

NATIONAL REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
January 23-24, 2016

Approved 5/10/16

Present: President Rick Clark, Vice President Mike Deer, Kelly Hedges, Shane Brown, Dave Belson, Brian Welman, Joao Marcos, Mike Hancock, Ann Salmon Anderman, Josh Visser, Barbara Brookshire, Simona Diale, Mark Blake, Jesse Chase, Jeanine Kern, Sebastian Petroll, Joe Wolfe, Fred Thomsson, Heather Powell, Shannon Rafacz, Larry Handley, Larry Barker, Casey Hinton, Rosanne Sternberg, Brett Walters, Kelli Brummett,

Conference Call: Susy Baeck, Lee Foster, Kim Maharaj, Guy Vernon

Not Present: Becky Hanson, Gerd Wilhelm, Francois Zucher, Anneli Silverstolpe, Sven Friesecke, Roberto Cuoghi, Mick Taylor,

Guests: Ben Baylor, Jennifer Hancock, Frank Costantini, Tim Anderson, Gary Pipkin, Leslie Baker, Jean Pipkin, Sean Pulley, Mark Rafacz, Jessica How, Pat Mullins

Staff: Commissioner Gary Carpenter, Chief Financial Officer John Foy, Assistant Commissioner Christa Morris-Stone, Executive Assistant Liz Kelsey, Director of Events and Affiliates Shianne Megel, Show Manager Todd Knerr, European Programs Advisor Nick Cornelissens, Senior Director of Marketing Todd Branson, Director of Accounting Chris Mossman, Manager of Member Services Jamie Jones, Senior Coordinator of Events and Affiliates Megan Lundquist, Senior Director of Publications Carol Trimmer

Call to Order:

President Rick Clark called the meeting to order at 8:04 a.m. Roll call was conducted and a quorum was established. Everyone then introduced themselves and Rick explained how the Board meeting would proceed.

Consent Agenda

A motion and a second were made to approve the consent agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report

Chief Financial Officer John Foy presented the financial report.

A motion and a second were made to approve the Finance Committee's recommendation to extend the audit 30 days. Motion passed unanimously.

Susy Baeck, Guy Vernon, Lee Foster, Kim Maharaj joined the meeting via conference call at 8:32 a.m. CST.

John Foy then discussed the Whistleblower Policy and the legal responsibilities of being a member of the Board.

Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Gary Carpenter gave his report on NRHA operations and Assistant Commissioner Christa Morris-Stone presented the Task Force Update.

2017 Proposed Rule Changes

Christa Morris-Stone and Jamie Jones presented the 2017 proposed rule changes. The only recommended change was to proposed rule change 88-01-17, for it to read "Top Ten NRHA Approved."

Samantha Oldfield joined the meeting at 9:26 a.m.

Medications Fee Clarification

Megan Lundquist presented the medications fee clarification. A motion and a second were made to approve as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion and a second were made to approve the clean up as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Policies

Liz Kelsey presented the Executive Committee's recommended changes to the Travel Reimbursement Policy. A motion and a second were made to approve as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Christa Morris-Stone discussed our current Schooling Policy and Shianne Megel presented the restricted European Eligibility Policy. The question had come up of whether or not the Worldwide Eligibility Policy and the restricted European Eligibility Policy should mirror each other.

A motion and a second were made to request that the Executive European Affiliate Council members review the Restricted European Eligibility policy immediately and put forth a recommendation to the Board of Directors to vote on via Electronic Voting. Motion passed 18-7.

Judges

Christa Morris-Stone and Jamie Jones discussed all of our current policies pertaining to judges. President Rick Clark appointed a Judges Policy Review Task Force made up of the following members: Ann Salmon Anderman- Chair, Brett Walters, Kelly Hedges, Dave Belson, and Sebastian Petroll. A motion and a second were made to approve the task force. Motion passed unanimously.

Break at 10:01 a.m. Reconvened at 10:10 a.m.

Global Governance Executive Session

NRHA staff and guests left the meeting. Mike Joseph joined the meeting.

Mike Joseph left the meeting. NRHA Staff returned to the meeting. Break at 11:20 a.m. Reconvened at 11:39 a.m.

Affiliates

Megan Lundquist presented a request from the California Reining Horse Association to change the dates of the Southwest Regional Affiliate Finals to October 26-30, 2016. A motion and a second were made to approve the change in dates. Motion passed unanimously.

Quebec Reining Horse Association requested a change in location and dates for the Eastern Canada Regional Affiliate Championships. A motion and a second were made to approve the request as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion and a second were made to approve the Keystone Reining Association as a new affiliate. Heather Powell disclosed she is a member of the Keystone Reining Association. Motion passed unanimously.

Nominating Committee

A motion and a second were made to approve Brett Walters, Shannon Rafacz, Larry Barker, Guy Vernon, and Kelly Hedges as members of the Nominating Committee. Motion passed unanimously.

Break for lunch at 11:56 a.m. Reconvened at 1:05 p.m.

Futurity Review

The Board of Directors and staff members broke off into small groups to discuss the recent NRHA Futurity. The groups then presented their thoughts to everyone.

Task Force Recommendations

Christa Morris-Stone presented the various Task Force recommendations.

A motion and a second were made to approve the recommendations to the warm up policy. Open to discussion. Call to question. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion and a second were made to approve the position statements on animal welfare as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

No action was taken on the Programs Task Force's recommendation on the Professional awards.

Break at 2:55 p.m. Reconvene at 3:15 p.m.

World Title/Top Ten

Rick Clark appointed a World Title/Top Ten Task Force made up of Shannon Rafacz, Nick Cornelissens, Jeanine Kern, Larry Handley, Mark Blake, Shane Brown, Ann Salmon Anderman, Karen Shedlauskas, Kim Maharaj, and Joe Wolfe would serve as chair. The task force is to provide an update and any recommendations at the May Board meeting.

A motion and a second were made to approve the task force. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business-Hall of Fame

Rick Clark and Kelli Brummett discussed the need to update the criteria for Hall of Fame nominees. They then asked for ideas from the Board to be sent to Kelli.

Judges-Executive Session

NRHA staff, guests, Ann Salmon-Anderman, and Kelly Hedges left the meeting.

NRHA Hearing Body- Executive Session

Medications Hearing Panel- Executive Session

Medications Testing Update- Executive Session

Protest and Investigations Update- Executive Session

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

January 24, 2016

Present: President Rick Clark, Vice President Mike Deer, Kelly Hedges, Shane Brown, Dave Belson, Brian Welman, Joao Marcos, Mike Hancock, Ann Salmon Anderman, Josh Visser, Barbara Brookshire, Simona Diale, Mark Blake, Jesse Chase, Jeanine Kern, Sebastian Petroll, Joe Wolfe, Fred Thomsson, Heather Powell, Shannon Rafacz, Larry Handley, Larry Barker, Casey Hinton, Rosanne Sternberg, Brett Walters, Kelli Brummett,

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Guests: Mark Rafacz, Jennifer, Betsy Lynch, Michell Anne Kimball, Pat Mullins

Conference Call: Kim Maharaj, Guy Vernon

Call to Order:

President Rick Clark called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. CST. A quorum was established.

Task Force Recommendation

President Rick Clark recommended to remove Joe Wolfe from the Top Ten Task Force and to replace him with Larry Handley (chair). A motion and a second were made to approve the revised list including Larry Handley. Motion passed unanimously.

International Affiliate Program Task Force

Rick Clark appointed Rosanne Sternberg, Kelli Brummett, Mike Hancock, Simona Diale, Nick Cornelissens, and Kim Maharaj to serve on the International Affiliate Program Task Force. Kim Maharaj will serve as chair. A motion and a second were made to approve the task force. Motion passed unanimously.

NRHA Events

Futurity Conditions

Shianne Megel discussed the proposed changes to the Futurity conditions.

A motion and a second were made to approve the number of horses going back in the finals as presented. Open to discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion and a second were made to approve taking 10 qualifiers to the Prime Time Open. Motion passed unanimously,

A motion and a second were made that the deadline for the first Futurity payment be extended to February 15, 2016 (postmarked). Motion passed unanimously.

A motion and a second were made to remove the verbiage concerning level 3 Open contestants. Motion passed unanimously.

No action was taken on the Masters Non Pro Conditions.

A motion and a second were made to move all horses that do not have riders designated to the first section of the draw.

A motion and a second were made to amend the motion that any Non Rider designated horses will be scratched 48 hours prior to the first horse in the pen. If you designate within that 48 hours you will be first in the draw.

A motion was made that any horse who does not have a designated rider that does not meet the deadline of November 1, will automatically be put at the front of the draw. Motion withdrawn.

A motion and a second were made that horses with non-designated riders by November 1 will go to the top of the draw, and if nothing within 48 hours, the horse is scratched.

A motion and a second were made to amend the original motion to change the 48 hour scratch deadline to 12:00 p.m. Tuesday.

Call to Question. Amendment passed unanimously.

Original motion passed unanimously.

Derby Conditions

A motion was made to enforce the rider designation deadline for the Derby (June 1) and that anyone after the date would be placed at the beginning of the draw. Any horses that do not have riders designated by noon two days prior to the open will automatically be scratched. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion and a second were made to accept the new payout structure as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Masters Non Pro

A motion and a second were made to approve the conditions for the masters non pro at the Derby. Open to discussion.

A motion and a second were made to amend the original motion to change the Masters Non Pro to a jackpot class with a \$200 entry fee and a buckle as an award. Motion passed unanimously.

Break at 9:25 a.m. Reconvened at 9:32 a.m.

Derby Schedule

Shianne Megel presented the proposed schedule for the 2016 NRHA Derby. A motion and a second were made to accept the 2016 NRHA Derby schedule with the changes noted. Motion passed unanimously.

Inside Reining

A motion and a second were made to give permission to the NRHA Executive Committee and NRHA Staff to grant Inside Reining \$25,000 if there is a positive variance of at least \$25,000 after the January financials are completed. Motion passed unanimously.

Trophy Discussion

Dave Belson left the meeting at 9:54 a.m.

Shianne Megel presented an ongoing issue with international conversion rates and shows purchasing trophies.

A motion and a second were made to allow any country to apply to NRHA to request the ability to award a trophy based on their country's currency with the U.S. dollar as the denominator. NRHA staff will be allowed to approve each request. The NRHA Staff was asked to develop an official recommendation/internal policy to take to the Executive Committee for final approval.

Motion passed unanimously.

Joao Marcos left the meeting at 10:09 a.m.

Task Force Updates

Jesse Chase gave a verbal update on the Payout Task Force and Mark Blake gave a verbal update on the Derby Task Force.

Shannon Rafacz left the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

Committee Meetings

Staff liaisons and committee chairs gave a brief update on this week's meetings.

Judges-Executive Session

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.