

NATIONAL REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Carefree, Arizona
February 5, 2015

Approved 2/20/15

Present: President Rick Clark, Vice President Mike Deer, Rosanne Sternberg, Rick Ramsey, Jim Blumer, Jennifer Hoyt, Casey Hinton

Conference Call: Josh Visser

Staff: Commissioner Gary Carpenter, Assistant Commissioner Christa Morris, Chief Financial Officer John Foy, Senior Director of Marketing Todd Branson, Senior Director of Business Development Todd Barden, Director of Events and Affiliates Shianne Megel, Manager of Member Services Jamie Boller, Administrative Assistant Liz Feuerstein

Call to Order:

Rick Clark called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m. A quorum was established. He welcomed everyone to the meeting and discussed his expectations and a recent ASAE leadership symposium he attended with Mike Deer and Gary Carpenter.

Consent Agenda

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

Financial Update

John Foy presented the financial update. He reminded everyone we are on a fiscal calendar and what information is contractual and what information is public. Overall, the 2015 Futurity, Shootout, and sale performed well to budget. The Executive Committee reviewed the financial report and considered it a favorable report.

New Building Update

Gary Carpenter discussed the new building contract. It has been thoroughly reviewed and is now ready to be signed. The contract is available to any Executive Committee member that wishes to view it. He also reminded everyone that there is no link between the Futurity and building contract. The current goal is to move in by the end of the year. We are still on budget for the new building.

Commissioner Update

Gary Carpenter gave an update on NRHA operations. NRHA will be working with Betsy Lynch, a professional editor, to review our handbook for grammar mistakes, redundancies and contradictions within it. Additionally, Commissioner Carpenter has been in touch with other equine organizations such as AQHA, APHA and the Jockey Club to inquire about their IT services. Our online services have been very convenient to our membership and easy to use. It has had a very positive impact on the NRHA office as well.

E-Votes Discussion

Gary Carpenter discussed limiting E-votes. Everyone was in agreement they are a convenient and effective communication tool. It was requested that the Executive Committee receive acknowledgment back that their vote has been received.

Break at 9:06 a.m. Reconvened at 9:18 a.m. Todd Knerr joined the meeting.

Xtra Incentive

A letter from Xtra Quarter Horses was reviewed. Jamie Boller reviewed the possible method of how NRHA could fulfill their request to recognize the incentive. A motion and a second were made to deny the request from Xtra Quarter Horses. Motion passed 6 to 1.

It was decided that a response letter from Commissioner Carpenter should be sent to Xtra Quarter Horses.

2015 Calendar

The dates for the next Executive Committee and Board of Directors were discussed. It was decided that they would meet May 7-9 and August 14-16 in Oklahoma City. In November, only the Executive Committee will meet and a tentative date of November 14 was set. The potential date of June 21 for the Annual General Membership Meeting was discussed. A motion and a second were made to approve the date of June 21 for the Annual General Membership meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Nomination Conditions Discussion

Shianne Megel presented the proposed changes to the Nomination Conditions that would include a new deadline and a late fee structure. A motion and a second were made to recommend to the NRHA Board of Directors to approve these proposed changes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Take the Reins Update

Gary Carpenter gave an update on our *Take the Reins* contract with and the staff recommendation to end NRHA's publishing relationship with magazine. Our contract requires that we would help them find a suitable avenue for publication of their magazine. A motion and a second were made to accept the recommendation of NRHA staff to end the Take the Reins contract. Motion passed unanimously.

Senior Coordinator of Affiliates Megan Lundquist joined the meeting.

Medications- Executive Session

Department Updates

Jamie Boller presented the membership reports and then Jennifer Hoyt discussed having all Affiliate Regional Championship shows act as qualifiers for NAJYRC. This will be discussed further at the Affiliate and Youth Committee meetings, and then if they approve the idea, it will come forward as an official recommendation to the Board.

NRHA staff and Todd Knerr left the meeting.

Protests Update – Executive Session

Hearing Body Nominations- Executive Session

NRHA staff, Todd Knerr, Rick Ford, and Colleen McQuay joined the meeting.

Aged Events Committee

Shianne Megel presented the Aged Events Committee's proposed changes to the 2015 Futurity and 2015 Derby Conditions, as well as changes to the 2015 NRHA Derby schedule. There was much discussion regarding the need to get away from last minute changes to event conditions, especially since the first Futurity payment deadline has passed. The changes will also be presented to the Non Pro and Professionals Committees to get their feedback. The Executive Committee went through each individual proposed change.

2015 Futurity Conditions

Adding Prime Time Open

This had previously been taken out due to the lack of participation and the concept that the funds could be better served elsewhere. The counter argument was that the prime time demographic was growing. A motion and a second were made to recommend to the NRHA Board of Directors to add the Prime Time Open back in the 2015 Futurity Conditions. Motion passed 4-3.

Removing Dropped Entry Stipulations

A motion and a second were made to recommend to the NRHA Board of Directors to remove the dropped entry stipulations from the 2015 Futurity Conditions. Motion passed unanimously.

2-Point Penalty Review

Removing the 2-point penalty review from the 2015 Futurity Conditions was discussed. It was decided that since it is not in the *Handbook* it must be left in the conditions. The Judges Committee can submit a rule change proposal regarding this.

Transferring from the Open to the Non Pro Futurity

A motion and a second were made to recommend to the NRHA Board of Directors to allow riders to transfer from the Open to the Non Pro Futurity with a \$500 transfer fee. Motion passed 4-3.

Removing Non Pro Consolation Round

A motion and a second were made to recommend to the NRHA Board of Directors to not remove the Non Pro Consolation Round. Motion passed 6-1.

Adding Concurrent Youth Non Pro Final

A motion and a second were made to recommend to the NRHA Board of Directors to include in the 2015 Futurity Conditions. Motion passed unanimously.

Derby Conditions

Transferring from Non Pro to Open Derby

The word penalty has a strong negative connotation. We should consider using, “transfer” or some other description.

A motion and a second were made to recommend to the Board of Directors to allow horses to transfer from the Non Pro to the Open Derby with a \$500 transfer fee. Motion passed unanimously.

Adding Prime Time Open

A motion and a second were made to recommend to the NRHA Board of Directors to include the addition of the Prime Time Open to the 2015 Derby conditions. Motion passed 6-1.

Increasing Added Money in Prime Time Non Pro

A motion and a second were made to recommend to the NRHA Board of Directors to approve the added money to the Prime Time Non Pro. Motion passed unanimously

Adding Concurrent Youth Non Pro Final

A motion and a second were made to recommend to the NRHA Board of Directors to approve the addition of a concurrent youth final. Motion passed unanimously.

Adding \$5,000 in Added Money to Youth Non Pro

A motion and a second were made to recommend to the NRHA Board of Directors to approve the addition of \$5,000 added money in the Youth Non Pro. Motion passed unanimously.

Derby Schedule

The new proposed 2015 Derby schedule was presented. There was much discussion regarding moving the IEA show to the covered arena. There were concerns over having adequate schooling areas and the increased financial cost. Additionally, we do not know the OKSF would be allow our use of the covered arena in that manner. The Executive Committee did not have a formal recommendation to go to the Board.

Colleen McQuay and Rick Ford left the meeting at 12:03 p.m.

Sponsorship- Executive Session

A motion and a second were made to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m.