

AGED EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING

Committee Name: Aged Events Committee

Meeting Date: January 21, 2016

Present: Joe Wolfe, Kelly Hedges, Shannon Rafacz, Karen Shedlauskas

Not Present: Shane Brown, Mike Hancock, Josh Visser

Guests: Tim McQuay, Rosanne Sternburg

Staff Present: Shianne Megel, Todd Knerr, Tiffany Gonzales, Samantha Oldfield

Committee Purpose: To advise on the production of the NRHA Futurity and NRHA Derby to increase participation and the overall quality of the event.

- Recommend enhancements to the event conditions and schedules for both events.
- Recommend improvements related to the exhibitor and spectator experience.

Topics Discussed

August Board of Directors Meeting – Condition Decisions

- General verbiage clean-up and clarification (no operating changes)
- Level 1 Open Rider Challenge class will not be held at the Futurity. The \$2,500 in added money will be added to the Youth NP purse.
- Refunds of payments made prior to the deadline will be allowed with a \$20 processing fee.
- The First-Time NP Trainers Award at the Futurity was removed and the \$5,000 will be used to create a Masters NP Division at the Futurity.
- A Masters N Division will be added to the Derby.
- The Entry Fee for the Futurity is now \$2,500 and retainage is 22.5%.

2016 Event Conditions

- Determine Prime Time Open Champion in the Finals, take 10 qualifiers
- Change number of Open Semifinalists
 - Level 4 Open – Top 150 Horses (Plus Ties)
 - Level 3 Open – Top 125 Horses (Plus Ties)
 - Level 2 Open – Top 100 Horses (Plus Ties)
 - Level 1 Open – Top 75 Horses (Plus Ties)
- Remove Level 3 verbiage clarification from 2015
- Masters Non Pro at Derby
 - Jackpot w/ buckle
 - Dual enter with Prime Time
- Horses not designated will move to beginning of draw

Derby Schedule

- Patterns and number of judges in ancillary pens

2017 Rule Changes

- Time did not allow a full review, will be put on next agenda