

**NATIONAL REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION
Aged Events Committee Minutes
Conference Call
April 5, 2017**

Pending Approval

Members Present: Mandy McCutcheon, Karen Shedlauskas, Shannon Rafacz, Michelle Florida, Connie Henrichs, Sebastian Petroll, Mike Hancock, Joe Wolf, Shane Brown

Members Not Present: Bob Peterson

Staff Present: Shianne Megel, Todd Knerr

Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Karen Shedlauskas & Mandy McCutcheon at 3:00pm.

Futurity Schedule

The proposed Futurity schedule and patterns were reviewed. Major changes included the addition of the new Open Semi-Finals format, Open Futurity horses will not show on Sunday, the Open Shootout has been removed, the Freestyle performance will be on Thursday, the Non-Pro consolation will be on Wednesday and ancillary classes were shifted to avoid conflicts and move Rookie of the Year later in the schedule. The committee discussed and is recommending to run more horses in the first section of the Non-Pro go-round. The schedule will go to the NRHA Board of Directors for approval in May.

Futurity Conditions

A stipulation was added in the conditions to use a new computer generated draw for the Open Level 4 Semi Finals. The committee is also proposing that the Non-Pro consolation be structured similar to the Open L1-3 Semi Finals. With sections running in reversed order and accommodations being made for riders with multiple horses. These recommendations will go to the NRHA Board of Directors for approval in May.

Awards Ceremony

The committee made suggestions for the awards ceremony at the Derby and Futurity. Riders who will be recognized in the arena will be the Top 5 from each level. Putting the awards trailer in the arena and using it as crowd control, letting family and friends into the arena from the Kiser gate. Hosting a celebration and taking photos in the arena concluded the suggestions.

2018 Rule Changes

Information about the 2018 Rule Changes was shared with the Committee. Any further recommendations will be sent to Shianne to share with the Board of Directors.

Next Meeting

Mandy and Karen discussed having a meeting at the NRBC to further discuss pertinent topics.