

**NATIONAL REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION**  
**Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Oklahoma City, Oklahoma**  
**February 7, 2018**

*Approved 4/30/18*

**Present:** President Mike Deer, Vice President Mike Hancock, Rosanne Sternberg, Tom McCutcheon, Shane Brown

**Staff:** Commissioner Gary Carpenter, Assistant Commissioner & Chief Communications Officer Christa Morris-Stone, Chief Financial Officer John Foy, Senior Director of Events Shianne Megel, Executive Assistant & Governance Coordinator Liz Kelsey

**Call to Order:**

President Mike Deer called the meeting to order at 8:00 am.

**Consent Agenda**

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

**Financial Report**

Chief Financial Officer John Foy presented the financial report which included the 2017 NRHA Futurity and Sales financials.

**Commissioner's Report**

Commissioner Gary Carpenter gave an update on NRHA operations including information about staffing and the IT project, Reiner Suite.

**2018 Calendar**

There was consensus that the next Executive Committee and Board of Directors meetings would be held April 30-May 1 and August 20-21.

**2019 Rule Change Proposals**

After the rule change reading and voting procedures were reviewed, the Executive Committee had the opportunity to ask any questions about the 2019 proposals.

**Handbook Clarifications**

Ann Salmon Andermann presented the recommended NRHA *Handbook* clarifications from the NRHA Judges Committee for approval.

### More Judging- Random Equipment Checks

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

### Member Type Requirements

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

### Trophy Ordering Options

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

### **Soundness Pre-Check**

An update was provided and there was no action taken.

### **Competition License Affidavits**

A motion and a second were made to approve that NRHA competition license affidavits no longer have to be notarized, that two documents proving current ownership would suffice. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Fees Policy Discussion**

The fees policy will be taken to the Board for approval in May, so initial discussion was held. The Executive Committee directed Chief Financial Officer John Foy to look at what raising all membership related fees \$5 would do to the budget.

### **Para Sponsorship Request**

There was no action taken on the para sponsorship request.

### **Photo & Media Guidelines**

Manager of Marketing & Outreach Hayley Eberle presented the updates to the NRHA photo and media guidelines and there was consensus to approve.

### **Marketing Overview**

Manager of Marketing & Outreach Hayley Eberle gave a presentation on the marketing efforts for the 2017 NRHA Futurity. The NRHA Executive Committee directed Chief Financial Officer John Foy to look at increasing the marketing budget.

### **Affiliate Regional Championships**

A motion and a second were made to give the Ohio Valley Reining Horse Association the opportunity to back out of their ARC contract, if not, they have two weeks to submit their plans for the ARC; if staff is not satisfied with the plan (it is not suitable), they can revoke the contract and send out the ARC for bids. Motion passed unanimously.

It was also brought to the Executive Committee's attention that the Southeast & Northeast Affiliate Regional Championships share dates with the World Equestrian Games. The Southeast Affiliate Regional Championship is not requesting alternative dates but the Northeast is looking to switch dates with their facility. If they come forward with a formal request, it will be brought to the Executive Committee's attention.

### **Derby Proposals**

There was lots of discussion on the NRHA Derby and whether or not another task force needed to be formed or if a decision just needed to be made. The topic would be added back to the agenda for the May meeting.

### **Hearing Body Nominations- Executive Session**

*Following an update on some legal issues, the meeting adjourned at 12:57 pm*