

NATIONAL REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION
Executive Committee
Conference Call Minutes
September 10, 2015

Approved 1/23/16

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

Not Present: Rick Ramsey

Staff: Commissioner Gary Carpenter, Assistant Commissioner Christa Morris, Chief Financial Officer John Foy, Senior Director of Business Development Todd Barden, Director of Events & Affiliates Shianne Megel, Manager of Events Tiffany Gonzales, Manager of Member Services Jamie Jones

Call to Order

President Rick Clark called the meeting to order at 11:04 a.m.

Voting Results

The Executive Committee discussed the results of the officer elections and bylaw amendment voting, as well as the election process.

Conditions Requests

On behalf of the Aged Events Committee, Shianne Megel asked for more specifics on the Board action to add the Masters division to 2016 events. The Executive Committee agreed that the Aged Events Committee should evaluate the division and send a recommendation on what they think will be the best structure.

John Foy presented information on entry fees and retainage to follow-up on the discussion at the previous Board meeting. It was noted that NRHA does charge itself the 5% show fee. John presented options for increasing entry fees, retainage or a combination of the two. He noted that a combination could help the purse, as well as the bottom line of the event.

A motion was made and seconded to recommend that the Board increase Futurity entry fees to \$2,500 and increase retainage to 22.5%. Motion passed.

Futurity Buckle Sponsorship

Christa Morris and Todd Barden presented a recommendation from the Programs Task Force related to buckles awarded at the NRHA Futurity. Being that structure of this

program only has been discussed on an Executive Committee level; the task force recommendation was brought to them.

A motion was made and seconded to not approve the recommendation. Motion passed.

Judge for Chile

Todd presented an update on activity in Chile and their efforts to develop Reining in the country.

A motion was made and seconded to allow Steve Ross to judge their upcoming unapproved event. Motion passed.

Rulebook Clarification

To follow-up on a previous meeting, Jamie Jones presented a Handbook clarification to the Executive Committee. This clarification related to page 86-87 of the NRHA Handbook ((H. Ancillary Show Condition (4)(b)). The clarification read, “The open class may not be jackpotted and must have more added money than any other class in Category 1 at an Event.”

A motion was made and seconded to approve this clarification. Motion passed.

Top Ten Show

Jamie presented a letter on behalf of the Great Plains Futurity & Derby show management which asked for an exception to the rules to be made.

A motion was made and seconded to not approve the event’s request to count for top ten status. Motion passed.

Sale Consignment Update

Tiffany Gonzales updated the Executive Committee on sale consignments. There were 76 yearlings accepted, 70 Futurity Prospect horses accepted and approximately 75 Marketplace horses accepted. Approximately 10 more Futurity Prospect consignments were received this year. We are still accepting Marketplace horses and notifying consignors of horses not accepted to the Prospect Sale.

Corporate Partner Update – Executive Session

Meeting adjourned at 12:18 p.m.