

**NATIONAL REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION**  
**European Affiliate Council Minutes**  
**2017 European Affiliate Summit, Brussels, Belgium**  
**January 16, 2017**

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Members Present: Roberto Cuoghi, Gerd Wilhelm, Francois Zurcher, Sven Friesecke, Seppo Perkioe, Sari Hebert, Paulus Beurskens, Joachim Zangerle, Bernard Fonck, Nicole Keeson, Mariannick Domont-Perret, Helmut Schultz, Rudi Kronsteiner, Rosanne Sternberg, Simona Diale, Gisela Haas, Birgitta Nolen

Members Not Present: Isabeau Rohde

Staff Present: Shianne Megel, Simona Diale, Samantha Oldfield

Guests: Jane Muir, Simon Barnes, Magdalena Szarszewska, Cristina Serra, Franco Rosso, Mariusz Siwiec, Jan Boogaerts, Chuck Klipfel, Francesca Sternberg, Maik Bartmann, Anneli Silverstolpe

### **Call to Order**

Meeting called to order by Roberto Cuoghi at 17:10 (5:10pm CST).

### **EFRHA**

Topic of EFRHA was opened for discussion. Council members discussed the opportunities with EFRHA. Founding members of the group discussed that all countries will have equal footing, no matter their size. They explained the management of the Euro Futurity and Euro Derby would be included under its umbrella in their proposed structure. They requested that on June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017 NRHA decides whether or not the European Nomination program will be handed over to EFRHA. Founding member Franco Rosso distributed a new proposal for EFRHA.

It was suggested that the reorganization of the EAC would best be done first before discussing EFRHA further. EFRHA was tabled until after the discussion on the next and final agenda item, the restructure of the EAC.

### **EAC Restructure**

Simon Barnes was present and explained his experience with council work and structure. The Council agreed that they would like Simon to present his ideas for the restructure.

Simon proposed:

Every affiliate (one per country) would appoint one council member. The council will have a quorum for decisions of 50% plus 1. The council will appoint or elect executive board (executive committee) of 6 members, and it is the executive board that runs the day to day business. Each member of the EC will only serve 4 years, the chairman will only do 2 years as chairman. The committee will have no more than one member from each country. The executive committee will appoint a chairman, secretary, communications officer, and show coordination officer. Two of these people will be NRHA board members. One executive committee member will be voted on by the entire European membership.

A motion is made to accept this.

Discussion was had on this idea with several possibilities being discussed. Consensus is that the structure mimics that of the NRHA EC and Board as a whole. The council decides that they would like in addition to Simon's idea, that the EC can appoint committees to areas that they deem necessary and that the size of the country will determine the weight that that country's vote holds. If a country's affiliate has equal to or more than 700 members that vote will count 3 times, if they have 200 to 699 members that vote will count 2 times. If less than this the vote will count 1 time. The motion was amended to include the proxy and the weighted votes and it is seconded.

Discussion continues about a proxy changing the people at the meetings and therefore should not be allowed. A motion is made to remove the proxy from the original motion. This is seconded and passed unanimously.

The amended motion was voted upon and passed with one opposed. The motion passes with a majority. Roberto appointed a task force work out the finer details of the restructure. The council nominates the following with each member accepting of their position: Simon Barnes (chair), Gerd Wilhelm, Anelli Silverstolpe, Sven Friesecke, Jan Boogaerts, Chuck Klipfel. The task force will report back to the EAC at the next meeting.

### **EFRHA**

The EFRHA discussion continued. Shianne asks if there were any questions or actions that the council would like to take on this subject. There was none.

Roberto asks the council to vote on if they would like the EFRHA project to move forward to the EAC or not. A motion is made to vote on whether or not EFRHA should continue to be discussed. A "Yes" vote would move forward EFRHA, a "No" vote would end it. A second was made to the motion. The vote was made and it was a unanimous "No" vote.

Motion was made to adjourn, this motion was seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 19:45 (7:45 pm CST)