

**NATIONAL REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION**  
**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
**Oklahoma City, Oklahoma**  
**May 10-11, 2016**

*Approved 8/16/16*

**Present:** Ann Salmon Anderman, Brett Walters, Shane Brown, Sebastian Petroll, Lee Foster, Heather Powell, Kim Maharaj, Larry Barker, Rosanne Sternberg, Roberto Cuoghi, Gerd Wilhelm, Francois Zurcher, Kelly Hedges, Mike Hancock, Kelli Brummett, Mike Deer, Rick Clark, Josh Visser, Mark Blake, Brian Welman, Casey Hinton, Jeanine Kern, Barbara Brookshire, Fred Thomsson

**Conference Call:** Dave Belson, Joe Wolfe, Larry Handley, Shannon Rafacz, Guy Vernon, Jesse Chase, Nick Cornelissens

**Absent:** Becky Hanson, Joao Marcos, Mick Taylor, Raul Leal, Anneli Silverstolpe, Sven Friesecke, Susy Baeck

**Staff:** Commissioner Gary Carpenter, Chief Financial Officer John Foy, Assistant Commissioner Christa Morris-Stone, Director of Events and Affiliates Shianne Megel, Director of Information and Technology Dan Dobbs, Director of Accounting Chris Mossman, Executive Assistant Liz Kelsey, Manager of Events Tiffany Gonzales, Senior Coordinator of Events Samantha Oldfield

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 a.m. A quorum was established.

**Consent Agenda:**

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

*Barbara Brookshire, Jeanine Kern, and Fred Thomsson joined the meeting at 8:10 a.m.*

**Financial Report**

Chief Financial Officer John Foy reviewed the financials and provided an update on the audit. The goal is to have it finalized by the August Board meeting. A motion and a second were made to extend the audit. Motion passed unanimously.

**Commissioner's Report**

Commissioner Gary Carpenter stressed the importance of keeping the long range plan as the main focus of the Board. He reviewed the four key points of the plan with the Board.

Tiffany Gonzales presented an update on the IT project. She then explained the next step for the Board would be further review of the project and approval at the August Board meeting.

*Break at 9:09 a.m. and reconvened at 9:19 a.m.*

### **Task Force Recommendation**

A motion and a second were made to approve option II from the Global Governance Task Force regarding a new governance structure. Motion passed.

### **Bylaw Amendments**

Part 1: A motion and a second were made to approve. Motion passed unanimously.

Part 2: A motion and a second were made to approve. Motion passed unanimously.

Part 3: A motion and a second were made to approve. Motion passed unanimously.

President Rick Clark officially disbanded the Global Governance Task Force.

### **Nominations Program Discussion**

#### Europe

Gerd Wilhelm presented a proposal regarding the re-structuring of the nomination program and events in Europe with the creation of the European Federation of Reining Associations (EFRA).

A motion and a second were made for the Board to instruct the staff to create a memorandum of understanding within seven days (with the aid of representatives from the European Affiliate Council and EFRA) which would include verbiage on moving the European Derby and Futurity, control of European Nominations (accountability of funds), organizational structure, who is the responsible party (financially, liability,), as well as a termination agreement. The Executive Committee would have final approval of the memorandum of understanding (MOU). Motion passed unanimously.

#### North American

President Rick Clark appointed a new task force made up of the following members to review the North American Nominations program and to provide insight on how to improve the program: Casey Hinton (chair), Rosanne Sternberg, Vaughn Zimmerman, Loren Booth, Thiago Boechat, Francois Gautier. Samantha Oldfield would serve as the staff liaison.

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

### **Hall of Fame Criteria**

Kelli Brummett presented the revised criteria for the Hall of Fame selection.

A motion and a second were made to approve the criteria effective immediately with the submission deadline remaining the same for this year. It will be changed to June 30<sup>th</sup> next year. Motion passed unanimously.

*Break for lunch and reconvened at 12:36 p.m.*

**Guest Speaker- Jean Block**

*Mike Hancock left the meeting. Fred Thomsson left the meeting and joined via conference call. Manager of Marketing and Communications Hayley Eberle joined the meeting.*

**2017 Proposed Rule Changes**

**44-01-17** No action taken.

**65-01-07** No action taken.

**65-02-17** No action taken.

**66-01-17** No action taken.

**66-02-17** A motion and a second to approve.

*Favor: Ann Salmon Anderman, Brett Walters, Shane Brown, Lee Foster, Heather Powell, Kim Maharaj, Rosanne Sternberg, Roberto Cuoghi, Gerd Wilhelm, Francois Zurcher, Kelly Hedges, Kelli Brummett, Mike Deer, Josh Visser, Mark Blake, Brian Welman, Casey Hinton, Jeanine Kern, Barbara Brookshire, Fred Thomsson, Dave Belson, Joe Wolfe, Larry Handley, Guy Vernon, Jesse Chase*

*Opposed: Sebastian Petroll, Larry Barker*

Motion passed 25-2.

**71-01-17** No action taken.

**76-01-07** A motion and a second were made to approve. A motion and a second were made to amend the rule change to read three years instead of two.

Amendment:

*Favor: Larry Handley, Joe Wolfe, Heather Powell, Mark Blake, Gerd Wilhelm, Kim Maharaj*

*Opposed: Ann Salmon Anderman, Brett Walters, Shane Brown, Lee Foster, Rosanne Sternberg, Roberto Cuoghi, Francois Zurcher, Kelly Hedges, Kelli Brummett, Mike Deer, Josh Visser, Brian Welman, Casey Hinton, Jeanine Kern, Barbara Brookshire, Fred Thomsson, Dave Belson, Guy Vernon, Jesse Chase, Sebastian Petroll, Larry Barker*

Motion on the amendment failed 6-21.

Original Motion:

*Favor: Ann Salmon Anderman, Brett Walters, Shane Brown, Lee Foster, Kim Maharaj, Rosanne Sternberg, Roberto Cuoghi, Francois Zurcher, Kelly Hedges, Kelli Brummett, Mike Deer, Josh Visser, Mark Blake, Brian Welman, Casey Hinton, Jeanine Kern, Barbara Brookshire, Fred Thomsson, Dave Belson, Joe Wolfe, Larry Handley, Jesse Chase, Sebastian Petroll, Larry Barker*

*Opposed: Heather Powell, Gerd Wilhelm, Guy Vernon*

Motion passed 24-3. There was consensus that the fee will be changed to \$75.00.

**77-01-17** A motion and a second to approve. Motion passed unanimously.

**77-02-17** A motion and a second to approve.

*Favor: Ann Salmon Anderman, Brett Walters, Shane Brown, Lee Foster, Heather Powell, Kim Maharaj, Rosanne Sternberg, Roberto Cuoghi, Gerd Wilhelm, Francois Zurcher, Kelly Hedges, Kelli Brummett, Mike Deer, Josh Visser, Mark Blake, Brian Welman, Casey Hinton, Jeanine Kern, Barbara Brookshire, Fred Thomsson, Sebastian Petroll, Larry Barker*

*Opposed: Guy Vernon, Jesse Chase, Larry Handley, Joe Wolfe, Fred Thomsson, Dave Belson*

Motion Failed 5-22.

***Shannon Rafacz joined the conference call.***

**82-01-17** A motion and a second were made to approve. A motion and a second were made to amend the original motion to include the language “the equivalent or more added money.” Amendment passed unanimously. Original motion passed unanimously.

**86-01-17** No action taken.

**86-02-17** A motion and a second to approve.

*Favor: Ann Salmon Anderman, Brett Walters, Shane Brown, Lee Foster, Heather Powell, Kim Maharaj, Rosanne Sternberg, Roberto Cuoghi, Gerd Wilhelm, Francois Zurcher, Kelly Hedges, Kelli Brummett, Mike Deer, Josh Visser, Mark Blake, Casey Hinton, Jeanine Kern, Barbara Brookshire, Fred Thomsson, Dave Belson, Joe Wolfe, Larry Handley, Guy Vernon, Jesse Chase, Sebastian Petroll, Larry Barker, Shannon Rafacz*

*Opposed: Brian Welman*

Motion passed 27-1.

**88-01-17** A motion and a second were made to approve. A motion and a second were made to amend the original motion to change the verbiage to read “NRHA approved shows that count toward top ten standings.” Amendment passed unanimously. Original motion passed unanimously.

**89-01-17** A motion and a second to approve. Open to discussion. The motion and second were withdrawn. No action taken.

**66-02-07** A motion and a second to approve.

*Favor: Jeanine Kern, Larry Barker, Sebastian Petroll, Brian Welman, Barbara Brookshire, Joe Wolfe, Shannon Rafacz*

*Oppose: Ann Salmon Anderman, Brett Walters, Shane Brown, Lee Foster, Heather Powell, Kim Maharaj, Rosanne Sternberg, Roberto Cuoghi, Gerd Wilhelm, Francois Zurcher, Kelly Hedges, Kelli Brummett, Mike Deer, Josh Visser, Mark Blake, Casey Hinton, Fred Thomsson, Dave Belson, Larry Handley, Guy Vernon, Jesse Chase*

Motion failed 7-21.

**96-01-17** No action taken.

**105-01-17** A motion and a second to approve. Motion passed unanimously. The policy will be submitted at a later time for approval.

**109-01-17** No action taken.

**111-01-17** A motion and a second to approve. A motion and a second were made to amend the original motion to allow Bluetooth headsets in all Rookie classes and lower level classes.

*Favor: Brett Walters, Larry Barker, Shane Brown, Ann Salmon-Anderman, Kelly Hedges, Fred Thomsson, Shannon Rafacz, Dave Belson*

*Opposed: Lee Foster, Heather Powell, Kim Maharaj, Rosanne Sternberg, Roberto Cuoghi, Gerd Wilhelm, Francois Zurcher, Kelli Brummett, Mike Deer, Josh Visser, Mark Blake, Brian Welman, Casey Hinton, Jeanine Kern, Barbara Brookshire, Joe Wolfe, Larry Handley, Guy Vernon, Jesse Chase, Sebastian Petroll*

Amendment failed 8-20.

Original Motion:

*Favor: Ann Salmon Anderman, Brett Walters, Lee Foster, Kim Maharaj, Rosanne Sternberg, Roberto Cuoghi, Gerd Wilhelm, Francois Zurcher, Kelly Hedges, Kelli Brummett, Mike Deer, Josh Visser, Mark Blake, Casey Hinton, Jeanine Kern, Barbara Brookshire, Dave Belson, Larry Handley, Sebastian Petroll, Larry Barker, Shannon Rafacz, Brian Welman*

*Opposed: Heather Powell, Shane Brown, Guy Vernon, Jesse Chase, Joe Wolfe, Fred Thomsson,*

Motion passed 22-6.

**152-01-17** A motion and a second were made to approve with the change of “trot” to “jog.” Motion passed unanimously.

**154-01-17** A motion and a second were made to approve. Motion passed unanimously.

***Break and reconvened at 4:30 p.m.***

President Rick Clark officially disbanded the Derby Task Force and created a new Derby Licensing Task Force made up of: Kelli Brummett (chair) Mark Blake, and Mike Hancock with Shianne Megel and Christa Morris-Stone to serve as staff liaisons. The task force was charged with reviewing the financial loss of the Derby, the possibility of licensing the Derby and the overall future of the event.

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

### **Australian Continental Championship Conditions**

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

### **Sire and Dam Policy**

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

### **Medications Update**

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

### **Committee Recommendations**

Tiffany Gonzales presented the sale selection committee’s recommendation along with the Executive Committee’s recommendation to approve. A motion and a second were made to approve as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

### **August Board Meeting Dates**

President Rick Clark discussed the possibility of changing the August Board meeting dates. There was consensus that the original date of August 16 would work best for the majority of people.

***NRHA staff left the meeting.***

## **Protests and Investigations Update- Executive Session**

### **Judges- Executive Session**

*Meeting adjourned at 5:17 p.m.*

### **May 11, 2016**

**Present:** Brett Walters, Kelly Hedges, Ann Salmon Anderman, Shane Brown, Lee Foster, Kim Maharaj, Josh Visser, Mike Deer, Rick Clark, Sebastian Petroll, Larry Barker, Rosanne Sternberg, Brian Welman, Lee Foster, Mark Blake, Roberto Cuoghi, Barbara Brookshire, Jeanine Kern, Gerd Wilhelm, Casey Hinton, Kelli Brummett, Heather Powell

**Conference Call:** Fred Thomsson, Larry Handley, Jesse Chase, Joe Wolfe, Guy Vernon, Nick Cornelissens, Shannon Rafacz, Dave Belson

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### **Call to Order**

President Rick Clark called the meeting to order at 8:09 a.m. A quorum was established.

### **Committee Recommendation**

Sara Jensen presented the recommendation from the Youth Committee regarding the restructuring of the Youth Team Tournament.

A motion and a second were made to approve the Youth Committee's recommendation. Motion passed unanimously.

### **International Conversion Discussion**

A motion and a second were made to leave the North American recorded earnings at par while they are in the North American program. Open to discussion.

A motion and a second were made to amend the original motion to just include Canada (excluding Mexico). Amendment passed. Original Motion failed.

***Break at 9:20 a.m. Reconvened at 9:36 a.m. Thiago Boechat joined the meeting.***

### **Xtra Incentive**

A motion and a second were made to approve the Xtra Incentive as a Category 11 event. Motion failed.

A motion and a second were made for staff to submit a rule change for Category 13 to include incentive programs to pay out incentive monies. Motion passed.

***Thiago Boechat left the meeting at 10:15 a.m. Steve Driskall joined the meeting.***

### **John Deere Presentation**

Steve Driskall gave a presentation on the John Deere program and answered any questions the Board had.

***Steve Driskall and Kelly Hedges left the meeting. Break and then reconvened at 10:53 a.m.***

### **NRHA Events**

Shianne Megel gave a presentation on the NRHA awards program and then discussed two options for the Futurity schedule.

A motion and a second were made to approve the Futurity Schedule as presented. Motion passed.

A motion and a second were made to amend the original motion to approve option B. Motion passed.

A motion and a second were made to amend the original motion to change the start of the sale to 10:00 a.m. with all advertising to list the start time as 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, December 3. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion and a second were made to amend the original motion to have the consolation round held in the Coliseum. Motion failed.

A motion and a second were made to amend the original motion to change the Shootout pattern to the new pattern 12. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion and a second were made to change the novice horse pattern to pattern 3. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion and a second to approve the schedule as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

***Break for lunch at 11:55 a.m. and reconvened at 12:35 p.m.***

### **Small Group Discussions**

The Board broke off into small discussion groups to talk about Information & Technology. They then reconvened to share their thoughts.

*Meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.*