

**NATIONAL REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION**  
**Executive Committee Meeting**  
**Oklahoma City, Oklahoma**  
**May 9, 2016**

*Approved 6/22/2016*

**Present:** President Rick Clark, Vice President Mike Deer, Kelli Brummett, Rosanne Sternberg, Mike Hancock, Josh Visser, Brian Welman, Casey Hinton

**Staff:** Commissioner Gary Carpenter, Chief Financial Officer John Foy, Assistant Commissioner Christa Morris-Stone, Director of Events and Affiliates Shianne Megel, Executive Assistant Liz Kelsey

**Call to Order**

President Rick Clark called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. A quorum was established.

**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. Overall, we are on track to be positive to budget this year but we still do not have everything we need for the audit to be completed.

*Francois Zurcher, Gerd Wilhelm, and Roberto Cuoghi joined the meeting at 10:00 a.m.*

**European Discussion**

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.

A motion and a second were made to recommend to the Board of Directors that this proposal be approved with staff having oversight of the Bylaws and the contingency that everything has to come back for a final vote. Motion passed unanimously.

**Commissioner's Report**

Gary Carpenter presented the Commissioner's report which included recent staff changes in the office.

**Rule Changes**

The floor was opened to anyone who had any questions or comments on the proposed rule changes.

*Break at 12:00 p.m. for lunch and reconvened at 12:46 p.m. Jody Brainard joined the meeting and John Foy left the meeting.*

### **Judges Program Discussion**

Jody Brainard gave an update on the Judges program including the schools, materials, and upcoming events. He then answered any questions from the Executive Committee.

*Jody Brainard left the meeting at 1:21 p.m. Tiffany Gonzales and John Foy joined the meeting.*

### **Sale Selection Committee Recommendation**

Manager of Events Tiffany Gonzales presented the Sale Selection Committee's recommendation to remove the sale incentive. A motion and a second were made to officially recommend to the Board of Directors to approve the recommendation to remove the sale incentive. Motion passed.

*Tiffany Gonzales left the meeting at 1:53 p.m.*

### **NRHA Events**

Shianne Megel presented an update on the cantina, ticketing, and awards presentation for NRHA Events and Gary Carpenter led a discussion on licensing the NRHA Derby. It was decided that a group would be put together to draft a plan to present to the Board in August.

*NRHA Staff left the meeting.*

### **Executive Session**

*Break at 2:45 p.m. and reconvened at 2:57 p.m. NRHA staff, Sebastian Petroll, and Larry Barker joined the meeting.*

### **Non Pro Discussion**

Sebastian Petroll and Larry Barker led a discussion on the need to clarify the verbiage in the Handbook regarding Non Pro's. It was decided that the Non Pro Committee would work on submitting a rule change to clean up the current definitions in the Handbook.

*Sebastian Petroll and Larry Barker left the meeting at 3:37 p.m.*

### **Global Governance Task Force Recommendation**

Gary Carpenter and members of the Global Governance Task Force reviewed both options for a new governance structure that the Task Force developed to present to the Board of Directors.

A motion and a second were made to officially recommend to the NRHA Board of Directors to approve Option II from the Global Governance Task Force. Motion passed unanimously.

### **New Business**

#### **Board of Directors Agenda**

The Board of Directors agenda for the next day was reviewed.

#### **Patterns**

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

*Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.*