

NATIONAL REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION
Board of Director Meeting Minutes
Oklahoma City, OK
August 16-17, 2014

Approved 8/28/2014

Present: Beth Himes – President, Rick Clark – Vice President, Jim Blumer, Mike Deer, Jennifer Hoyt, Tom McCutcheon, Rick Ramsey, Josh Visser, Barbara Brookshire, Shane Brown, Jesse Chase, Becky Hanson, Kelly Hedges, Casey Hinton, Tim Lynch, Sebastian Petroll, Shannon Rafacz, Elizabeth Richards, Marc Wagman, Brian Welman, Roberto Cuoghi, Susy Baeck, Gerd Wilhelm, Kim Maharaj, Lee Foster

Web: Kelli Brummett, Guy Vernon, Joe Wolfe, Filippo Masi, Katharina Quinte, Helmut Schulz, Raul Leal

Staff: Commissioner Gary Carpenter, Chief Financial Officer John Foy, Senior Director of Publications Carol Trimmer, Senior Director of Business Development Todd Barden, Senior Director of Marketing Christa Morris, Director of Events & Affiliates Shianne Megel, Manager of Member Services Jamie Boller, Director of Accounting Chris Mossman, Director of Art, Advertising, & Design Bucky Harris, Coordinator of Affiliates Megan Lundquist

Staff Web: European Programs Advisor Nick Cornelissens

Guests: Terry Weins, Simona Diale, George King, Bob Peterson

Call To Order

Beth Himes called the meeting to order at 8:15 am.

Roll call was conducted. A quorum was established.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made and seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Board of Directors Manuals

Gary Carpenter noted that Board of Directors Manuals had been distributed, requesting that the included Board Evaluation Form be filled out and turned in at the completion of the meeting.

Financial Report

John Foy presented the Financial Report and stated that the auditors had begun their audit and would be in the office for around 6 weeks. The Derby and Awards Banquet were financially very successful, performing well to budget.

2014-2015 Budget

John Foy presented the proposed 2014-2015 Budget. There was discussion regarding the proposed budget. A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2014-2015 Budget as presented. Motion passed.

Building Update

John Foy gave an update on the status of the new building.

Long Range Planning Update

Gary Carpenter reported on the results of the Long Range Planning meeting in June in Columbus, OH and the need for task forces for Global Governance, Judges, and Responsible Animal Care. The Executive Committees recommendations for each Task Force were presented.

Global Governance Task Force
Chair – Rick Ramsey
Terry Griffin
Mike Hancock
Beth Himes
Dell Hendricks
Rosanne Sternberg
Staff Liaison: Nick Cornelissens

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Global Governance Task Force. Motion passed unanimously.

Judges Task Force
Chair – Larry Kasten
Jody Brainard
Brandon Brant
Donnie Bricker
Gabe Hutchins
Dean Latimer
Tom McCutcheon
Mike McEntire
Kim Muehlstaetter

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Judges Task Force, with the addition of Francois Zurcher. Motion passed unanimously.

Responsible Animal Care Task Force
Chair – Karen McCuistion
Shane Brown
Rocky Dare
Andrea Fappani
Sebastian Petroll
Stuart Shoemaker, DVM
Josh Visser

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Responsible Animal Care Task Force, with the addition of William Rhoads, DVM. Motion passed unanimously.

Break at 9:15 am. Reconvene at 9:30 am.

Mandy McCutcheon, Tim McQuay, Jordan Larson, and Ruben Vandorp joined the meeting.

2015 Rule Change Proposals

Beth Himes explained rule change procedures. Board members can make a motion to approve or choose not to make a motion. Beth reminded the Board of their duties and fiduciary responsibility as Board members - to consider what is good for the organization. According to the bylaws, roll call votes are required and published if not unanimously decided.

73-01-15

A motion was made and seconded to approve rule change 73-01-15. Motion passed unanimously.

87-01-15

A motion was made to approve rule change 87-01-15. There was no second. Motion failed.

93-01-15

A motion was made and seconded to approve rule change 93-01-15. Motion passed unanimously.

149-01-15

A motion was made and seconded to approve rule change 149-01-15. Motion passed unanimously.

74-02-15 Section 1

A motion was made and seconded to approve rule change 74-02-15 Section 1. Motion passed unanimously.

74-02-15 Section 2

A motion was made and seconded to approve rule change 74-02-15 Part 1. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded to approve rule change 74-02-15 Part 2.

Approve: Rick Clark, Jim Blumer, Mike Deer, Jennifer Hoyt, Tom McCutcheon, Rick Ramsey, Josh Visser, Barbara Brookshire, Shane Brown, Kelli Brummett, Jesse Chase, Becky Hanson, Kelly Hedges, Casey Hinton, Tim Lynch, Sebastian Petroll, Guy Vernon, Marc Wagman, Brian Welman, Joe Wolfe, Roberto Cuoghi, Susy Baeck, Filippo Masi, Katharina Quinte, Helmut Schulz, Gerd Wilhelm, Kim Maharaj, Lee Foster, Raul Leal

Opposed: Shannon Rafacz, Elizabeth Richards

29 for, 2 opposed. Motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded to approve rule change 74-02-15 Part 5 & 6.

Approve: Rick Clark, Jim Blumer, Mike Deer, Jennifer Hoyt, Tom McCutcheon, Josh Visser, Barbara Brookshire, Shane Brown, Kelli Brummett, Jesse Chase, Becky Hanson, Kelly Hedges, Casey Hinton, Tim Lynch, Sebastian Petroll, Shannon Rafacz, Elizabeth Richards, Guy Vernon, Marc Wagman, Brian Welman, Joe Wolfe, Roberto Cuoghi, Susy Baeck, Filippo Masi, Katharina Quinte, Helmut Schulz, Gerd Wilhelm, Kim Maharaj, Lee Foster, Raul Leal
Opposed: Rick Ramsey

30 for, 1 opposed. Motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded to approve rule change 74-02-15 Part 9 & 10. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded to approve rule change 74-02-15 Part 12 as amended to leave in "If ordered, the Pewter Trophy is mandatory for the \$200-\$500 added Limited Non Pro class. Motion passed unanimously.

43-01-15

A motion was made and seconded to approve rule change 43-01-15. Motion passed unanimously.

Break at 10:13 am. Reconvene at 10:26 am. Scott Stanley, PhD and Brian Carroll, DVM joined the meeting.

54-01-15

Guests present spoke to the proposal.

Matt Mills joined the meeting at 10:41 am.

There was discussion regarding the proposal and the current medications rules and policy.

Break at 11:31 am. Reconvene at 11:49 am.

A motion was made and seconded to amend the Animal Welfare and Medications Policy (Excluding European Events 11-07-27) to continue research phase through 2015 and create a task force to review the NRHA medications rules and Policies. Motion passed unanimously.

No motion made on proposal 54-01-15.

Terry Weins, Mandy McCutcheon, Tim McQuay, Jordan Larson, Ruben Vandorp, Scott Stanley, PhD, and Brian Carroll, DVM left the meeting.

Break at 12:10 pm. Reconvene at 12:59 pm.

Matt Mills, Filippo Masi, Helmut Schulz, Raul Leal, and Katharina Quinte left the meeting. Patti Colbert, Samantha Oldfield, and Chris Dennis joined the meeting.

American Horse Council Marketing Alliance

Patti Colbert presented the American Horse Council Marketing Alliance and Time to Ride Initiative. A motion was made and seconded to approve the AHC Marketing Alliance for a three-year term. Motion passed unanimously.

Patti Colbert left the meeting at 1:25 pm.

2015 Rule Change Proposals – continued

59-01-15

Frank Costantini joined the meeting at 1: 49 pm.

A motion was made and seconded to approve rule change 59-01-15.

Approve: Rick Clark, Jim Blumer, Mike Deer, Jennifer Hoyt, Tom McCutcheon, Rick Ramsey, Josh Visser, Barbara Brookshire, Shane Brown, Kelli Brummett, Becky Hanson, Kelly Hedges, Casey Hinton, Tim Lynch, Sebastian Petroll, Shannon Rafacz, Marc Wagman, Brian Welman, Joe Wolfe, Frank Costantini, Gerd Wilhelm, Kim Maharaj, Lee Foster

Oppose: Jesse Chase, Elizabeth Richards, Guy Vernon, Roberto Cuoghi, Susy Baeck

23 for, 5 opposed. Motion passed.

60-01-15

A motion was made and seconded to approve rule change 60-01-15 with the amendment that there is no money limit. Motion and second rescinded.

A motion was made and seconded to approve rule change 60-01-15 as proposed.

Approve: Rick Clark, Jim Blumer, Jennifer Hoyt, Tom McCutcheon, Rick Ramsey, Josh Visser, Shane Brown, Jesse Chase, Becky Hanson, Kelly Hedges, Casey Hinton, Tim Lynch, Sebastian Petroll, Shannon Rafacz, Elizabeth Richards, Guy Vernon, Marc Wagman, Brian Welman, Joe Wolfe, Frank Costantini, Roberto Cuoghi, Susy Baeck, Gerd Wilhelm, Kim Maharaj

Oppose: Mike Deer, Barbara Brookshire, Kelli Brummett, Lee Foster

24 for, 4 opposed. Motion passed.

62-01-15

A motion was made and seconded to approve rule change 62-01-15. Motion passed unanimously.

62-02-15 / 62-03-15

A motion was made and seconded to approve rule change 62-03-15. Motion passed unanimously.

65-01-15

No motion.

66-02-15

A motion was made and seconded to approve rule change 66-02-15. Motion passed unanimously.

Break at 2:29 pm. Reconvene at 2:52 pm.

74-01-15 / 66-01-15

A motion was made and seconded to approve rule change 74-01-15 Section F.

Approve: Rick Clark, Jim Blumer, Mike Deer, Jennifer Hoyt, Rick Ramsey, Josh Visser, Barbara Brookshire, Shane Brown, Kelli Brummett, Jesse Chase, Becky Hanson, Kelly Hedges, Casey Hinton, Tim Lynch, Sebastian Petroll, Shannon Rafacz, Elizabeth Richards, Guy Vernon, Marc Wagman, Brian Welman, Joe Wolfe, Frank Costantini, Kim Maharaj, Lee Foster

Oppose: Roberto Cuoghi, Susy Baeck, Gerd Wilhelm

24 for, 3 opposed. Motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded to approve rule change 74-01-15 Section S (3).

Approve: Rick Clark, Jim Blumer, Mike Deer, Jennifer Hoyt, Rick Ramsey, Josh Visser, Barbara Brookshire, Shane Brown, Kelli Brummett, Jesse Chase, Becky Hanson, Kelly Hedges, Casey Hinton, Tim Lynch, Sebastian Petroll, Shannon Rafacz, Elizabeth Richards, Marc Wagman, Brian Welman, Joe Wolfe, Frank Costantini, Roberto Cuoghi, Susy Baeck, Gerd Wilhelm, Kim Maharaj, Lee Foster

Oppose: Guy Vernon

26 for, 1 opposed. Motion passed.

80-01-15

A motion was made and seconded to approve rule change 80-01-15.

Approve: Rick Clark, Jim Blumer, Mike Deer, Jennifer Hoyt, Rick Ramsey, Josh Visser, Barbara Brookshire, Shane Brown, Kelli Brummett, Jesse Chase, Becky Hanson, Kelly Hedges, Casey Hinton, Tim Lynch, Sebastian Petroll, Shannon Rafacz, Guy Vernon, Marc Wagman, Brian Welman, Joe Wolfe, Frank Costantini, Roberto Cuoghi, Susy Baeck, Gerd Wilhelm, Kim Maharaj, Lee Foster

Oppose: Elizabeth Richards

26 for, 1 opposed. Motion passed.

80-02-15 / 82-01-15

No motion on 80-02-15 and 82-01-15, passed as a part of 74-02-15.

86-01-15

A motion was made and seconded to approve rule change 86-01-15. Motion passed unanimously.

87-02-15

No motion.

91-01-15

A motion was made and seconded to approve rule change 91-01-15. Motion passed unanimously.

105-01-15

A motion was made and seconded to approve rule change 105-01-15. Motion passed unanimously.

123-01-15

No motion.

124-01-15

No motion,

Break at 3:52 pm. Reconvene at 4:06 pm.

2015 NRHA Futurity Conditions

Jamie Boller presented the recommendations of the Futurity and Derby Conditions Task Force for the 2015 NRHA Futurity: change the number of payments from 6 to 5 (starting on February 15), increase the number of Level 3 Open finalists to 30, increase the added money in the Youth Non Pro Futurity to \$2,000, remove the Non Pro consolation round, increase the number of Non Pro Finalists in each level (Level 4 to 30, Level 3 to 30, Level 2 to 20, Level 1 to 20).

A motion was made and seconded to amend the conditions to keep the Non Pro Consolation round, include a \$25 office fee, and increase only the Level 3 Non Pro finalists to 25. Motion passed unanimously.

2015 NRHA Derby Conditions

Jamie Boller presented the recommendations of the Futurity and Derby Conditions Task Force for the 2015 NRHA Derby: change the Non Pro entry deadline from March 1 to May 1. A motion was made and seconded to approve the conditions as presented, with the addition of a \$25 office fee. Motion passed unanimously.

North American and European Nomination Conditions

Samantha Oldfield informed the board that the online nomination portal is in the last stages of development. Samantha presented the nomination conditions changes, which include merging the two programs into one set of conditions (programs will remain separate), removing half payments, and requiring all payments to be in U.S. Dollars. A motion was made and seconded to approve the conditions with the amendment to increase the competition license fee. Motion passed unanimously.

RHSF Update

Chris Dennis and Frank Costantini gave an update on the RHSF.

2015 Fees Policy

A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2015 Fees Policy with the amendment to remove the online processing fee. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 am.

Sunday August 17

Present: Beth Himes – President, Rick Clark – Vice President, Jim Blumer, Mike Deer, Jennifer Hoyt, Rick Ramsey, Josh Visser, Barbara Brookshire, Shane Brown, Jesse Chase, Becky Hanson, Kelly Hedges, Casey Hinton, Tim Lynch, Sebastian Petroll, Shannon Rafacz, Elizabeth Richards, Marc Wagman, Brian Welman, Roberto Cuoghi, Susy Baeck, Gerd Wilhelm, Kim Maharaj, Lee Foster

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Guests: Bob Peterson, George King

Call To Order

Beth Himes called the meeting to order at 8:16 am.

Roll call was conducted. A quorum was established.

Responsible Animal Care Task Force

A motion was made and seconded to replace Susy Baeck with Simona Diale on the Responsible Animal Care Task Force. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded to disband the World Title/Top Ten and Futurity/Derby Conditions Task Forces. Motion passed unanimously.

Affiliate Approvals

Great Western Reining Horse Association Affiliate Approval

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Great Western Reining Horse Association as an NRHA Affiliate. Motion passed unanimously.

ANCR Uruguay Affiliate Approval

A motion was made and seconded to approve the ANCR Uruguay as an NRHA Affiliate. Motion passed unanimously.

Regional Affiliate Finals Host Proposal Bids

Tina Riley (DRHA), Nancy Elton (AzRHA), Dave Belson (AzRHA), Michael Miola (AzRHA), Rosie Irish (ORHA), Robert LaPorta (EPRHA), and Kimberly Tillman (EPRHA) joined the meeting via webcast.

East Central

A motion was made and seconded to accept the bid from Ohio Valley RHA for the 2015-2019 East Central Regional Affiliate Finals. Motion passed unanimously.

Eastern Canada

A motion was made and seconded to accept the bid from the Quebec Reining Association for the 2015-2019 Eastern Canada Regional Affiliate Finals. Motion passed unanimously.

Mexico

A motion was made and seconded to accept the bid from ANCR Mexico for the 2015-2016 Mexico Regional Affiliate Finals. Motion passed unanimously.

Mountain

A motion was made and seconded to accept the bid from Eastern Plains RHA for the 2015-2017 Mountain Regional Affiliate Finals. Motion passed unanimously.

Guy Vernon recused from voting.

North Central

A motion was made and seconded to accept the bid from North Central RHA for the 2015-2016 North Central Regional Affiliate Finals. Motion passed unanimously.

Brian Welman recused from voting.

Northeast

Jennifer Hoyt spoke to the bid from Central New York RHA for the 2015-2016 Northeast Regional Affiliate Finals. Kimberly Tillman and Robert LaPorta spoke to the bid from Eastern Pennsylvania RHA for the 2015-2019 Northeast Regional Affiliate Finals.

Beth Himes left the meeting at 8:51am. Rick Clark took over as chair of the meeting.

The recommendation from the Affiliate Committee was for Central New York RHA.

Kimberly Tillman and Robert LaPorta left the meeting. Jennifer Hoyt left the meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the bid from Central New York RHA for the 2015-2016 Northeast Regional Affiliate Finals. Motion passed.

Jennifer Hoyt joined the meeting.

Northwest

Bob Peterson and George King spoke to the bid from Great Western RHA for the 2015-2019 Northwest Regional Affiliate Finals. Rosie Irish spoke to the bid from Oregon RHA for the 2015-2016 Northwest Regional Affiliate Finals. Becky Hanson spoke to the bid from West Coast RHA for the 2015-2016 Northwest Regional Affiliate Finals. The recommendation from the Affiliate Committee was split between Great Western for 3 years and Oregon.

Bob Peterson, George King, and Rosie Irish left the meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the bid from Great Western RHA for only the 2015-2017 Northwest Regional Affiliate Finals. Motion passed unanimously.

Becky Hanson and Kelli Brummett recused from voting.

South Central

A motion was made and seconded to accept the bid from Oklahoma RHA for the 2015-2019 South Central Regional Affiliate Finals. Motion passed unanimously.

Southeast

A motion was made and seconded to accept the bid from South Eastern RHA for the 2015-2016 Southeast Regional Affiliate Finals. Motion passed unanimously.

Jesse Chase recused from voting.

Southwest

Frank Costantini and Time Lynch left the meeting.

Nancy Elton, Michael Miola, and Dave Belson spoke to the bid from Arizona RHA for the 2015-2016 Southwest Regional Affiliate Finals, with the possibility of extending the contract until 2019. Tina Riley spoke to the bid from Desert RHA for the 2015-2019 Southwest Regional Affiliate Finals. The Affiliate Committee recommended the bid from California RHA for the 2015-2019 Southwest Regional Affiliate Finals.

Nancy Elton, Michael Miola, Dave Belson, and Tina Riley left the meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the bid from California RHA for only the 2015-2016 Southwest Regional Affiliate Finals.

Motion passed.

Frank Costantini and Time Lynch joined the meeting.

Western Canada

A motion was made and seconded to accept the bid from Reining Alberta for the 2015-2016 Western Canada Regional Affiliate Finals. Motion passed unanimously.

Break at 10:08 am. Reconvene at 10:26 am.

Eligibility Task Force

Jamie Boller and Jennifer Hoyt presented the changes recommended to the Worldwide Eligibility Policy by the task force: change the cap on Category 2 & 6 Level 3 Open to \$80,000, change the cap on Rookie Level 1 Youth points to 200, and change the cap on Rookie Level 2 Youth points to 300. Concern was expressed by several board members regarding the Category 2 & 6 caps presented. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Worldwide Eligibility Policy changes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded to disband the Eligibility Task Force. Motion passed unanimously.

European Affiliate Council

Nick Cornelissens and Roberto Cuoghi updated the Board of Directors on the meetings that have occurred with the European Affiliate Council during 2014.

Judges Committee

A motion was made and seconded to approve the changes as presented to the Eligibility for an NRHA Judges School Attendance Policy (11-04-17). Motion passed unanimously.

Department Updates

Jamie Boller reviewed the current numbers for memberships and approved shows. Shianne Megel reviewed the NRHA Futurity and NRHA Derby entry numbers, as well as the nomination numbers. Christ Morris reviewed the numbers for the Sire & Dam program and informed the Board of the decision made during the Executive Committee meeting to allow Sire & Dam offspring to be eligible for the NRHA Futurity and Derby once again. The new changes would be retroactive to include contracts sold in 2014.

Affiliate Discussion

There was discussion regarding affiliate designations, the number of required shows, and reviewing regions.

Staff left the meeting at 11:24 am. Christa Morris joined the meeting.

Medications Hearing Panel – Executive Session

Protest Update – Executive Session

Meeting adjourned at 11:37 am.