

NATIONAL REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION
Board of Director Meeting Minutes
Conference Call
Oklahoma City, OK
November 12, 2012

Approved 2/9/2013

Present: Beth Himes - President, Rick Clark – Vice President, Mike Deer, Terry Griffin, Rick Ramsey, Rosanne Sternberg, Josh Visser, Jim Blumer, Shane Brown, Barbara Brookshire, Becky Hanson, Jennifer Hoyt, Tim Lynch, Michel Martin, Dan McGregor, Guy Vernon, Marc Wagman, Brett Walters, Brian Welman, Susy Baeck, Helmut Schmaus-Gerstenberg, Pim Berendse, Gerd Wilhelm, Kim Maharaj, Lee Foster

Not Present: Doug Milholland, Johnette Burman, Julia Cowan, Brad Giesbrecht, Jordan Larson, Mike Hancock, Roberto Cuoghi, 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 Sponsorship & Television Programming Todd Barden, Senior Director of Marketing Christa Morris, Senior Director of Association Services Michelle Wrigley, Accounting Manager Chris Mossman, Manager of RHSF & NRHA Youth Programs Shianne Megel, European Programs Advisor Nick Cornelissens

Guests:

Call to Order

Beth Himes called the meeting to order at 8:12am

Roll call was conducted, a quorum was established.

Meeting Minutes

Jennifer Hoyt motioned to approve August 25-26, 2012 Meeting Minutes, August 25-26, 2012 Executive Session Minutes, September 27, 2012 Conference Call Minutes, August 16, 2012 AGM Minutes, August 30, 2012 E-Vote Minutes, September 11, 2012 E-Vote Minutes, October 4, 2012 E-Vote Minutes, October 26, 2012 Conference Call Minutes. Seconded by Gerd Wilhelm. Motion passed unanimously.

Mikayla Boge joined the meeting

2013 NRHA Derby Conditions

Michelle Wrigley summarized the changes to the Derby Conditions. The Non Pro Derby will offer the 1 & up entry structure with one payment due on March 1.

Terry Griffin motioned to approve the 2013 NRHA Derby Conditions. Seconded by Mike Deer.

Conversations surrounding the one payment occurred. Michelle Wrigley noted the Events Committee's discussion surrounding the amount of the entry fee and the low cost of the late fee.

Terry Griffin directed staff to begin marketing the new 1 & up entry structure.

Motion passed unanimously.

North American Nomination Program Conditions

Jessica Johnson presented the North American Nomination Program Conditions. Changes to the conditions were explained. Section four was added to clarify that the member who completes the nomination or option payment would receive the nominator benefits for that program or continent. Additionally, changes were made to the four-year-old European option amount to appropriately reflect the ages of the competing horses in Europe. The European Affiliate Council will be reviewing the three and four-year-old prices during the next meeting.

Dan McGregor motioned to approve the North American Nomination Program Conditions pending the review of the European Affiliate Council regarding the three and four-year-old nomination and option amount. Seconded by Guy Vernon. Motion passed unanimously.

2013 European Eligibility Policy

Jessica Johnson presented the proposed changes to the European Eligibility Policy. Changes reflect the categories and amounts included to calculate eligibility for aged event competition. The European Affiliate Council reviewed the proposed changes and recommended the eligibility structure for 2013.

Tim Lynch motioned to approve the 2013 European Eligibility Policy as presented. Seconded by Gerd Wilhelm. Motion passed unanimously.

European Nomination Program Conditions

Jessica Johnson presented the European Nomination Program Condition revisions for 2013. Changes to the member receiving the nominator benefits were made to clarify that the member who completes the nomination or option payment would receive the benefits for that program or continent. The European Affiliate Council will review the prices for three and four-year-olds during the next meeting.

Rosanne Sternberg motioned to approve the European Nomination Program Conditions pending the European Affiliate Council's review of the three and four-year-old nominator and option amounts. Seconded by Michael Martin. Motion passed unanimously.

Mikayla Boge left the meeting

European Medications Policy

Beth Himes noted the discussion surrounding the proposed policy being in the version agreed upon by the European Affiliate Council. Nick Cornelissens noted concerns regarding the discipline section and the reciprocation of responsible persons testing positive for restricted or forbidden substances within their country. Staff noted recommended changes to the policy to help clarify the explanations and intent. In summary, the policy would allow all European Countries to follow their National Federation or FEI guidelines if required, if not required, the European Country would follow the NRHA guidelines. European Affiliates would implement full discipline and all disciplinary action would be reciprocated worldwide.

Rosanne Sternberg motioned to approve the European Medications Policy as presented. Seconded by Jennifer Hoyt. Motion passed unanimously.

FEI

Beth Himes updated the Board on the expected meeting during the Futurity. Beth Himes and Rick Clark will meet with FEI representatives to prepare a memo of understanding between FEI and NRHA.

2013 European Futurity Conditions

Nick Cornelissens requested that the recently approved European Medications Policy be added to the already approved 2013 European Futurity Conditions.

Gerd Wilhelm motioned to amend the 2013 European Futurity Conditions with the new European Medications Policy verbiage. Seconded by Rosanne Sternberg. Motion passed unanimously.

Lindsey Forshee joined the meeting

East Central Regional Affiliate Finals 2013-2014

Lindsey Forshee explained the request received from Ohio Valley Reining Horse Association (OVRHA). OVRHA is requesting permission to relocate the 2013-2014 East Central Regional Affiliate Finals to the Champions Center in Springfield, OH. The Affiliate Committee reviewed and voted to recommend the relocation to the Board of Directors.

Rosanne Sternberg motioned to approve the request of Ohio Valley Reining Horse Association to relocate the 2013-2014 Regional Affiliate Finals to Springfield, OH. Seconded by Terry Griffin. Motion passed unanimously.

Rick Clark and Rick Ramsey recused from voting.

Lindsey Forshee left the meeting

Professionals Membership Fee

Todd Barden presented the proposed increase to the Professionals fee from \$25 to \$50. The Professionals Committee is recommending the fee increase and the additional \$25 would be allocated to a Professionals fund to be used for website enhancements, professionals' awards and professionals lounge areas.

Jennifer Hoyt motioned to approve the recommendation of the Professionals Committee to increase the fee for 2013 to \$50 and to amend the NRHA Fee Structure Policy. Seconded by Brett Walters. Motion passed unanimously.

North American NRHA Owned Events Strategy Task Force

Beth Himes updated the Board of Directors on the decisions from the North American NRHA Owned Event Strategy Task Force. The Task Force determined to host the 2013 Cowtown Classic and continue to review the structure of the event. Additionally, future dates will continue to be discussed.

NRHA Office Task Force

Beth Himes updated the Board of Directors on Office Task Force meetings. The Task Force has decided to research temporary space and fundraising options. A formal update will be given to the Board during the February meeting.

Show Conditions Task Force

Beth Himes will be creating a Task Force to review the Show Conditions in the NRHA Handbook and potentially submit a rule change by the 2014 deadline of February 15.

Christa Morris left the meeting

Audit Report

John Foy presented the audit update.

Executive Session – all staff left the meeting

Protest Update – Executive Session

Compensation Committee Update – Executive Session

NRHA Event Judge Nomination & Selection Policy – Executive Session

2013 NRHA Derby Judges – Executive Session

2013 Derby Ancillary Judges – Executive Session

2013 Derby Equipment Judges – Executive Session

Additional Business – Executive Session

Board Members who attended the November Judges School left the call: Rick Ramsey, Brett Walters and Brian Welman

November Judge Applicants – Executive Session

Jennifer Hoyt motioned to adjourn at 9:50am. Seconded by Rosanne Sternberg.