

**NATIONAL REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION**  
**Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Oklahoma City, OK**  
**May 1, 2013**

**Approved 8/22/2013**

**Present:** Beth Himes - President, Rick Clark - Vice President, Mike Deer Terry Griffin, Jennifer Hoyt, Tom McCutcheon, Rosanne Sternberg, Josh Visser

**Not Present:**

**Staff:** John Foy – Chief Financial Officer, Jessica Johnson – Director of Operations, Carol Trimmer – Sr. Director of Publications

**Guest:** Terry Wiens - NRHA Legal Counsel

**Call to Order**

Beth Himes called the meeting to order at 8:08am.

**Minutes**

Rick Clark motioned to approve the February 7-8, 2013 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Jennifer Hoyt. Motion passed unanimously.

Mike Deer motioned to approve the February 20, March 20, March 26, April 3 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Terry Griffin. Motion passed unanimously.

Terry Griffin motioned to approve the E-Vote Minutes. Seconded by Jennifer Hoyt. Motion passed unanimously.

**Financial Report**

John Foy reminded the Executive Committee that NRHA operates on a fiscal year of July 1 – June 30. Additionally, key economic indicators for March 2013 were presented. In summary, memberships (excluding IEA) are down 4.6% for the month of March, but membership reports for April show that memberships are increasing. The first round of membership renewals was sent electronically and the second round was sent by mail. NRHA Events are remaining consistent with prior year. Futurity entries are down from prior year, but are up over 2011.

John Foy summarized the Profit and Loss Overview ending March 31, 2013. Overall, NRHA is expected to end the fiscal year close to budget.

***Rosanne Sternberg joined the meeting at 8:38am***

**FEI/NRHA Update**

Beth Himes updated the Executive Committee on the working agreement with FEI.

Additionally, FEI requested NRHA host the 2013 World Reining Cup. NRHA will submit the application to host and will offer \$50,000 added money.

**NRHA Horse Sale Update**

Terry Griffin summarized the meeting during NRBC with Troy Heikes and Fred Thomsson regarding the Horse Sale. Some suggestions for improving the sale were noted: consistent procedures with conditions, create announcer book for

Sale, require x-rays for Breeders Showcase, stronger administration behind Sale Committee, improve sale appearance – more professional, create template of sale contract labor duties, send invitations to last year's buyers - complete with names of purchased horses, same color shirts for sale staff, review sale videographer, review veterinarian position and x-ray repository, require bank verification/cc installment prior to giving buyers number, document rules and policies for payments and confirm sale furniture is provided.

Jessica Johnson was directed to forward the sale information gathered last year to Terry Griffin and Beth Himes.

***Break at 9:12am***

***Reconvene at 9:28am***

***Beth Himes left the meeting at 9:29am***

### **Executive Director Discussion – Executive Session**

***Beth Himes joined the meeting at 10:07am***

### **Bylaw Proposals**

Terry Griffin presented an overview of proposed bylaws for 2014. Discussion regarding election voting procedures occurred. To lessen confusion among affiliates and regions, the Executive Committee proposed election dates for NRHA become consistent among all regions. After discussion, the Executive Committee suggests the election dates be September 15 – October 15.

***Terry Wiens and Todd Barden joined the meeting at 10:55am***

### **Professionals Committee Policy Proposal**

Terry Wiens summarized the current procedures that allow the Professionals Committee to take disciplinary action against a member. Additionally, concerns regarding the time commitment involved with an investigation and a Committee having authority to impose fines against a member were expressed.

***Shane Brown joined meeting at 11:06am***

Shane Brown explained the reasoning behind the proposed policy.

The Executive Committee requested that the policy not move to the Board of Directors and the Professionals Committee utilize the current disciplinary procedures in place.

***Shane Brown, Terry Griffin, Rosanne Sternberg and Terry Wiens left the meeting at 11:21am***

Jessica Johnson explained the staff procedures for inputting Event results. Results include money earners for aged event classes and all horses receiving a score for ancillary classes.

***Lindsey Forshee, Shianne Megel and Christa Morris joined the meeting 11:32am***

### **Youth Team Tournament**

Shianne Megel summarized the improvements to the Youth Team Tournament held during Regional Affiliate Finals. The Youth Committee amended the program to allow for teams of 4, low score is dropped, all entries count (multiple horses per rider) and all teams must have one 13 & under and one 14-18 rider. The changes allow for flexibility to encourage variety of affiliate representation among youth competitors. Awards are presented to first through tenth place teams, scholarships will be given to all team members of first through third place teams.

## **RHSF**

Shianne Megel summarized the RHSF Futurity Event known as A Slide to Remember. There will be four teams and each team will consist of a celebrity, Hall of Fame member, freestyle competitor, a rider from another discipline and a hometown hero.

Shianne Megel mentioned that RHSF would like to remove live feed footage from the barn arena during the event, but keep audio and the NRHA logo on the screen. The Executive Committee supported the Event as presented.

Beth Himes explained the problems regarding the tradeshow in the SuperBarn. Conversations with moving the tradeshow to another building occurred.

## **Affiliate Membership Mailing List**

Lindsey Forshee presented an Affiliate's request to receive a data membership list export of members in close proximity to the club. The Executive Committee discussed the advantages and disadvantages to giving exports to Affiliates. Concern was raised by staff regarding the lack of control over what and who would obtain a copy of the membership lists. Staff proposed that Affiliates could submit information to NRHA to approve and NRHA could send the mailing list to a mailing house to complete. The NRHA bylaws specify that membership list shall remain confidential, unless approved by the officers of the Association.

Staff was directed to educate Affiliate's on available resources for distributing information.

Mike Deer motioned to maintain the membership list confidential as specified in the NRHA Bylaws. Seconded by Jennifer Hoyt. Motion passed unanimously.

## **Affiliate Requests**

Ontario Reining Horse Association received the bid for the Eastern Canada Regional Affiliate Finals for 2013 – 2014. However, a facility conflict has been discovered and Ontario Reining Horse Association is requesting to move the event to another facility for 2013 only. Staff was directed to conduct research and speak with members of the Affiliate to confirm the facility has adequate stalling and riding areas.

Central Plains Reining Horse Association is requesting to change the dates of their circuit shows. Staff was directed to confirm that the date changes wouldn't conflict with other Affiliates.

Lindsey Forshee updated the Executive Committee on the Tri-State Affiliate's cancellation of circuit shows. Per the Affiliate Conditions each Affiliate must offer a class three times to send riders to the Regional Affiliate Finals. Lindsey Forshee will be working with Tri-State to find a resolution, if a resolution is not reached NRHA will contact riders designated to that Affiliate to inform them of the cancellations.

***Todd Barden, Lindsey Forshee, Shianne Megel and Christa Morris left the meeting at 12:25pm***

***Michelle Wrigley joined the meeting at 12:25pm***

## **Publishing Event Official Information**

Michelle Wrigley was directed to seek a recommendation from the Judges and Stewards Committee regarding publishing personal information on the website.

***Michelle Wrigley left the meeting at 12:31pm***

***Break at 12:31pm***

***Reconvene at 1:19pm***

***Terry Griffin and Michelle Wrigley joined the meeting at 1:19pm***

**Stewards Committee Chair Proposal to Expand to Stewards at Regional Affiliate Finals**

Michelle Wrigley summarized the Stewards Committee chair's recommendation for NRHA to fund NRHA Stewards at each Regional Affiliate Finals.

Jennifer Hoyt motioned for NRHA to fund sending Show Stewards to the four largest Regional Affiliate Finals that are currently not AA Events. If the four largest exceed the budget limit, staff was directed to select the fifth largest Event. Seconded by Josh Visser. Motion passed unanimously.

**Show Stewards at NRHA Events – Executive Session**

***Krissy Colbath joined the meeting at 1:44pm***

**Rule Changes**

Krissy Colbath summarized the 2014 rule change proposals. Staff noted that historic precedent on Executive Committee clarifications was that a rule change did not need submitted. The Executive Committee recommended the Adaptive Reining rule change require a physician statement to determine eligibility. Additionally, it was suggested that rule change 87-01-14 be amended to reflect three hours after class closes.

***Rosanne Sternberg left the meeting at 2:18pm***

**National Reined Breeders Classic Added Money Allowance Request – Executive Session**

***Break at 2:55pm***

***Reconvene at 3:09pm***

***Krissy Colbath and Michelle Wrigley left meeting at 3:15pm***

***Todd Barden, Christina Brezack and Brett Burke joined the meeting at 3:15pm***

**Sponsorship Update – Executive Session**

***Todd Barden, Christina Brezack and Brett Burke left meeting at 4:03pm***

***Michelle Wrigley and Krissy Colbath joined the meeting 4:03pm***

**Association Services Update**

Michelle Wrigley updated the Executive Committee on the current time required to process memberships, competition licenses, show approvals, show results and Derby payments. Currently, memberships and competition licenses are about eight days from time received, show results are being processed same day, approvals are within a few days, Derby payments are being processed same day, trophy billing is updated for 2013 and staff is researching 2012 to ensure everything was billed properly. Additionally, Tom McCutcheon recommended that the Top 20 in the *Reiner* be more timely and that the *Reiner* could use any Professional for the article.

The Executive Committee commended Michelle Wrigley and Krissy Colbath on their hard work.

***Jamie Boller and Todd Knerr joined the meeting at 4:15pm***

**NRHA Derby Update**

Todd Knerr presented an update on the items involved with the 2013 NRHA Derby. The Executive Committee discussed the Open Finalist draw and determined that the draw would be held at 9am on Thursday, followed by the draw announcement in the afternoon.

***Todd Knerr left the meeting at 4:41***

#### **IT Update**

Jessica Johnson presented an update on the 2013 goals of the IT Department. The goals are being accomplished as planned and the IT Department intends on having online renewals ready for the 2014 season. Additionally, discussion regarding tabling online renewals until nominations could be completed occurred.

Terry Griffin motioned to continue with the current goal of having the NRHA IT Department complete online membership renewals. Seconded by Rick Clark. Motion passed unanimously.

***Jamie Boller, Krissy Colbath and Michelle Wrigley left the meeting 4:49pm***

***Hayley Lewallen, Shianne Megel and Christa Morris joined the meeting 4:50pm***

#### **NRHA Office Update**

John Foy updated the Executive Committee on the recent meetings with SFOK and the possibility of them acquiring the Perez building.

#### **Sire & Dam Update**

Hayley Lewallen presented an update on current projects and the goals of the Sire & Dam program for 2013. Additionally, appreciation gifts were sent to all previous stallion owners.

It was suggested that Hayley introduce herself to sire donors and find out what they like and dislike about the program.

***Hayley Lewallen, Shianne Megel and Christa Morris left the meeting 5:06pm***

***Mikayla Boge joined the meeting at 5:07pm***

#### **Nomination Allowances – Executive Session**

***Mikayla Boge left the meeting at 5:16pm***

***Jamie Boller joined the meeting at 5:34pm***

#### **Stall Sponsorship Guidelines**

Staff was directed to finalize the waiting list and publish it on the website. Discussion continued regarding the revised stall sponsor guidelines and the necessity to contact historic sponsors to explain the revisions.

**Rick Clark motioned to adjourn at 6:05pm. Seconded by Josh Visser.**