

NATIONAL REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Oklahoma City, OK
November 9, 2012

Approved 2/7/2013

Present: Beth Himes – President, Rick Clark – Vice President, Mike Deer, Doug Milholland, Rosanne Sternberg, Rick Ramsey, Josh Visser

Web Present: Terry Griffin

Guests Present: Jennifer Hoyt, Tom McCutcheon, Terry Wiens NRHA Legal Council

Staff Present: Chief Financial Officer John Foy, Executive Administrator Jessica Johnson, Senior Director of Publications Carol Trimmer

Not Present:

Call to Order

President Beth Himes called the meeting to order at 8:27am.

A quorum was established.

Meeting Minutes

Rosanne Sternberg motioned to approve meeting minutes for August 23-24, 2012, September 5, 2012 conference call, September 19, 2012 conference call, September 26, 2012 conference call, October 10, 2012 Conference Call and September/October E-Vote Minutes. Seconded by Rick Ramsey. Motion passed unanimously.

Michelle Wrigley joined the meeting at 8:27

Judge Selection Policy Revision– Executive Session

Mikayla Boge joined the meeting at 8:32am

North American and European Nomination Conditions

Jessica Johnson presented the North American Nomination Condition changes. Changes to the Conditions were made to clarify the person who completes the nomination and/or option retains the nominator benefits.

Additionally, Jessica Johnson requested that the motion be made pending the European Affiliate Councils review of the European payment and option fee three and four-year-old rates.

Rick Ramsey motioned to recommend the North American and European Nomination Conditions to the Board of Directors pending the European Affiliate Council's final review and possible adjustment of the three-year-old rates. Seconded by Josh Visser. Motion passed unanimously.

2013 NRHA Derby Conditions

Mikayla Boge presented the changes to the 2013 NRHA Derby Conditions. A change was noted to top of page 10 regarding the formatting error. Discussion regarding entry closing date of March 1 occurred. Michelle Wrigley noted that the Events Committee decided to leave the closing date as March 1, because the late penalty is low (\$100) and the March 1st deadline is also the Open entry 1st payment due date.

Rick Clark motioned to recommend to the Board of Directors the 2013 NRHA Derby Conditions as presented. Seconded by Rosanne Sternberg. Motion passed unanimously.

Break at 9:05am

Reconvene at 9:12am

Todd Barden and Krissy Colbath joined the meeting at 9:12am

NRHA Trophy Update

Krissy Colbath presented the 2012 January – September trophy usage update.

Todd Barden summarized the trophy changes including: color, base, base structure and reinforcements.

Krissy Colbath noted the reported breakages of Montana Trophies and the policy to receive a new trophy. Additionally, the amount of duplicate or co-champion metal trophies ordered to-date was shown.

Todd Barden noted that the new bases wouldn't begin until approximately February.

Staff was directed to send pictures and a notice to the Board of Directors regarding the trophy revisions.

Krissy Colbath summarized the Classic Trophy Plaque pricing increase for 2013.

Rosanne Sternberg motioned to accept the new pricing for plaques of \$51 for 2013. Seconded by Rick Clark. Motion passed unanimously.

Krissy Colbath was directed to notify the membership and Show Secretaries.

Todd Barden and Krissy Colbath left the meeting at 9:36am.

Shianne Megel joined the meeting at 9:39am

RHSF Board Appointments

Discussion regarding the new bylaws for selecting an RHSF Board occurred. The NRHA Executive Committee automatically serves on the RHSF Board. Rick Clark recommended Rick Ramsey and Mike Deer be added to the RHSF Board for 2013.

Discussion regarding current and new members occurred. Beth Himes and Shianne Megel will contact current and new members and ask their interest. Additionally, Shianne Megel will confirm that RHSF bylaws allow immediate family to serve on the RHSF Board at the same time.

Tabled.

Youth Incentive Level Allowance

Shianne Megel explained the 2013 rule change regarding the new youth incentive level of 1,000 points. A request was submitted to the Youth Committee that would allow members who have already reached this milestone to receive an award. The Youth Committee is recommending that any youth member that has already passed the 1,000 mark be awarded the designated awards. In the past five years, eight youth members have passed the 1,000 award mark.

Rick Clark motioned to accept the Youth Committee's recommendation to award the eight youth members surpassing the 1,000 point threshold the appropriate awards. Seconded by Doug Milholland. Motion passed unanimously.

Shianne Megel left the meeting at 10:00am

2013 Meeting Schedule

Beth Himes summarized the appropriate date ranges for the Spring Board Meetings. The consensus was to review the room rates, flights and accommodations for April 25-28, 2012 in Lexington, KY. The Executive Committee may be able to meet in the suites at the Alltech Arena and the Board can meet and room at a nearby hotel.

Second choice would be the first weekend of May.

Christa Morris joined the meeting at 10:26am

European Medication Policy

Beth Himes and Rosanne Sternberg noted concerns with the proposed European Medications Policy.

Tabled.

Break at 10:32am

Reconvene at 10:44am

Medications Testing Update – Executive Session

Christa Morris left the meeting at 10:51am

Show Conditions Task Force

Beth Himes summarized the reasoning behind forming a Show Conditions Task Force. The NRHA Show Conditions located in the *NRHA Handbook* have not been reviewed for a few years and need reviewed prior to the rule change deadline of February 15. Interested parties are asked to contact Beth Himes.

FEI Update

Beth Himes noted that a meeting will be held during the NRHA Futurity to create a memo of understanding between NRHA and FEI. The FEI portion held during the NRHA Judges School was well attended - 25 applicants.

North American Strategy Task Force

Rick Clark noted that the Task Force agreed to hold the 2013 Cowtown Classic and the structure/schedule would be reviewed. The Task Force and the Events Committee will work together to plan the 2013 Cowtown Classic Event. Rick Clark noted that staff are working on a proposal for the 2013 Cowtown and will meet with the Committee and Task Force after the Futurity.

Conversations regarding the novice horse eligibility beginning after the NRBC or Derby occurred.

Break at 11:10am

Reconvene at 11:46am

Beth Himes and Doug Milholland left the meeting

Compensation Committee Update - Executive Session

Break at 1:00pm

Reconvene at 1:18pm

Beth Himes, Doug Milholland and Terry Wiens joined the meeting

Protest Update – Executive Session

Terry Wiens left the meeting

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Todd Barden joined the meeting at 1:37pm

Sponsorship Update – Executive Session

NRHA Event Management Position – Executive Session

Chris Potter joined the call via phone at 2:07pm

2012 NRHA Futurity Update

Terry Griffin commented on the number of entries and the schedule. Concerns revolving around horses going back into the second go not knowing when they show in the second go until the day prior was noted. It was determined that back numbers competing in the second go on specified days would be released in advance and NRHA would adjust show days accordingly.

Conversations regarding the Open Futurity Finals draw being done by hand in the Show Office occurred. The Executive Committee agreed that the Show Office would announce a time frame when any Open Finalist could go to the Show Office and participate.

Beth Himes noted that NRHA could rent The Red Barn for an additional riding area. The dimension of the arena will be 120x200 and the cost would be substantial. Beth Himes will speak to Professionals to see if they have a strong interest in using the riding pen, if not NRHA will not rent the arena.

Break at 2:34pm

Reconvene at 2:43

Staff Introductions

Michelle Wrigley introduced the new employees in Association Services.

Shane Brown, Krissy Colbath and Todd Barden joined the meeting at 2:47pm

Professionals Committee Membership Fee Increase

Shane Brown summarized the recommended increase in the Professionals Membership Fee to \$50. The additional amount of \$25 would be used to fund awards, pro lounge, promotion and the revisions to the website.

Jennifer Hoyt commented that it would be beneficial to Show Secretaries and Affiliates to offer the Pro Status to recognize NRHA Professionals on the Show Secretary Download. Jessica Johnson noted that it would require programmers of the compatible NRHA Show Management Software in the industry to amend the coding.

Josh Visser motioned to recommend to the Board the price increase to the Professionals Membership. Seconded by Doug Milholland. Motion passed unanimously.

Shane Brown, Todd Barden and Krissy Colbath left the meeting at 3:08pm

Shianne Megel joined the meeting at 3:09pm

Financial Report

Audit Update

John Foy updated the Executive Committee on the progress of the annual audit.

September Financial Statement

John Foy presented the 2012 Key Economic Indicators for September. Futurity entries are at an all-time high.

John Foy presented that Profit & Loss Overview based on the first quarter of the fiscal year. Trophy purchases have decreased, which could be related to the trend of reusing trophies and purchasing plates only. Sire & Dam is below budget, but is expected to bounce back during the Futurity. Cowtown Classic was better than expected by performing nearly \$30,000 above budget.

RHSF Board Appointments Cont.

A list of proposed RHSF Board members for 2013 was presented. All current RHSF Board members will be retained for 2013.

Mike Hancock
Tracy Lynch
Becky Jordan
Doug Carpenter
Rick Clark
Andre DeBellefeuille
Mike Deer
Terry Griffin
Beth Himes
Mandy McCutcheon
Doug Milholland
Rick Ramsey
Rosanne Sternberg
Josh Visser
Brett Walters
Frank Costantini
Jennifer Hoyt
Tom McCutcheon

Rick Clark motioned to approve the RHSF Board as presented. Seconded by Josh Visser. Motion passed unanimously.

Rick Ramsey and Mike Deer abstained.

Shianne Megel left the meeting at 3:48pm

Sire & Dam – Executive Session

2012 NRHA Futurity Update Cont.

Josh Visser was directed to work with Shane Brown and Chris Potter regarding the ½ hour warm –up time increments.

Rick Ramsey motioned to adjourn at 4:11pm. Seconded by Rosanne Sternberg.