

NATIONAL REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
November 11, 2016

Approved 2/8/17

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

Staff: Commissioner Gary Carpenter, Assistant Commissioner and Chief Communications Officer Christa Morris-Stone, Chief Financial Officer John Foy, Senior Director of Events and Affiliates Shianne Megel, Senior Director of Publications Simona Diale, Executive Assistant Liz Kelsey, Manager of Marketing and Communications Hayley Eberle

Call to Order:

President Rick Clark called the meeting to order at 8:39 a.m. and after some opening remarks he turned the meeting over to Vice President Mike Deer who would chair the duration of the meeting.

Consent Agenda:

A motion and a second to approve as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report:

John Foy presented the financial report including the quarterly report and audit.

Simona Diale joined the meeting at 9:03 a.m.

There was then some discussion on marketing the sale and the need to work on getting video submissions in early.

Commissioner's Report:

Commissioner Gary Carpenter provided an update on Europe and the future plans to hold a European Summit in Brussels in January. He then discussed the new office structure and the 2018 World Equestrian Games.

Update on Professionals

Gary Carpenter and Hayley Eberle presented an update on the Professionals including marketing efforts for renewals and their new magazine.

Hayley Eberle left the meeting at 10:31 a.m.

Schooling

Shianne Megel presented a follow-up discussion on schooling. It was decided that the Judges Committee and Professionals need to discuss the topic further.

Jeff Todd joined the meeting.

Concept Show

Christa Morris-Stone presented the idea of a concept show which would be in addition to Rookie Days.

Pewter Trophy Discussion

A motion and a second were made to approve the re-naming of the Pewter Trophy to the Morgan Trophy. Motion passed unanimously. Will be officially presented at the 2017 NRHA Winter Meeting.

Judging Contest

Gary Carpenter presented an update on the judging contest which the current plan was to stay the course and assist AQHA and others with holding reining judging classes.

Terry Wiens joined the meeting at 11:06 a.m. NRHA staff left the meeting.

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Jeff Todd left the meeting at 11:23 a.m.

Medications Update

Shianne presented an update on the medications testing and the potential for a new testing entity which would be more palatable to the membership and would fit within the budget.

A motion and a second were made to change testing entities within proper guidelines/content and budget. Open to discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Break for lunch and reconvened at 12:13 p.m.

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Terry Wiens left the meeting at 12:29 p.m. NRHA staff joined the meeting.

2017 Committee Chairs Discussion

Christa Morris-Stone presented an update on the procedures for selecting Committee Chairs and members.

Gary Carpenter explained the importance of the work that task forces are appointed to execute. They are more effective when given the resources to meet in person.

A motion and a second were made to structure task force meetings in the future with the commitment to have these bodies meet in-person. Motion passed.

A motion and a second were made to disband all current task forces. Motion passed unanimously.

Casey Hinton then reviewed some research he had performed for the Nominations Task Force.

Reining Horse Foundation

A motion and a second were made to postpone the appointment of the Reining Horse Foundation Board until the first quarter of 2017. Motion passed unanimously.

Futurity Entry

Shianne Megel presented a situation needing clarification regarding a Non-Pro wanting to enter into the Open Futurity since it is not covered in the conditions.

A motion and a second were made to allow the member to enter into the Open with the \$2,500 entry fee and \$500 transfer fee, with the provision that they cannot move forward to the semi-finals in both the Open and Non-Pro. Motion passed 4-3.

Defining Levels of Competition and Eligibility Discussion

Shianne Megel opened the discussion on the eligibility policy and what has been done in the past. There was consensus that the Eligibility Committee will bring a preliminary eligibility policy to the Board in May and then in August the final vote will occur.

Casey Hinton left the meeting.

Equipment Monitor Discussion

The idea of having equipment monitors at shows was discussed. It would require a rule change and it may potentially increase the costs for show management.

Re-Evaluation of the Slate

Shianne Megel opened the discussion of the slate which would eventually require a rule change.

Simona Diale joined the meeting.

New Business

A motion and a second were made for Gary Carpenter to take the recommendation from the Executive Committee which is to move forward with Lyon as the choice of location for the 2017 NRHA European Derby and notify the people at Lyon that we will have an answer in two weeks. Gary Carpenter will try and get a contract by the European Affiliate Council meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Simona Diale left the meeting.

Task Forces, Ctd.

A presentation from the Payout Task Force was reviewed.

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Meeting adjourned 3:41 p.m.