

NATIONAL REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION
Executive Committee
Conference Call Minutes
March 5, 2014

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Present: Beth Himes – President, Rick Clark – Vice President, Jim Blumer, Mike Deer, Jennifer Hoyt, Tom McCutcheon, Rick Ramsey, Josh Visser

Staff: Gary Carpenter, John Foy, Jessica Johnson, Megan Lundquist, Shianne Megel,

Call to Order

Beth Himes called the meeting to order at 10:34am CST.

Category 1 Added Money Clarification

Jessica Johnson referenced the approved Executive Committee minutes for August 2013 and November 2013. The Category 1 Added Money Clarification was ratified by the Board of Directors in November 2013. The Executive Committee amended the Clarification in February 2014 and it was inadvertently not sent to the Board as well. Jessica reviewed the initial reasoning for the staggered levels and for not initially setting a cap on added money by class. The staff recommendation was to review the motion and make a new motion to leave the clarification as it what when ratified by the Board, but allow historic shows that held a \$1,000 Prime Time Non Pro to offer the same amount of added money in 2014. There was extensive discussion regarding clarification, changes to the clarification, the intent, and rescinding the clarification. Rick Ramsey motioned to rescind the clarification in its entirety. Motion seconded by Mike Deer. Concern was raised by staff regarding the need to take the clarification to the Board since they had ratified the initial clarification in November. Executive Committee felt that they had authority to rescind the clarification. Motion passed.

Futurity Level 1 Open Proposal

Gary Carpenter presented the proposal for a NRHA Futurity Level 1 Open “Developing Rider Futurity.” There was discussion regarding the concern over added money for the class and the payouts being more than the semi-final and possibly some of the finalists. Staff recommended awarding prizes and other incentives to the riders.

Josh Visser left the meeting at 11:02 am.

Rick Ramsey motioned to accept the proposal, included added money, for the 2014 NRHA Futurity. Motion seconded by Rick Clark. Motion passed unanimously.

Professionals Committee

Mike Deer motioned to approve the changes to the Professionals Committee as presented. Motion seconded by Jennifer Hoyt. Motion passed unanimously.

VRHA Affiliate 45 Day Exception

Shianne Megel explained the exception request sent in by VRHA. Staff recommendation was to deny the request, citing precedence. The Executive Committee did not approve the exception.

NRHA Derby 4D

Gary Carpenter presented the 4D proposal for the 2014 NRHA Derby. It would be held concurrently with the Youth classes on Sunday, June 22. There was some concern over the schedule already being approved and the need to research more and wait for 2015. Jessica Johnson stated that extensive research was done before the 4D that was held during the Cowtown Classic and requested what addition research the Executive Committee would like staff to do. The Executive Committee opted to postpone the 4D until possibly 2015.

NRHA Derby Cantina

Gary Carpenter discussed the concern over the expense of the Cantina at the Derby and the staff recommendation to only have it the last 3 days of the event (Thursday, Friday, and Saturday). Discussion regarding the cantina being a large perk for the exhibitors and the need to provide for the members. John Foy explained the cost of the Cantina in 2013 and the amount of tickets sold. Rick Clark motioned to keep the Derby Cantina as is. Motion seconded by Mike Deer. Mike Deer commended staff on their attempts to do their fiduciary duty to NRHA.

Gary Carpenter stated that there is a need to evaluate the NRHA Derby and get the greatest benefit for members.

Jim Blumer left the meeting at 11:30 am.

Banquet

Gary Carpenter presented the option, in future years, of only announcing the Top Five in each event at the Banquet. There is a desire to shorten the event and the staff will be evaluating options for the future.

BOD Conference Call

Gary Carpenter explained the proposed changes to releasing rule changes to the membership and the need to convene a conference call with the Board to explain the changes. Beth Himes and the staff are to discuss potential dates and send out an email to the Board.

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 am.