

NATIONAL REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION
European Affiliate Council Minutes
Cremona, Italy
April 1, 2017

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Members Present: Roberto Cuoghi, Bernard Fonck, Isabeau Rohde, Nicole Keesen, Grisca Ludwig, Helmut Schultz, Rudi Kronsteiner, Sari Hebert, Francois Zurcher, Francesca Sternberg, Gisela Haas, Paulus Beurskens, Simona Diale, Mariannick Domont-Perret, Rosanne Sternberg (*via phone*), Seppo Perkioe (*via phone*), Birgitta Nolen (*via phone*)

Members Not Present: Gerd Wilhelm and Joachim Zangerle

Guests: Chuck Klipfel, Jan Boogaerts, Eric Obrecht

Staff Present: Shianne Megel, Samantha Oldfield, Gary Carpenter, Mike Deer

Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Roberto Cuoghi at 9:17am.

Review of Previous Meeting Minutes

A motion was made to approve the previous meeting minutes from the 2017 European Affiliate Summit EAC meeting in Brussels, Belgium. Motion was seconded and approved with everyone in favor and no one against.

2017 European Derby Update

Gary Carpenter gave an update on the 2017 European Derby announcing officially that it will be held in conjunction with Equita in Lyon, France on November 1st through November 5th.

EAC Bylaw Review

The bylaws that were created by a task force were reviewed by Samantha Oldfield. There was discussion on how NRHA runs their structure. It was explained that with the passing of these bylaws the European Affiliate Council will no longer be an advisory group, it will be a governing body. A motion was made to pass the bylaws as presented. This motion was seconded. There was no more discussion, all were in favor of passing them with none opposed. The new bylaws were passed and made effective immediately.

Birgitta Nolen joins the meeting via phone.

Election of European Executive Board

Three members of the European Executive Board have been elected by acclamation, these members being Paulus Beurskens, Rosanne Sternberg, and Roberto Cuoghi. Nominations were put forward for two of the remaining three members to be elected. With a paper ballot vote Francois Zurcher and Rudi Kronsteiner were elected. The final European Executive Board member is voted on by election of the European membership. This election will be executed by NRHA staff.

Appointment of Committees

As part of the acceptance of the new bylaws three committees were to be created for Europe. These three committees are as follows: European Eligibility Committee, European Major Events Committee, and European Animal Welfare Committee. Nominations for individuals to be on these committees were put forward. They are as follows:

European Eligibility Committee

Rosanne Sternberg (to serve as chair)
Mariannick Domont-Perret
Bernard Fonck
Claudio Risso
Nick Cornelissens
Filippo Masi

Claudio Risso joins the meeting.

European Major Events Committee

Paulus Beurskens (to serve as chair)
Eric Obrecht
Nicole Keesen
Chuck Klipfel
Manuel Bonzano
Claudio Risso
Francois Zurcher
Jan Boogaerts
Nick Cornelissens

European Animal Welfare

Francesca Sternberg (will serve as chair)
Paulus Beurskens
Chuck Klipfel
Claudio Risso
Nicole Keesen
Gisela Haas
Eric Obrecht
Nick Cornelissens

The European Executive Board has the right to edit these nominations prior to notifications being sent out.

All parties involved will be notified of their nomination to the committees by NRHA staff. Those who accept this will serve on the committees and those who deny the nomination will not be included in further conversation. The final nominations will be forwarded to the European Executive Board for final construction of the committees.

Cancellation of Show

A motion was made to accept the cancellation request of the Jacs Little Pine Memorial Show to be held in Senas, France on May 5th through the 7th. This motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Jesse Chase's Payout Proposal

Paulus explained the payout proposal presented by Jesse Chase at the February Board meeting in Fort Worth to the NRHA Board of Directors. Discussion was made on if it would hinder or help the European riders at NRHA majors in Europe.

Jesse Chase is called in at 11:35am.

Jesse helped to explain the payout procedure and how it would hypothetically work.

Helmut left at 11:38am.

Birgitta left at 11:40am.

Isabeau left at 11:41am.

Helmut returned at 11:45am.

A motion was made to use this payout structure for the 2017 European Derby. This motion was seconded and all were in favor with none opposed with the exception of Birgitta who was reconnected with the phone and decided to hold off from voting until she could review the payout structure.

European Affiliate Championship Bids

Representatives from each European Affiliate Championship bid presented their locations and ideas to host the European Affiliate Championships.

Discussion was made on whether or not the Championships should be held with the Euro Futurity in the future. A motion was made to hold the European Affiliate Championships in conjunction with the European Futurity for the next two years (2018-2019). This motion was seconded. This motion passed unanimously.

European Derby and Futurity

Gary Carpenter gave an explanation of the situation with our previous European Derby host. Eric Obrecht mentioned that he could put in the added money that was added last year in Manerbio. Grischa suggested that this hosting location is deferred to the newly formed European Major Event Committee. This suggestion is supported by the EAC.

It was decided that the committee would look into this and make a recommendation to the Council on a conference call held in the near future, along with a new set of European Affiliate Championship Conditions. Roberto asks if the council can make a decision on the hosting site for the European Futurity for the years to come. A motion is made to give Italian Reining Horse Association a 3-year contract with the option to extend to 5 years (adding 2 years to the original 3). Roberto explains that he cannot guarantee the facility after the 3 years without the contract being for 5 years. The motion was amended to give Italian Reining Horse Association a 5-year contract. This motion was seconded. The motion passes unanimously for a contract with Italian Reining Horse Association to host the European Futurity for 5-years in addition with the European Affiliate Championships for 2 years.

Meeting adjourned at 12:32pm.