

**NATIONAL REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION**  
**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
**August 20, 2018**  
**Oklahoma City, Oklahoma**

*Approved 2/6/19*

**Present:** President Mike Deer, Vice President Mike Hancock, Shane Brown, Tom McCutcheon, Kelly Hedges, Brett Walters, Jesse Chase, Ann Salmon Anderman, Lee Foster, Joao Marcos, Mark Blake

**Conference Call:** Rosanne Sternberg, Jeanine Kern, Paulus Beurskens, Guy Vernon, Larry Handley, Kim Maharaj, Dave Belson

**Absent:** Ruben Pacheco, Paul Sharp

**Staff:** Commissioner Gary Carpenter, Assistant Commissioner Christa Morris-Stone, Chief Financial Officer John Foy, Senior Director of Accounting Chris Mossman, Manager of Competition & Education Kristen Liesman, Senior Manager of Competition & Education Samantha Oldfield, Manager of Marketing & Outreach Hayley Eberle, Executive Director of the Reining Horse Foundation Leslie Baker, Senior Manager of Association Services Angie Honeywell, Director of Corporate Relations Sammi Miller, Coordinator of Marketing & Outreach Chrystal Kramer, Senior Director of Events Shianne Megel, Executive Assistant & Governance Coordinator Liz Kelsey, Director of Information & Technology Dan Dobbs

**Call to Order**

President Mike Deer called the meeting to order at 12:57 pm. A quorum was established.

**Consent Agenda**

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

**Financial Report**

Chief Financial Officer John Foy presented the financial report which included the preliminary Derby P & L.

**Commissioner's Report**

Commissioner Gary Carpenter gave a verbal update on NRHA operations including plans for the World Equestrian Games, ReinerSuite, the Event Officials Program, the NRHA website, and new safety protocols for NRHA owned events.

**SafeSport**

Commissioner Gary Carpenter presented an update on SafeSport and discussed the potential for its future application with NRHA.

### **Task Force Update**

A motion and a second were made to approve the Sponsorship Task Force with the members as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Rule Change Update**

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

A motion and a second were made to amend the rule change to include verbiage restricting it to three-year-old's only. Motion passed.

### **Elections Update**

A motion and a second were made to approve the candidates by acclamation. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Derby Recap**

Shianne Megel presented the NRHA Derby statistics and Hayley Eberle presented the NRHA Derby marketing review.

### **NRHA Event Conditions**

A motion and a second were made to accept the changes to the Open Futurity patterns as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Event Conditions**

#### **Proposed Changes to 2019 NRHA Futurity Conditions:**

A motion and a second were made to update the conditions to read: "For qualifying for the finals as an advancing entry: All horses that advance to finals will receive a paycheck equal to or more than the lowest payout in the division. No scores placing below scratches, placing below zeros."

Tabled for further discussion.

#### **Proposed Changes to 2019 NRHA Derby Conditions:**

A motion and a second were made to approve changing the Open Prime Time finalists to Top 10 horses from the go-round and changing the non pro finalists:

Level 4 Non Pro Top 30 horses (plus ties)  
Level 3 Non Pro Top 30 horses (plus ties)  
Level 2 Non Pro Top 30 horses (plus ties)  
Level 1 Non Pro Top 30 horses (plus ties)  
Prime Time Non Pro Top 15 horses (plus ties)  
Masters Non Pro Top 15 horses (plus ties)  
Youth Non Pro Top 15 horses (plus ties)

Motion passed unanimously.

### **NAAC Conditions**

A motion and a second were made to approve as presented (update date only). Motion passed unanimously.

### **European Events Update**

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

*Break and reconvened at 3:00 pm. Jeff Todd joined the meeting and NRHA staff left the meeting.*

### **Hearings and Disciplinary Procedures- Executive Session**

*Jeff Todd left the meeting and NRHA Staff joined the meeting.*

### **Event Conditions, Continued:**

A motion and a second were made to approve the conditions to read “all horses that advance to finals will receive a paycheck for advancing to the finals.”

A motion and a second were made to amend the conditions to make this change for the 2019 NRHA Futurity and Derby Conditions.

Motion and amendment passed.

### **Nomination Conditions**

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

*NRHA Staff left the meeting.*

### **Medications Update- Executive Session**

### **NRHA Derby- Executive Session**

*NRHA staff joined the meeting.*

### **2019 Eligibility Policy**

Kristen Liesman presented the Eligibility Committee's proposed changes to the 2019 Worldwide Eligibility Policy.

### **IAP Proposal**

Lauren Rufo presented some potential changes to the International Affiliate Program that would assist the development of reining at the grassroots level. There would be further discussion at tomorrow's meeting.

*Meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.*

### **August 21, 2018**

**Present:** President Mike Deer, Vice President Mike Hancock, Shane Brown, Tom McCutcheon, Kelly Hedges, Brett Walters, Jesse Chase, Ann Salmon Andermann, Lee Foster, Joao Marcos, Mark Blake

**Conference Call:** Rosanne Sternberg, Jeanine Kern, Paulus Beurskens, Guy Vernon, Larry Handley, Kim Maharaj, Dave Belson

**Absent:** Ruben Pacheco, Paul Sharp

**Staff:** Commissioner Gary Carpenter, Assistant Commissioner Christa Morris-Stone, Chief Financial Officer John Foy, Senior Director of Accounting Chris Mossman, Manager of Competition & Education Kristen Liesman, Senior Manager of Competition & Education Samantha Oldfield, Manager of Marketing & Outreach Hayley Eberle, Executive Director of the Reining Horse Foundation Leslie Baker, Senior Manager of Association Services Angie Honeywell, Director of Corporate Relations Sammi Miller, Coordinator of Marketing & Outreach Chrystal Kramer, Senior Director of Events Shianne Megel, Executive Assistant & Governance Coordinator Liz Kelsey, Director of Information & Technology Dan Dobbs

### **Call to Order**

President Mike Deer called the meeting to order at 8:41 am. A quorum as established.

### **ReinerSuite**

Shianne Megel previewed ReinerSuite and answered any questions regarding the new software.

*Casey Hinton joined the conference call.*

## **Eligibility**

### **European Eligibility**

A motion and a second were made to approve the changes and grant an extension until December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Worldwide Eligibility**

A motion and a second were made to approve the policy as presented. Original Motion passed 10-6.

A motion and a second were made to amend the original motion to change Categories 2 & 6 to include Category 1. Motion failed 9-6.

## **Judges and Stewards**

### **Judges Guidelines**

Kristen Liesman presented.

A motion and a second were made to approve the policy as presented in the updated handout. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Stewards Guidelines**

A motion and a second were made to accept the Stewards Policy as stated in the handout. Motion passed unanimously.

*NRHA staff left the meeting.*

## **Animal Welfare Video and NRHA Website**

The animal welfare video and new NRHA website were previewed.

### **Breakout Groups**

The NRHA Board of Directors was divided into groups to discuss ways to increase entries.

*Break for lunch and reconvened at 12:50 pm.*

### **Breakout Groups, Continued**

The groups shared their thoughts on ways to increase entries.

*Rosanne Sternberg and Guy Vernon left the conference call.*

### **Canadian Trophies**

Shianne Megel presented.

A motion and a second were made to approve that all trophies must be ordered based off of the U.S. Dollar; therefore, supporting the original resolution from 2009. Motion passed.

### **Affiliate Review**

It was discussed how there are inconsistencies in affiliates in regards to how they are complying with guidelines and the need to review these affiliates.

A motion and a second were made that any time a concern that an NRHA Affiliate is not in compliance is brought to NRHA's attention, the NRHA Executive Committee will review, bring recommendations to become compliant and with a time frame. If the conditions are not met, the NRHA Executive Committee would determine the final outcome. Motion passed unanimously.

### **ARC Host Selections**

A motion and a second were made to approve the host selections as presented and to approve Saskatchewan Reining Horse Association. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Alternative Payout Structure**

Jesse Chase explained in further detail his single payout system.

### **Judges Guidelines (unapproved events) Rule Change:**

A request from IRHA was reviewed (delayed implementation). No action taken.

### **Reining Horse Foundation Update**

Mark Blake gave an update on Sliders Night Out.

### **Closing Remarks**

The meeting wrapped up with viewing the youth video from the NRHA Derby and closing remarks from the NRHA President.

*Meeting adjourned at 2:41 pm.*