

NATIONAL REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Ft. Worth, Texas
February 11, 2017

Approved 5/1/17

Present: President Mike Deer, Vice President Mike Hancock, Kelly Hedges, Jesse Chase, Roberto Cuoghi, Dave Belson, Joao Marcos, Brett Walters, Joe Wolfe, Guy Vernon, Sebastian Petroll, Rosanne Sternberg, Casey Hinton, Brian Welman, Mark Blake, Paulus Beurskens, Jeanine Kern, Barbara Brookshire, Heather Powell, Lee Foster

Absent: Raul Leal, Paul Sharp

Conference Call: Kim Maharaj, Larry Handley

Staff: Commissioner Gary Carpenter, Assistant Commissioner and Chief Communications Officer Christa Morris-Stone, Chief Financial Officer John Foy, Senior Director of Events Shianne Megel, Director of Project Management Tiffany Gonzales, Manager of Member & Show Services Liz Kelsey, Manager of Marketing & Outreach Hayley Eberle, Manager of Competition & Education Samantha Oldfield, Senior Coordinator of Competition Kristen Liesman, Show Manager Todd Knerr

Guests: Jerry Nicholson, Tim Anderson, Bundy Lane, Jessica How, Lerin Thomas, Mandy McCutcheon, Shannon Rafacz, Tim McQuay, Tom McCutcheon

Call to Order:

President Mike Deer called the meeting to order at 8:01 am. 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. Overall, the Futurity performed well to budget and we are on track. The field work has been completed for the audit and the internal financials are on the website. John then reviewed the confidentiality agreement and Conflict of Interest policy,

Heather Powell joined the meeting at 8:06 am.

Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Gary Carpenter discussed the strategic planning session that will be held in Denver in March.

Lee Foster joined the meeting at 8:18 am.

Rules of Order

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

Ann Salmon Andermann joined the meeting at 8:20 am.

2018 Rule Change Proposals, Continued.

The 2018 Proposed Rule Changes were discussed.

Break and then reconvened at 9:36 am.

Aged Events Committee

Shianne Megel presented the Aged Events Committee's proposed changes to the 2017 NRHA Futurity conditions.

A motion and a second were made to approve item number 1 which would change the deadline as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion and a second were made to approve item number 2 as presented which would change the number of semifinalists. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion and a second were made to approve the change that everyone after finalists, through 75th (plus ties), in Level 4 only, will receive a \$3,000 payout. Open to discussion.

A motion and a second were made to table the vote until after lunch.

Mike McEntire joined the meeting at 9:55 a.m.

Judges Committee

Mike McEntire discussed the selection process for judges at NRHA major events.

A motion and a second were made to change the dates for the Octobers judges school move to Nov 3-5.

Original motion amended that the dates would only be changed if it could be arranged (via hotel, etc.).

Amendment and original motion passed.

IT Project

Tiffany Gonzales and Jerry Nicholson presented an update on the IT project.

NRHA Events

European Summit Recap

Shianne Megel updated the Board on the recent European Summit in Belgium.

Derby Schedule

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

2018 Proposed Rule Changes, Ctd.

The review of the 2018 Proposed Rule Changes continued.

Break for lunch at 12:00 pm and reconvened at 12:49 pm.

2017 Futurity Condition Changes, etc.

A motion and a second were made to amend the original motion that the change does not include any nomination incentive payout. Horses that make the semifinals but do not compete (scratched) do still receive the payout. Amendment passed unanimously

A motion and a second were made to amend the original motion so that all current semifinalist levels (1-4) published still remain, but the unique set of 75 would still run separate and the payout would remain. Amendment Failed.

The original motion A motion and a second were made to approve the change that everyone after finalists, through 75th (plus ties), in Level 4 only, will receive a \$3,000 payout. Open to discussion.

A motion and a second were made to amend the original motion that if there was no guaranteed money, we would not include the payout. If there was, we would payout the guaranteed amount. Amendment failed.

A motion and a second were made to amend the original motion to state that the payout would be a minimum of \$1,000 to the placings of 31st-75th (plus ties). Amendment passed unanimously.

Original motion passed.

New Business, Task Force

President Mike Deer appointed a new task force he charged with reviewing the NRHA Nomination Program and the NRHA Futurity payouts. He requested that the Task Force report back to the Board in May.

Members include: Tim McQuay, Michelle Florida, Casey Hinton, Thiago Boechat, Rick Weaver, Sean McBurney, Christy Braiser, and Mike Hancock.

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

2016 Futurity Review and Discussion

John Foy presented the 2016 Futurity Review and answered any questions from the Board.

Regions and Election Procedures

A motion and a second were made to approve as presented subject to clarification on California, Nevada, and Idaho. Motion passed unanimously.

Election Timeline & Dates

A motion and a second were made to approve the election dates to be October 1-November 1, 2017. Motion passed unanimously.

Executive Committee

Two director at large seats- staggered terms. To start rotation- highest votes get two year terms. Next gets one. A motion and a second were made to approve as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Resolution and Policy Follow Up

Finance & Audit Committee- Standing Committee Resolution

A motion and a second were made to add Tom McCutcheon & Tim Anderson to the Finance & Audit Committee. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion and a second were made to approve the new Resolution (as it pertains to Finance & Audit Committee) as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion and a second were made to approve the Compensation Committee Resolution with the removal of "including necessary recommendations". Motion passed unanimously.

A motion and a second were made to approve the Resolution in its entirety. Motion passed unanimously.

Affiliate Approval Policy

A motion and a second were made to approve as presented with the note that the stroked out language on number 6 would be included. Motion passed unanimously.

Judges Policy Follow Up

Part 1, Judges Guide: A motion and a second were made to approve as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Part 2, Judges Policies: A motion and a second to approve as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Break and then reconvened at 2:35 pm.

Reining Horse Foundation Board

A motion and a second were made to approve the Reining Horse Foundation Board members as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Economic Impact Study

A motion and a second were made to support the American Horse Council's Economic Impact Study with a donation of \$10,000. Motion passed unanimously.

The Right Horse Initiative

A motion and a second were made to approve NRHA's support of the Right Horse Initiative.

Committee Reports and Reining Horse Foundation Board Meeting

The floor was opened for discussion on this week's meetings.

New Business- Green Point Scale Clarification

A motion and a second were made to clarify page 53 of the Handbook and to use the point scale in eligibility. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business, Continued

A motion and a second were made to allow a 15-day grace period to allow those who have already entered into the 2017 Futurity to back out due to the change in Futurity changes. Motion passed unanimously.

2017 Calendar- New Business

Gary Carpenter announced the remaining meeting days for the Executive Committee and Board of Directors.

Medications Update- Executive Session

Judges for Approval- Executive Session

Meeting adjourned at 4:03 pm.