

# NATIONAL REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION

## European Affiliate Council Minutes

### Conference Call

October 17, 2017

*Approved November 4, 2017*

Members Present: Roberto Cuoghi, Bernard Fonck, Rudi Kronsteiner, Paulus Beurskens, Birgitta Nolen, Agnes Csolle, Isabeau Rohde, Sari Hebert, Francois Zurcher, Rosanne Sternberg, Maik Bartmann, Adrian Motyka

Members Not Present: Tony Llarena, Ditte Poulsen, Seppo Perkioe

Staff Present: Samantha Oldfield, Simona Diale, Gary Carpenter, Shianne Megel, Christa Morris

### Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 10:10 am.

### 2017 European Derby Conditions

The Council discussed the number of qualifiers back to the finals and decided that they were not in proportion to the number of entrants. A motion was made to take 50% of the entries back to the finals, dividing the number of 50% of the entries into four, creating four tiers. They decided to keep the condition if the Level 1 has less than 25% then one would be removed to the Tier 4. If the tiers could not be easily divisible by four then the extras would be allocated down starting with Tier 4 and moving downwards. Riders would qualify in tiers as they had before, however ties will be allowed to move forward, removing any hard cap. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

### 2018 European Championship Qualification

The Euro Major Events Committee put forward a recommendation to extend the qualification timeline for the European Championships due to the change in location and time of year. The Council discussed this recommendation. A motion was made to accept this recommendation of

*“To extend the qualification timeline of the European Championships from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 to the qualification timeline January 1, 2017 through the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month prior to the Affiliate Championships, where there is at minimum 45 days between the end of the qualification and the first day of the Championships. (For example, if the Championships are in the last week of July of 2018, the qualification timeline will be January 1, 2017 through June 1, 2018. If the Championships are in the first week of July, it will be January 1<sup>st</sup> of 2017 through 45 days prior to the start of the Championships, as June 1<sup>st</sup> would not be at minimum 45 days out.”*

With the change that if you qualified in the Top Ten of the class as of December 31<sup>st</sup> of 2017 (January 1-December 31<sup>st</sup>) then you qualify for the Championships, then if you qualified in the new year in the specified qualification timeline (for the 2018 Championships it is January 1-June 1 of 2018) then you would also qualify for the Championships. This was after discussion that several members felt that they were already qualified and OK due to the original qualification timeline being the calendar year of the year prior. This motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

### **Americana in 2019**

The Council discussed the location for the 2019 European Derby. It has been brought to light that the management team of Americana would like to host but was in need of official approval to move forward with changes with the facility. A motion was made to approve Americana as the location and dates for the 2019 European Derby to run concurrent with. This motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

### **Schopfer to be involved**

The Council endorsed Markus Schopfer's involvement with the 2019 European Derby with Americana in Augsburg.

Meeting adjourned 11:09am.