

NATIONAL REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
August 17-18, 2017

Approved 2/7/18

Present: President Mike Deer, Vice President Mike Hancock, Brian Welman, Casey Hinton, Kelly Hedges, Barbara Brookshire, Jeanine Kern, Brett Walters, Mark Blake, Heather Powell, Dave Belson, Sebastian Petroll

Absent: Raul Leal, Roberto Cuoghi, Guy Vernon

Conference Call: Joao Marcos, Joe Wolfe, Rosanne Sternberg, Paulus, Jesse Chase, Kim Maharaj, Larry Handley, Ann Salmon Andermann, Lee Foster

Staff: Commissioner Gary Carpenter, Assistant Commissioner and Chief Communications Officer Christa Morris-Stone, Chief Financial Officer John Foy, Senior Director of Events Shianne Megel, Manager of Member and Show Services Liz Kelsey, Executive Director of the Reining Horse Foundation Leslie Baker, Director of Information & Technology Dan Dobbs, Senior Director of Publications Simona Diale, Manager of Competition & Education Samantha Oldfield, Senior Coordinator of Competition & Education Kristen Liesman, Manager of Marketing & Outreach Hayley Eberle, NRHA Intern Lerin Thomas

Guests: George King

Call to Order

President Mike Deer called the meeting to order at 1:18 pm. A quorum was established.

Consent Agenda

A motion and a second were made to approve as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report

Chief Financial Officer John Foy presented the financial report and informed the Board of Directors that all tax returns were timely filed and that the field work has begun on the annual audit.

A motion and a second were made to add Casey Deary to the Finance Committee. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion and a second were made to approve the budget as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

NRHA Derby

Overall, this was the best financial performing NRHA Derby. Shianne Megel then reviewed the 2017 NRHA Derby statistics and previewed the customer satisfaction survey.

Commissioners Report

Commissioner Gary Carpenter provided an update on NRHA operations including staffing (consistent around 30) and the Jockey Club IT project (testing next week, have not yet borrowed money).

Parking at State Fair Park

The Board was reminded again that State Fair Park will implement paid parking starting next year. Details have not yet been finalized and released by the State Fair Park but there was an agreement that once they were, communication to the membership was key.

FEI

Gary Carpenter provided an update on his meetings with FEI, the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), and the draft of the plan for the World Cup. The MOU would be reviewed by the NRHA Executive Committee before anything is signed and finalized.

Rule Change Follow Up

Christa Morris-Stone presented. A motion and a second were made to approve as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

There was consensus to approve the rule change deadline to be December 15, 2017 for 2019 rule change submissions.

Regional Director Discussion

There was consensus to continue with the current procedure for elections in Mexico and Canada which involves NRHA seeking names directly from these regions.

Elections Update

Christa Morris Stone presented and explained the elections procedure stating that there are five candidates for two open Executive Committee seats. Out of the five, there was only one write in candidate.

A motion and a second were made to approve the East Central, North Central, North West, and South Central regional directions by acclimation. Motion passed unanimously.

NRHA Event Conditions

Shianne Megel presented.

2018 NRHA Futurity Conditions

A motion and a second were made to approve as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Add Level 4 to Prime-Time Open

A motion and a second were made to deny. Motion passed 12-8.

Change First Payment Deadline to January 15

A motion and a second were made to approve. Motion passed unanimously.

Increase Daily Pay Stipends for Judges and Stewards- *Executive Session*

A motion and a second were made to approve the increase in Judges pay to \$550 and to increase the Stewards pay to \$450 while increasing NRHA Derby/Futurity judge's fees by \$25 to offset costs. Motion passed unanimously.

Affiliate Regional Championship Bids

Mountain: A motion and a second were made to approve as presented without the requested stipulations. Motion passed unanimously.

Northwest: A motion and a second were made to approve Great Western for a five-year contract. Motion passed unanimously.

2018 NAAC Conditions

A motion and a second were made to approve as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

2018 Judges School Fees

A motion and a second were made to approve the \$50 fee increase as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

2018 Fees Policy

A motion and a second were made to approve as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Task Force Report

The Board was tasked with choosing their top 5 items that they would like the Nominations/Payout Task Force to focus on. An electronic survey would be sent out after the conclusion of the meeting.

NRHA Nominations Conditions

A motion and a second were made to approve as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

NRHA Reiner Policy

Christa Morris-Stone presented the new NRHA *Reiner* Policy approved by the NRHA Executive Committee.

Reining Horse Foundation Update

Reining Horse Foundation President Mark Blake presented an update on the Foundation.

Member & Show Services Department Update

Manager of Member & Show Services Liz Kelsey presented a department update.

Break and reconvened at 4:42 pm

NRHA staff and guests left the meeting.

Executive Session

Meeting adjourned at 5:04 pm.

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Guests: George King, Kevin Ochsner

Call to Order

President Mike Deer called the meeting to order at 8:03 am. A quorum was established.

Strategic Plan

Commissioner Gary Carpenter introduced Kevin Ochsner. Kevin Ochsner presented the draft of the strategic plan.

A motion and a second were made to approve the strategic plan. Motion passed unanimously.

Break and reconvened at 10:04 am.

Nominating/Governance Committee Duties

A motion and a second were made to approve as presented with the additional verbiage “when necessary, the Nominating/Governance Committee can recommend candidates for all positions.” Motion passed unanimously.

Soundness Precheck

Discussion tabled.

Aged Event Committee Recommendations

It was decided that the recommendations would be discussed with the Finance Committee for additional input/review before it goes to the Board.

2017-2018 Advisory Committee Purposes

Discussions tabled.

Corporate Relations Update

Sammi Miller presented.

NRHA staff and guests left the meeting.

Hall of Fame Vote-Executive Session

Worldwide Eligibility Policy

Casey Hinton presented the Eligibility Committee's recommended changes to the Worldwide Eligibility Policy for 2018.

A motion and a second were made to approve the Category 1 changes as presented. Motion passed.

A motion and a second were made to approve the Category 2 & 6 changes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion and a second were made to approve the changes to Category 10 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Break for lunch. Reconvened at 12:19 pm. Mike Deer and Dave Belson left the meeting.

Mike Hancock reconvened the meeting and announced the next Board of Directors meeting would be Feb 7 and 8th in Oklahoma City, tentatively to be held at the Skirvin Hilton.

Restricted European Policy

Samantha Oldfield presented. A motion and a second were made to approve as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

After some closing remarks, the meeting adjourned at 12:51 pm.