

**NATIONAL REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION**  
**Affiliate Committee Minutes**  
**Skirvin Hotel (Oklahoma City, OK)**  
**January 22, 2016**

**Approved**  
**February 23, 2016**

Members Present: George King – Chair, Dave Belson, Barbara Brookshire, Kelly Hedges, Shannon Rafacz, Joe Wolfe, Kelli Brummett

Members Not Present: Becky Hanson, Raul Leal, Kim Maharaj, Bob Peterson, Beth Richards

Staff Present: Megan Lundquist, Hayley Eberle, Todd Knerr

Guests: Derek Brummett, Jeanine Kern, Betsy Lynch

**Call to Order**

Meeting called to order by George King at 3:22 p.m.

**Review Committee Purpose**

George King reviewed the Affiliate Committee Purpose.

**Review Goals from 2015**

Megan Lundquist reviewed the Affiliate Committee goals from 2015 and what was accomplished during the previous year.

**Health of the Affiliate Program**

The Committee discussed the health of the Affiliate Program at the local level, regional level, and national level. There was discussion regarding growing the Affiliate Regional Championships, which would in turn help grow the North American Affiliate Championships.

**Youth Team Tournament Proposal**

Hayley Eberle presented the proposal submitted by the Programs Task Force for the Youth Team Tournaments at the ARCs, European Affiliate Championships (EAC), and the Australian Continental Championships (ACC). The proposal stated that: (1) buckles would only be offered at the EAC and ACC, using those funds to set up a grant program for affiliate teams competing at the NAJYRC; (2) scholarships would not be offered through the YTT, instead establishing application based scholarships; and (3) NRHA would continue to send medallions for first through tenth place as has been in that past. Concern was raised that this would kill the Youth Team Tournament at the regional level, especially if the buckles were removed. There were no issues with the creation of application based scholarships and not awarding them at the YTT. The Affiliate Committee agreed that they would not recommend the proposal in its current format.

### **New Affiliate Approval**

Megan Lundquist presented the new affiliate approval from the Keystone Reining Association. A motion was made and seconded to recommend to the Board of Directors to approve Keystone Reining Association as a new NRHA affiliate. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Goals for 2016**

George King reviewed the Affiliate Committee goals for 2016. These goals included reviewing the Regional Boundaries, 2016 ARC Request for Proposals Review, and encouraging cooperation among affiliates to increase memberships and event participation. The committee also discussed creating a “catalog” for affiliates to order from to replace trophies.

### **2017 Rule Change Proposals**

Megan Lundquist handed out the 2017 Rule Change Proposals to be reviewed by the Affiliate Committee. A conference call will be scheduled in February to discuss the proposals.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.