

NATIONAL REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
May 7, 2015

Approved 8/17/15

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

Conference Call: Rosanne Sternberg

Staff: Commissioner Gary Carpenter, Assistant Commissioner Christa Morris, Chief Financial Officer John Foy, Senior Director of Publications Carol Trimmer, Executive Assistant Liz Feuerstein, Senior Director of Business Development Todd Barden

Call to Order:

President Rick Clark called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.

Consent Agenda

A motion and a second were made to approve the consent agenda with the stipulation to adjust Rick Ramsey's vote. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Update

Commissioner Gary Carpenter gave an update on NRHA operations which included a recap on his recent trip to the European Futurity and FEI sports forum. He then discussed some recent changes to our IT department.

EAC Update

Shianne Megel gave an update on the 2015 European Futurity. Overall, entries were up but the financials are still coming in. The European Affiliate Council met and Derby and Nomination conditions were reviewed. They will be going to the Executive Committee for approval at a later date.

Jennifer Hoyt joined the meeting at 12:30 p.m.

Commissioners Update Continued

Commissioner Gary Carpenter discussed upcoming customer service training for the NRHA office.

Rosanne Sternberg joined the meeting via conference call and Tiffany Gonzales joined the meeting as 12:36 p.m.

Sale Incentive

Tiffany Gonzales presented the proposed Sale Incentive. The changes included that all horses must be sold in order to be eligible for incentive and ownership cannot be held by the original owner at the sale. The point of the incentive is to maintain the integrity of the sale.

A motion and a second were made to approve the incentive. Open for Discussion. Motion passed 6-1.

Break at 12:48 p.m. Reconvened at 12:56 p.m. Manager of Member Services Jamie Jones, Senior Director of Marketing Todd Branson, and Director of Events Shianne Megel joined the meeting.

Professionals Update

The previous decision made by the Executive Committee regarding the Professionals grace period was discussed. A motion and a second were made to take the original decision to the Board for approval now that the amount to be paid out is over \$10,000.

Open for Discussion. There was a clarification that this was to include all NRHA approved shows through April 1, earnings were not going on any records, and fines will remain. Additionally, 50% of the money would come out of the Professionals account and 50% would come out of the general funds. There was much discussion over whether or not the original decision had been a mistake since there was concern over changing our own rules, depleting the Professionals funds, and members not taking responsibility for their own mistake. Motion passed 4-3.

Shianne Megel and Jamie Jones left the meeting.

50th Discussion

Todd Branson gave an update on current plans and ideas for the 50th running of the Futurity and the 50th Anniversary of the NRHA. A budget would have to be set by June 15 for the August Board meeting. Some of the ideas included having a commentary booth, special promotional items, recognition of past winners, and having Lyle Lovett perform. The Board would need to approve the concert due to the financial costs.

Committee Members for Approval

Developing and Emerging Countries Committee

Motion to approve the Developing and Emerging Countries Committee members. Motion withdrawn. After much discussion, no action was taken and it was decided that the Chair, Joao Marcos, needs to re-submit a list of potential committee members for approval.

Owners Committee

The proposed members of the Owners Committee were: Chloe Lawrence (Chair), Vaughn Zimmerman, Dave Silva, Vinnie Maffuci, Bob Santagata, Joao Marcos, Roberto Cuoghi, and Jordan McBurney. Both Todd Branson and Todd Barden would serve as staff liaisons.

A motion and a second were made to approve the proposed members of the owners committee. Motion passed unanimously.

Break at 2:20. Reconvene at 2:26 p.m. Shannon Rafacz joined the meeting.

Rule Changes

Jamie Jones reviewed several of the proposed rule changes for 2016.

Break at 3:38 p.m. Reconvene at 3:47 p.m. NRHA Staff left the meeting.

Sponsorships- Executive Session

Financial Update- Executive Session

Break at 5:35 p.m. Reconvened at 5:48 p.m.

Commissioners Update- Executive Session

Meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.