

NATIONAL REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION
Affiliate Committee Meeting Minutes
Sheraton Fort Worth Downtown Hotel, Pecan Room
February 9th, 2017

Members Present: Barbara Brookshire, Dave Belson, George King, Heather Powell, Jeanine Kern, Joao Marcos, Joe Wolfe, Kelly Hedges, Lee Foster, Paulus Beurskens, Shannon Rafacz.
Conference call: Kelli Brummett, Kim Maharaj, Sally Berg.

Members Not Present: Becky Hanson, Raul Leal

Staff Present: Lauren Rufo, Christa Morris-Stone, Shianne Megel, Todd Knerr, Sammi Miller, Samantha Oldfield, Kristen Liesman

Guests Present: Mike Deer, Mike Hancock, Steve Miller, Jerry Nicholson, Robert Peterson, Amy Anderson

Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Lauren Rufo at 3:10pm.

Confidentiality Agreement

Lauren Rufo reminded the Committee that each member must submit a confidentiality agreement to NRHA.

Vice Chair Election

A motion and second were made to approve Barbara Brookshire as Vice Chair of the Affiliate Committee. Motion passed unanimously.

Affiliate Awards Program

Steve Miller from Montana Silversmiths spoke about what Montana Silversmiths has to offer NRHA Affiliates through the Affiliate Awards Program and as an NRHA Corporate Partner. The issue of broken trophies was then discussed at length.

Renewed Memberships

Lauren Rufo reminded the Committee that each officer listed on Affiliate's renewal applications must be a current NRHA member no later than March 1st or the Affiliates status will be annulled.

Rule Change Proposals

The Committee unanimously agreed to discuss the 18 Rule Change proposals the Affiliate Committee was asked to review at a later time. Christa Morris-Stone also explained the proposals that were found confusing by staff.

It was discussed and unanimously agreed that proposal 13-02-18 also applied and should be reviewed by the Affiliate Committee. The Affiliate Committee is to review 19 Rule Change Proposals in total.

Request for Proposals

Christa Morris-Stone presented a new sponsored program for Affiliates to host an event of their design to support and encourage new NRHA and existing members. Proposals were set to be due Marth 10th, 2017. April 1st was decided as a better more feasible deadline.

Committee Contact Information

Lauren Rufo explained the Affiliate Committee has been the only recent committee for several years that has their contact information posted on the NRHA website, and this could continue if found necessary. The Committee unanimously agreed they should be as accessible to the members as possible, and do think their contact information should be posted on the website.

North American Affiliate Toolbox

Lauren Rufo explained each current North American Affiliate will receive two 2017 North American Toolboxes, and went into to detail about the recent adjustments to the Affiliate Incentive Program, which are detailed in the Toolbox.

Upcoming ARC Bids

Lauren Rufo reported that the Mountain and Northwest ARC's are up for bid in 2017.

Marketing for ARC's

Motion and second were made to make a recommendation to the Board of Directors for a Morrison to be awarded for Rookie 1 classes at the ARCs. Motion passed unanimously.

It was agreed upon that the ARC Top 10 Awards discussion would be continued at later meeting.

IAP Report

There was brief discussion until it was agreed to continue this conversation at a later meeting.

Eligibility Discussion Topics

There was consensus to discuss this at a later meeting.

New Business

Jerry Nicholson reported on NRHA's IT Initiative with the Jockey Club.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30pm.