

**NATIONAL REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION**  
**Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Oklahoma City, Oklahoma**  
**November 2, 2014**

*Approved 11/10/14*

**Present:** Beth Himes-President, Rick Clark-Vice President, Rick Ramsey, Jennifer Hoyt, Mike Deer, Josh Visser, Tom McCutcheon

**Staff:** Commissioner Gary Carpenter, Chief Financial Officer John Foy, Senior Director of Business Development Todd Barden, Director of Events & Affiliates Shianne Megel, Senior Director of Publications Carol Trimmer, Senior Director of Marketing Christa Morris, Administrative Assistant Liz Feuerstein

**Guests:** Rosanne Sternberg

**Call to Order**

Beth Himes called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM

**Consent Agenda**

A motion and a second were made to pass the consent agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

**Financial Update**

**Audit Report**

John Foy presented the October 23, 2014 Audit Report. In laymen's terms the auditor has issued what is known as a clean audit report. Per the NRHA Handbook, NRHA met its fiduciary responsibility by posting the report online in a timely manner. The report was posted online on October 24, 2014.

**First Quarter Financials**

John then presented the first quarter results. He described the first quarter as our quiet quarter since we do not have any shows or sales. He is still waiting on the financials from the European Derby. Youth memberships are slowly growing, and advertising in the *Reiner* has gone up. Nominations and futurity entries are down, but we are still receiving them daily so we do not know the final numbers.

***Jamie Boller and Jody Brainard joined the meeting at 9:39 AM.***

**Judges Committee**

Jody Brainard gave an update on the Judges Committee. The judge's school was very well received, and they plan on having more of a workshop format in January. Jody expressed the need for more input on the expense of Judges Fees. He felt that there only needs to be random bridal checks at the smaller shows and there are certain issues that need to be addressed during the schools. He is still waiting on clarification on whether or not he can combine the European Judges Schools.

*Jody Brainard left the meeting at 10:18 AM*

*Break at 10:18 AM. Reconvene at 10:31 AM*

### **Rule Change Submission Date Discussion**

Jamie Boller discussed moving the rule change submission date to March 1. This would allow for more time to read the proposed rule changes and discuss them at the May Board Meeting. It was decided that two weeks longer was not a sufficient change, so it was decided to suggest to the Board the submission date be changed to March 15.

### **Rule Book Clarification**

#### **Professionals Clarification**

Jamie Boller presented clarifications in the NRHA Handbook regarding the new Professionals Membership. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Professionals clarification. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **Green Reiner/Entry Level Clarification**

Jamie Boller presented clarifications to NRHA Handbook regarding the Entry Level and Green Reiner classes. It was decided that the Green Reiner did not need a clarification. A motion and a second were made to remove the second part of #5 on page 85. Letter "k" that states " Non Pro status is not required to show in the Non Pro Class." Motion passed unanimously.

### **Show Management Conflicts**

Conflicts of interest regarding show management were discussed. It was decided that this matter should be a point of interest at the Judges School and Show Management Seminar. It should also be included on the Affiliate Summit Agenda.

*Jamie Boller left the meeting at 11:21 AM*

### **Building Update**

John Foy and Gary Carpenter gave an update on the new building. They discussed the letter of intent that was sent to the State Fair and the lease we are looking at signing. The new layout was presented, with the Hall of Fame being located in what is considered the old gymnasium. This would move the entrance to a more attractive location and give the entire building a better flow. Due to these changes, it adds additional costs to the budget which would increase the monthly rent. The current timeline is to be moved in by July. A motion and second were made to recommend that the NRHA Board of Directors approves the additional costs to the new building.

*Break for lunch at 11:40 AM. Reconvene at 12:36 PM.*

### **IT Update**

John Foy gave an update on the IT department. He highlighted the accomplishments over the past year and their plans for the upcoming year. Our current show program was discussed and the need for it to be translated to English.

*John Foy left the meeting at 12:51*

### **RHSF Board Appointments**

Frank Costantini, Dave Belson, Mike Hancock, Rita Reed Harris, Mandy McCutcheon, Mark Blake, Becky Jordan, Tracy Lynch, and Andre DeBellefeuille were suggested as possible Board members for 2015. A motion and a second were made to approve the list. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Executive Committee Disclosure**

Beth Himes declared she has a horse in the Open World Championship Shootout, but not in the Futurity.

### **2014 European Derby**

Shianne Megel gave a recap of the 2014 European Derby. Overall, there were fewer Non Pro entries but it may have been due to the fact it was scheduled close to the World Equestrian Games. We are still waiting on financials, but we are expecting a loss.

### **Banquet Discussion**

Shianne Megel discussed changing the format of our Banquet by having several smaller ceremonies on different days. She outlined the benefits which would include: lower ticket prices, lower overhead cost, more convenient for attendees, and a more casual atmosphere. There was concern over lack of participation. It was decided that the banquet will stay as it is, but only the top five will be announced. Awards will be available to be picked up; anyone who does not pick up their award will be billed for the costs of shipping the award.

### **Conflict Calendar Review**

The dates and location for the first Board meeting in 2015 were discussed. It was decided it would be further discussed at the Board of Directors meeting

*Break at 1:54 PM. Reconvene at 2:12 PM*

### **Alliance Discussion**

Our alliances with AQHA, FEI, and Congress were all reviewed.

*John Foy returned at 2:36 PM*

### **Medications Update**

#### Testing Update

Christa Morris gave an update on the results of our Medications testing in North America and Europe. There was a discussion regarding releasing this information publicly. In the past, it was determined that the information was to remain confidential. It was to be discussed further at the Board meeting. Rick Clark disclosed the Medications Task Force's recommendation to the Board.

#### NRHA Germany Letter

A motion was made and seconded to enforce the same suspension as NRHA Germany.

### **AQHA Convention**

Gary Carpenter discussed the AQHA Convention and their request to hold a reining demonstration. They will need four riders to run full patterns. The Convention is during the Cactus Classic and many people will be unable to attend. Any rider suggestions were welcomed.

### **Inside Reining**

Gary Carpenter discussed the future of Inside Reining. They are currently in need of funds to continue with the production of the show. They are requesting \$25,000 from NRHA in order to cover the Derby and Futurity. The funds are currently available and would come out of the Marketing Sponsorship Funds.

A motion and a second were made to allocate \$25,000 to Inside Reining for the production of the Derby and Futurity. The funds are to come out of the marketing sponsorship funds. Motion passed unanimously.

*Staff left the meeting.*

**Sponsorship Update- Executive Session**

*Meeting adjourned at 3:40 PM*