

NATIONAL REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION
Aged Events Committee Minutes
Conference Call
February 10-11, 2017

Pending Approval

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

Members Not Present:

Staff Present: Shianne Megel, Todd Knerr, John Foy, Gary Carpenter, Christa Morris

Guests: Cindy Katona, Tim Katona, Kelsey Pecsek, Mike Deer, Ann Salmon, Tom McCutcheon, Tim McQuay

Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Karen Shedlauskas & Mandy McCutcheon at 9:03am on February 10th and 7:05am on February 11th .

Information Items

The Committee conducted introductions, reviewed and signed the NRHA Confidentiality Agreement.

Derby Schedule

The proposed Derby schedule was reviewed. Improvements and patterns were discussed. The Derby schedule will be sent to the NRHA Board of Directors with minimal changes from the 2016 schedule. Prizes for youth classes were discussed and comments noted for improvements.

Derby & Futurity Payouts

Payout and payment structure for both events were discussed. Mike Deer let the committee know that he would be appointing a task force to more closely review the payout structures. Members from the committee would be included on the task force and the committees' comments would be passed on for consideration. The committee suggested reviewing the possibility of moving all the nomination monies to the Futurity and opening the Derby to all appropriately aged horses. They also discussed the possibility of offering a paycheck in the Open Semi Finals.

John Foy joined the meeting to answer questions about fees associated with the Derby and the Futurity. He also explained the decline in Futurity entries directly associated the change in nomination numbers three years earlier. He suggested that after the 2017 Futurity the horses eligible to enter would increase.

Entry deadlines were discussed and the committee voted to recommend that all entry deadlines that currently read two-days prior at 5:00pm would now read one-day prior. In addition, horses that enter the Non-Pro Futurity from the 2nd go-round of the open will run as negative draws in the second section of the Non-Pro.

2017 Futurity Schedule

The Futurity Schedule was discussed in general detail, the committee will meet again prior to the May Board of Directors meeting to make an official recommendation.

2018 Rule Changes

Information about the 2018 Rule Changes was shared with the Committee. The changes were reviewed in general detail and the committee made the following recommendations:

27-01-18 - Not Support

41-01-18 - Not Support

42-02-18 - Support if the same category of show and changed to 10 days apart

Ancillary Show Conditions - Schooling

The Ancillary Show Conditions were shared with the committee. The verbiage was supported with the addition of new guidelines.

1 - If schooling in an ancillary class please indicate so immediately after entering the pen.

2 - Appropriate show attire should be worn.

3 - Please use the denoted pattern in the class.

4 - If excused by the judge please leave the pen immediately

2017 NRHA Futurity Conditions

An additional meeting of the NRHA Aged Events Committee Meeting was convened at 7:00am on February 11th. The sole agenda item was the 2017 Futurity Conditions. The committee will recommend to the NRHA Board of Directors the addition of a Level 4 Semi Finals that will run in a separate section and offer a guaranteed payout. In addition, the number of Semi Finalists in Levels 2-4 has been proposed to be changed to 75 in each level.