

NATIONAL REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
May 1-2, 2017

Approved 8/17/17

Present: President Mike Deer, Vice President Mike Hancock, Rosanne Sternberg, Casey Hinton, Heather Powell, Kim Maharaj, Roberto Cuoghi, Paulus Beurskens, Ann Salmon Andermann, Brett Walters, Mark Blake, Joao Marcos, Jeanine Kern, Jesse Chase, Barbara Brookshire, Brian Welman

Staff: Commissioner Gary Carpenter, Assistant Commissioner & Chief Communications Officer Christa Morris-Stone, Chief Financial Officer John Foy, Senior Director of Events Shianne Megel, Manager of Member & Show Services Liz Kelsey, Senior Director of Publications Simona Diale, Manager of Competition & Education Samantha Oldfield, Senior Director of Corporate Relations Sammi Miller, Executive Director of the Reining Horse Foundation Leslie Baker, Senior Coordinator of Competition & Education Kristen Liesman, Member & Show Services Representative Lauren Rufo, Manager of Marketing & Outreach Hayley Eberle, Senior Director of Accounting Chris Mossman, Director of Project Management Tiffany Gonzales

Absent: Paul Sharp, Raul Leal, Sebastian Petroll

Conference Call: Dave Belson, Becky Hansen, Larry Handley, Kelly Hedges, Guy Vernon, Joe Wolfe, Lee Foster

Call to Order

Mike Hancock called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm. A quorum was established.

Consent Agenda

Approved as presented.

Mike Hancock announced that it was decided earlier that Non Pro Derby entries and the Open Derby second payment deadline had been extended to Friday, May 5 due to the power outage at the NRHA office.

Financial Report

Chief Financial Officer John Foy presented the financial report which included an update on the audit and the February financials.

Jeanine Kern joined the meeting.

Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Gary Carpenter provided an update on items such as the 2018 World Equestrian Games, the FEI meeting in Switzerland, the Strategic Planning Session review, and the IT project.

2018 Proposed Rule Changes

05-01-18

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

13-02-18

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

Barbara Brookshire joined the meeting.

25-01-18

A motion and a second were made to approve.

Favor: Jeanine Kern, Jesse Chase, Mark Blake, Casey Hinton, Rosanne Sternberg, Roberto Cuoghi, Joao Marcos, Barbara Brookshire, Larry Handley, Kelly Hedges, Guy Vernon, Brian Welman, Ann Salmon Andermann, Brett Walters, Paulus Beurskens, Kim Maharaj, Lee Foster, Joe Wolfe, Becky Hansen, Dave Belson

Opposed: Heather Powell

Motion passed.

27-01-18

A motion and a second were made to approve.

A motion and a second were made to amend the original motion to change “prepare” to “participate in mounted preparation” and in the training or “preparation of the horse while mounted.”

Favor: Jeanine Kern, Jesse Chase, Heather Powell, Mark Blake, Casey Hinton, Rosanne Sternberg, Roberto Cuoghi, Joao Marcos, Barbara Brookshire, Larry Handley, Kelly Hedges, Guy Vernon.

Opposed: Brian Welman, Ann Salmon Andermann, Brett Walters, Paulus Beurskens, Kim Maharaj, Lee Foster, Joe Wolfe, Becky Hansen, Dave Belson

Amendment passed.

A motion and a second were made to separate all three items within the rule change to be voted on individually. Motion passed unanimously.

a(2):

A motion and a second were made to amend the rule change to strike everything except for the first sentence.

Favor: Jeanine Kern, Jesse Chase, Heather Powell, Mark Blake, Casey Hinton, Rosanne Sternberg, Roberto Cuoghi, Joao Marcos, Barbara Brookshire, Larry Handley, Kelly Hedges, Guy Vernon, Brian Welman, Ann Salmon Andermann, Paulus Beurskens, Kim Maharaj, Lee Foster, Joe Wolfe, Becky Hansen, Dave Belson

Opposed: Brett Walters

Motion passed.

Mike Deer joined the meeting at 3:00 pm.

(3) SHOWING:

A motion and a second were made to remove the striking of “Non Pro” and to exclude item four at the bottom.

Favor: Jeanine Kern, Jesse Chase, Heather Powell, Mark Blake, Casey Hinton, Rosanne Sternberg, Roberto Cuoghi, Joao Marcos, Barbara Brookshire, Larry Handley, Kelly Hedges, Guy Vernon, Brian Welman, Ann Salmon Andermann, Paulus Beurskens, Kim Maharaj, Lee Foster, Joe Wolfe, Becky Hansen, Brett Walters

Opposed: Dave Belson

Vote on entire rule change as amended:

Favor: Jeanine Kern, Jesse Chase, Heather Powell, Mike Deer, Mark Blake, Rosanne Sternberg, Roberto Cuoghi, Joao Marcos, Barbara Brookshire, Lee Foster, Larry Handley, Becky Hansen, Dave Belson, Kelly Hedges

Opposed: Brian Welman, Ann Salmon Andermann, Brett Walters, Casey Hinton, Paulus Beurskens, Kim Maharaj, Joe Wolfe, Guy Vernon

Original motion as amended passed.

It was also discussed that there was a need to create a frequently asked questions document for the membership on hypothetical situations.

28-01-18

No action taken.

35-01-18

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

39-01-18

A motion and a second were made to approve.

Favor: Brian Welman

Opposed: Jeanine Kern, Jesse Chase, Heather Powell, Mike Deer, Mark Blake, Rosanne Sternberg, Roberto Cuoghi, Joao Marcos, Barbara Brookshire, Lee Foster, Larry Handley, Becky Hansen, Dave Belson, Kelly Hedges, Ann Salmon Andermann, Brett Walters, Casey Hinton, Paulus Beurskens, Kim Maharaj, Joe Wolfe, Guy Vernon

Motion failed.

41-01-18

A motion and a second were made to approve.

A motion and a second were made to amend the original motion to read 60 days for B, BB, & Top Ten Events. Amendment and original motion passed unanimously.

41-02-18

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

42-01-18

No action taken.

42-02-18

No action taken.

42-03-18

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

50-01-18

A motion and a second were made to approve. Open to discussion.

Tabled for further discussion.

51-01-18

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

53-01-18

No action taken.

53-02-18

A motion and a second were made to approve.

Favor: Mike Deer, Ann Salmon Andermann, Brett Walters, Mark Blake, Casey Hinton, Rosanne Sternberg, Paulus Beurskens, Roberto Cuoghi, Joao Marcos, Dave Belson, Kelly Hedges, Guy Vernon

Opposed: Brian Welman, Kim Maharaj, Barbara Brookshire, Lee Foster, Jeanine Kern, Jesse Chase, Heather Powell

Motion passed.

54-01-18

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

54-02-18

A motion and a second were made to approve.

A motion and a second were made to amend the original motion to add the verbiage “up to the judge’s and show management’s discretion.” Amendment passed unanimously.

Voting on original motion tabled to a later time.

72-01-18

A motion and a second were made to approve.

A motion and a second were made to accept the Judges Committees recommendation to amend the rule change to read “Freestyle reining, entry level, or Youth 10 & Under Short Stirrup Class.” Amendment and original motion passed.

78-01-18

A motion and a second were made to approve.

A motion and a second were made to amend the original motion to remove the striking on (d). Amendment passed unanimously.

A motion and a second were made to amend the original motion to remove the striking of National Federation in letter (f).

Favor: Mike Deer, Ann Salmon Andermann, Brett Walters, Mark Blake, Casey Hinton, Rosanne Sternberg, Paulus Beurskens, Roberto Cuoghi, Joao Marcos, Dave Belson, Kelly Hedges, Guy Vernon, Brian Welman, Barbara Brookshire, Lee Foster, Jeanine Kern, Jesse Chase, Heather Powell

Opposed: Kim Maharaj

Amendment passed.

Original motion passed unanimously.

81-01-18

No action taken.

82-01-18

No action taken.

122-01-18

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

126-01-18

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

06-01-18

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

06-02-18

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

25-02-18

A motion and a second were made to approve as clarified (including striking of Associate verbiage). Motion passed unanimously.

27-02-18

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

29-01-18

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

32-01-18

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

66-01-18

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

75-01-18

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

84-01-18

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

114-01-18

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

124-01-18

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

126-02-18

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

154-01-18

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm.

May 2, 2017

Present: President Mike Deer, Vice President Mike Hancock, Rosanne Sternberg, Casey Hinton, Heather Powell, Kim Maharaj, Roberto Cuoghi, Paulus Beurskens, Ann Salmon Andermann, Brett Walters, Mark Blake, Joao Marcos, Jeanine Kern, Jesse Chase, Barbara Brookshire, Brian Welman

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Absent: Paul Sharp, Raul Leal, Sebastian Petroll

Conference Call: Joe Wolfe, Dave Belson, Larry Handley, Lee Foster, Guy Vernon, Kelly Hedges, Todd Knerr, Becky Hansen

Call to Order:

President Mike Deer called the meeting to order at 8:08 am. A quorum was established.

Rule Changes, Continued:

50-01-18

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

122-01-18

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

NRHA Events

Shianne Megel presented.

Futurity Schedule

A motion and a second were made to approve the Futurity schedule but to include flexibility in the schedule to include the Reining Horse Foundation event (draw party) on Wednesday evening. Motion passed unanimously.

Futurity Conditions

A motion and a second were made to approve as presented. Motion passed unanimously. Shianne Megel then reminded the Board that the Derby schedule will run on the last Sunday with ancillary classes running in four arenas.

Mike Deer then suggested that the Aged Events Committee review the idea of allowing substitutions for the Futurity.

Resolutions Update

Christa Morris-Stone presented.

A motion and a second were made to approve the deletion of the three Resolutions. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 4: A motion and a second were made to approve as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Election Procedures

Christa Morris-Stone presented. The membership will be notified in advance of where they can vote.

A motion and a second were made to approve as presented with the change that California residents that do not designate will vote in the Northwest. Motion passed unanimously.

IAP Discussion

A motion and a second were made to approve the International Affiliate Program Task Force consisting of the following members: Rosanne Sternberg, Rick Clark, Kelli Brummett, Paulus Beurskens, Kelly Hedges, Kim Maharaj, Roberto Cuoghi, Joao Marcos, and Paul Sharp with Lauren Rufo serving as the staff liaison.

The Task Force will examine what we are currently doing with the program, and the direction for the future. They will look at how to optimize the benefit of the IAP funds for both the Affiliates and NRHA. The Task Force will put forth a recommendation to the Board in August to be implemented in 2019.

Motion passed unanimously.

Travel Reimbursement Policy

Gary Carpenter presented. A motion and a second were made to approve as presented. Motion passed unanimously. It was recommended that the policy be reviewed by the Board every two years.

Committee Recommendations

Affiliate Recommendation #1

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

A motion and a second were made to amend the original motion to include Rookie 2.

A motion and a second were made to amend the motion to state that any affiliate championship classes that have the ability to give a Morrison trophy can do so if they so choose.

Amendment and original motion passed.

Affiliate Recommendation #2

A motion and a second were made to approve as presented. Open to discussion.

A motion and a second were made to amend the original motion so that the steward requirement remains, but there would be a \$500 ARC host bonus. Amendment passed unanimously.

Original motion passed unanimously.

Rule Changes, Continued:

54-02-18

A motion and a second to approve the changes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Task Force Report

The original Nominations & Payouts Task Force meeting was postponed due to scheduling conflicts but will be rescheduled for June 12-13, 2017.

European Affiliate Council Update

Samantha Oldfield presented an update on the European Affiliate Council.

Informational Items

NRHA staff provided updates on the Sire & Dam program, Nominations Program, Reining Horse Foundation, and NRHA Corporate Partners.

Elections Update

Christa Morris-Stone presented. A motion and a second were made to approve the European Affiliate Council Bylaws. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business: Eligibility Committee Update

Casey Hinton presented an update on the work the Eligibility Committee has completed thus far on the Eligibility policy.

Break for lunch at 12:11 pm and reconvened at 12:51pm. NRHA staff left the meeting. Terry Wiens joined the meeting.

Executive Session

Meeting adjourned at 2:11 pm