

NATIONAL REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION
Executive Committee Meeting
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
November 14, 2015

Approved 1/23/16

Present: President Rick Clark, Vice President Mike Deer, Rosanne Sternberg, Josh Visser, Brian Welman, Casey Hinton, Rick Ramsey

Conference Call: Kelli Brummett

Staff: Commissioner Gary Carpenter, Assistant Commissioner Christa Morris-Stone, Chief Financial Officer John Foy, Director of Events and Affiliates Shianne Megel, Executive Assistant Liz Kelsey

Call to Order:

President Rick Clark called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. CST. A quorum was established. His opening remarks included thanking Rick Ramsey for his service to the Committee and welcoming Brian Welman.

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 and discussed how he will have to ask for another extension on the audit deadline, and most likely he will have to ask for two 30 day extensions. He assured the Executive Committee that it would be completed for the Annual General Membership Meeting in January. The June 30 financials are online with a note that they are unaudited. John Foy then presented the first quarter financials and stressed the importance of the Futurity and sales to the financial success of NRHA.

Break at 10:00 a.m. Reconvened at 10:16 a.m.

Commissioners Report

Commissioner Gary Carpenter gave an update on NRHA operations including the new office building, IT project, and future Board meetings. It was decided that staff needed to further research dates for the future Board meetings and present them for approval at the winter meeting.

Travel Reimbursement Policy Discussion

A motion and a second were made to increase Board per diem to \$150 per day (with a two day guarantee) starting in January. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion and a second were made to begin enforcing the attendance policy for Board members as outlined in the Bylaws (they are required to attend two annual meetings face-to-face) with the exception of international directors. Motion passed unanimously.

Break at 11:43 p.m. Reconvened at 11:53 a.m.

Affiliate Committee Chair

President Rick Clark nominated George King to replace Kelli Brummett as chair of the Affiliate Committee. A motion and a second were made to approve George King. Motion passed unanimously.

RHSF Board Nominations

Mark Blake, Becky Jordan, Rita Reed Harris, Dave Belson, Andre DeBellefeuille, Tracy Lynch, Mandy McCutcheon, Tim Anderson, Chip Roberts, and Ken Banks were all nominated to the RHSF Board for 2016. A motion and a second to approve as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Break for lunch at noon. Reconvened at 1:00 p.m. Senior Coordinator of Events Megan Lundquist, Senior Coordinator of Marketing Hayley Eberle, and Senior Director of Marketing Todd Branson joined the meeting.

Task Force Update

Assistant Commissioner Christa Morris-Stone presented an update on NRHA Task Forces.

Jody Brainard and Brett Walters joined the meeting at 1:24 p.m.

Warm Up Policy

Casey Hinton discussed how the warm up policy hasn't been updated in a while and it needs to be reviewed. It needs to be stressed that the priority is safety and then quality. It was agreed that this topic needs to be sent to the aged events, stewards, and professionals committees.

Judging

Jody Brainard gave an update on the Judges Program. Overall, there was a good response from the foreign judges' schools and everyone is ready for the Futurity.

Schooling

A discussion on schooling was held and it was decided that NRHA Staff needs to work with the Professionals and Judges Committee to put forth a recommendation to the Executive Committee and then the Board.

Jody Brainard and Brett Walters left the meeting at 2:08p.m. CST.

Task Force Update, CTD.

Christa Morris-Stone continued her update on NRHA Task Forces.

Break. At 2:20 p.m. Reconvened at 2:28 p.m. Casey Hinton left the meeting.

IAP Report

Megan Lundquist presented the update on IAP's. Overall, 4 IAP's have not renewed. A request was then made to have a more substantial report presented at the Winter Meeting.

Protests & Investigations – Executive Session

Manager of Business Development Christina Brezack-Randall joined the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

50th Update

Todd Branson gave an update on the 50th celebration including the ribbon cutting ceremony, 50th presentation, Lyle Lovett concert, and other opportunities that are in the works.

Todd Branson left the meeting at 3:23 p.m.

Business Development Update- Executive Session

Christina Brezack-Randall left the meeting at 3:56 p.m.

NRHA Winter Meeting

Director of Events and Affiliates Shianne Megel presented the tentative schedule.

Hall of Fame

It was briefly discussed that the for Hall of Fame selection procedure needs to be reviewed and it was decided to discuss the matter further at the Winter Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 4:06 p.m.