateur Division

Terry Griffin noted that attempting a enter 1 & up division at NRHA Owned Events may accomplish the intentions of the Amateur Division.

Michael Martin requested that the 1 & up division be evaluated and proposed to the Board for implementation.

Mike Hancock motioned to appoint a Task Force to evaluate and present during the November Board of Director meeting a 1 & up proposal for the 2013 Derby and 2013 Futurity for the Non Pro Division. Seconded by Michael Martin. Motion passed unanimously.

65-01-13

No motion.

66-02-13

Staff recommended the verbiage regarding suspended members be amended, "In regards to a member suspended through the protest procedures".

Barbara Brookshire motioned to approve as amended. Seconded by Josh Visser. Motion passed unanimously.

67-02-13, 67-03-13, 71-01-13, 71-02-13

The Board evaluated the number of eligibility members in each specified age category.

Shane Brown motioned to amend rule 67-03-13 to a category 5 Prime Time Non Pro, for riders 60 & older, called the Masters Non Pro. Seconded by Josh Visser. Motion passed unanimously.

It was noted that the Masters Non Pro would follow the same show conditions as the Category 1 Prime Time.

No Motion on 67-02-13, 71-01-13, 71-02-13

Ride A Reiner

Staff summarized the two scheduled Ride A Reiners for 2012: Congress and PBR World Finals.

IEA

Carol Trimmer explained the IEA Magazine, Take the Reins, proposal. The agreement presented would be through 2013, with the first option to renew in 2014 & 2015. In the event that a profit is generated, a scholarship program will be created. Oklahoma State University will provide a graduate student who will be responsible for daily work in design, editorial and advertising sales.

Mike Hancock motioned to approve the IEA Magazine proposal as presented. Seconded by Brett Walters. Motion passed unanimously.

Hall of Fame

Carol Trimmer summarized the recommended changes to the Hall of Fame and Dale Wilkinson Lifetime Achievement selection procedures. Changes would allow the Committee to put forth a nomination after the July 31st deadline and to move nominees from the Hall of Fame to the Dale Wilkinson Lifetime Achievement if desired.

Terry Griffin motioned to accept the presented changes to the Hall of Fame and Dale Wilkinson Lifetime Achievement selection criteria. Seconded by Tim Lynch. Motion passed unanimously.

Eligibility Policy cont.

Intermediate Open

Jessica Johnson presented the potential changes to the Intermediate Open.

Guy Vernon motioned to approve the amendment to the Eligibility Policy to add the Intermediate Open Category 1, \$17,500 lifetime earnings in previous 2 years, all categories except 3, 7, 9, 10, 11 and 12. Seconded by Shane Brown. Motion passed unanimously.

Animal Welfare / Stewards Update

NRHA Warm Up / Schooling Policy

Christa Morris presented the NRHA Warm Up / Schooling Policy. The policy outlines arena plan guidelines, allowed length of riding time, welfare of the horses, dogs in arena and tractor etiquette.

The Board commented that policy was a great tool to educate members and for Stewards to use as a guideline.

Michael Martin motioned to approve NRHA Warm Up / Schooling policy as presented. Seconded by Tim Lynch. Motion passed unanimously.

Proper Equipment / Attire Policy

Michelle Wrigley presented the proposed Proper Equipment / Attire Policy.

The Executive Committee recommended one minor change to the verbiage in section three, which includes moving the time limit to the beginning.

Marc Wagman motioned to accept the proper Equipment / Attire policy as amended. Seconded by Terry Griffin. Motion passed unanimously.

Animal Welfare Medication Panel

Christa Morris presented the Executive Committee's recommendation for the Mediations Hearing Panel.

Rick Clark motioned to approve the Animal Welfare Medications Panel. Seconded by Barbara Brookshire. Motion passed unanimously.

The panel will review the testing results and then present the findings to the Board of Directors.

AW / Stewards Summit

Christa Morris updated the Board on the discussion and progress made during the July summit.

Christa Morris suggested that the Professional Committee be tasked with contacting members who have a complaint filed against them regarding abuse.

Non Pro Committee Status Recommendations – Executive Session

Youth Committee

Brett Walters presented the Youth Committee Report from the July 30th Conference Call. The 2012 Regional Clinics finished with a profit of \$17,667.73, an increase over prior year. Activities from the Youth Excellence Seminar, NRHA Derby and IEA were summarized.

Closed session at 6:24

Restricted Privileges – Executive Session

European Futurity Judges – Executive Session

Barbara Brookshire left the meeting at 6:35pm

Steward Privileges – Executive Session

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Guests: Simona Diale, Robert Anderson

Call to Order

Beth Himes called the meeting to order at 8:05am.

Rule Changes

Jennifer Hoyt motioned to ratify all the rule change motions made Saturday, August 25, 2012. Seconded by Barbara Brookshire.

The Board discussed the Prime Time rule change age selection and the rule change procedures.

Motion passed unanimously.

Rookie Level 2 Rule Change for 2014

Staff was directed to review the Rookie levels for a potential proposed rule change in 2014.

European Affiliate Council Report

NRHA European Medications Policy

Beth Himes presented the proposed guidelines from the European Affiliate Council. The Executive Committee supported the European Affiliate Councils recommendation in concept and look forward to reviewing the final document.

The concepts include an unanimous policy across Europe, all NRHA – Approved Events in Europe are subject to testing, all NRHA – Approved Events with more than \$15,000 in added money are required to test, a European Citizen added to the Medications Hearing Panel, policy would follow FEI Guidelines and reciprocal consequences for members in violation.

Terry Griffin motioned to accept the NRHA European Medications Policy in concept. Seconded by Brett Walters.

Concerns over the same testing criteria for Category 1 and Category 2 event were discussed and the European Affiliate Council explained the cultural difference regarding medications testing in Europe and the importance to gain sponsors.

Additionally, the European Affiliate Council will locate designated testing laboratories and create a standardized testing system and testing kits.

Rick Clark and Rick Ramsey left the meeting at 8:36am

Discussion continued regarding the importance of a clean policy throughout Europe.

Roll Call vote was conducted.

21 approved; 1 opposed.

Motion passed.

European Affiliate Council Elections in Handbook

Jessica Johnson presented the proposed changes to incorporate the European Affiliate Council into the NRHA Handbook. A portion will be inserted into the Election Procedures section of the NRHA Handbook, which includes the election procedures for the European Affiliate Council Delegates, Regional Directors, European Executive Committee, President and Vice President.

Rosanne Sternberg motioned to approve the European Affiliate Council election procedures as presented. Seconded by Guy Vernon. Motion passed unanimously.

European Affiliate Council Resolution

Jessica Johnson presented the proposed resolution to recognize the European Affiliate Council as the organization to provide leadership for the sport of reining within the European Region.

Jennifer Hoyt motioned to approve by resolution the proposal as presented. Seconded by Brett Walters. Motion passed unanimously.

European Affiliate Council Policy

Jessica Johnson summarized the policy regarding removal of Regional Directors, Delegates and properly filling vacancies.

Barbara Brookshire motioned to approve the European Affiliate Council Removal and Vacancies Policy. Seconded by Mike Deer. Motion passed unanimously.

European Affiliate Championship Update

Nick Cornelissens presented an update from the 2012 European Affiliate Championship. Entries increased compared to prior year, mostly contributed to the Intermediate Open, Limited Non Pro and Rookie Level 2 class.

Horse Sale Selection Policy

Jessica Johnson presented the Horse Sale Selection Policy. The Policy would require Sale Selection members to remove themselves from the selection room and be recused from voting on their or their immediate families' horses.

Terry Griffin motioned to approve the Horse Sale Selection Policy. Seconded by Doug Milholland. Motion passed unanimously.

Jim Blumer motioned to add Doug Milholland to the Sale Committee – ex officio & Sale Selection through 2012. Seconded by Tim Lynch. Motion passed unanimously.

EC Reimbursement Policy

Beth Himes summarized the recommended amendment that would allow for the Executive Committee to determine the amount to be reimbursed when the President is representing NRHA at a non-NRHA owned event.

Mike Hancock motioned to approve the amended Executive Committee / Board of Directors Expense Reimbursement Policy. Seconded by Rosanne Sternberg. Motion passed unanimously.

Conversation regarding a monthly stipend for non-NRHA owned events occurred. The Finance Committee was tasked with reviewing the reimbursement policy, budget and the monthly stipend idea.

Media Guidelines

Christa Morris presented the revised Media Credentials / Photography Guidelines.

Changes were made to protect contracted show photographers and videographers. Members are allowed to use cell phones and Coolpix cameras to take photos of their individual horses. Anyone wishing to use a SLR Professional camera should request permission fifteen days prior to the show. Permission will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

NRHA staff has been working with Legal Counsel on all communication with members in violation and with creating the guidelines.

The Board suggested that verbiage regarding media / photography guidelines be added to Event Conditions.

All NRHA Events are allowed to use the guidelines.

Mike Deer motioned to approve the Media Credentials / Photography Guidelines as presented. Seconded by Rosanne Sternberg. Motion passed unanimously.

Anonymous Policy

The Anonymous Policy proposal will be sent out to the Board via E-Vote.

Break at 9:28am

Reconvene at 9:46am

European Futurity Judge Results – Executive Session

Josh Visser and Brian Welman left the meeting at 9:56

NRHA Office – Executive Session

European Nomination Program

Nick Cornelissens gave an update on the expected percentage increase in EU Nominations.

Promotional Video

Christa Morris presented the new NRHA promotional video.

Futurity Schedule Update

Terry Griffin commented on the Futurity Entry increase and the potential schedule changes.

Bylaw Changes

Bylaw changes were given to the Board, but were not reviewed.

Key Priorities

Staff will continue focusing on key priorities.

Marketing Update

Christa Morris presented a Marketing Department Update.

The NRHA Website won the media division, first association to win that type of award. NRHA has created a Handbook App available to members on the Iphone.

RHSF Update

Mike Hancock updated the Board on the plan for the Hometown Heros Slide, including the speed category.

Brett Walters motioned to adjourn at 10:26am. Seconded by Jennifer Hoyt. Motion passed unanimously.