

**NATIONAL REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION
Professionals Committee Minutes
Oklahoma City, OK at NRHA Winter Meeting
January 22, 2016**

Approved: April 17, 2016

Members Present: Shane Brown, Jeff Petska, Brett Walters, Gabe Hutchins, Drake Johnson, Casey Hinton, Brandon Brant, Mark Rafacz

Members Not Present: Patrick Flaherty, Brian Bell, Tanya Jenkins, Andrea Fappani,

Guest: Josh Visser, Casey Deary, Tom McCutcheon, Gunny Mathison

Staff Present: Todd Branson

Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Shane Brown at 10:05 am.

Professionals Awards Program

It was unanimously decided to move the 2017 Professionals awards to the Banquet. The new deadline will be November 1, starting in 2016 for 2017. Promotional efforts were discussed to ensure everyone is aware of the deadline change.

Outreach Opportunities

Several different opportunities were discussed to help the Professionals collaborate with other equine groups and educate others involved in the equine industry. It was decided to have ASK A PRO at the 2016 Derby.

Riders Representative

The description of a rider's representative as well as the possibility of a report form was discussed.

2015 Futurity Review

The committee discussed the pros and cons from the 2015 Futurity as well as the retainage, payments, and fees increases.

2016 Derby

There was interest in having another workshop for the Professionals at the Derby. Location and time were discussed but not decided.

Meeting adjourned at 12:14 pm.