

NATIONAL REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
February 7-8, 2018

Approved 4/30/18

Present: President Mike Deer, Vice President Mike Hancock, Rosanne Sternberg, Tom McCutcheon, Shane Brown, Kim Maharaj, Jeanine Kern, Paul Sharp, Mark Blake, Brett Walters, Ann Salmon Andermann, Paulus Beurskens, Paul Sharp, Jesse Chase, Joao Marcos, Kelly Hedges

Absent: Ruben Pacheco

Staff: Commissioner Gary Carpenter, Chief Communications Officer & Assistant Commissioner Christa Morris-Stone, Executive Assistant & Governance Coordinator Liz Kelsey, Chief Financial Officer John Foy, Senior Director of Events Shianne Megel, Senior Manager of Competition & Education Samantha Oldfield, Director of Corporate Relations Sammi Miller, Manager of Competition & Education Kristen Liesman, Manager of Marketing & Outreach Hayley Eberle, Senior Director of Accounting Chris Mossman, Director of Information & Technology Dan Dobbs, Executive Director of the Reining Horse Foundation Leslie Baker, Showmanager Todd Knerr, Coordinator of Marketing & Outreach Chrystal Kramer, Assistant Editor Sara Honegger, Youth Programs Advisor Lerin Thomas

Conference Call: Guy Vernon, Dave Belson, Larry Handley, Lee Foster

Guests: Chelsea Schneider

Call to Order:

President Mike Deer called the meeting to order at 1:15 pm. A quorum was established.

Consent Agenda

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

Financial Report

John Foy presented the financial report.

Commissioners Report

Commissioner Gary Carpenter gave his report including an update on the IT Project/Reiner Suite.

Election Procedures

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

Compensation Committee

A motion and a second were made to approve Tom McCutcheon, Mike Hancock, and Rosanne Sternberg as members of the Compensation Committee. Motion passed unanimously.

Rule Changes

The Board held the first reading of the proposed rule changes for 2019 and reviewed the procedures for voting in May.

Affiliate Applications for Approval

Shianne Megel presented the European Executive Board and Affiliate Committee's recommendation to approve NRHA Luxembourg as an NRHA Affiliate.

A motion and a second were made to approve NRHA Luxembourg as an NRHA Affiliate. Motion passed unanimously.

European Summit Recap

Samantha Oldfield discussed the recent European Summit held in Brussels which was deemed a success.

Derby Schedule

Todd Knerr presented the Aged Events Committee's recommendations for the 2018 NRHA Derby schedule and patterns.

A motion and a second were made to approve the 2018 NRHA Derby schedule as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Futurity Conditions

A motion and a second were made to approve the verbiage regarding an additional Futurity entry as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

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

John Foy presented the NRHA Conflict of Interest and Whistleblower policies and explained the Board's duty of loyalty and duty of care.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.

February 8, 2018

Present: President Mike Deer, Vice President Mike Hancock, Rosanne Sternberg, Tom McCutcheon, Shane Brown, Kim Maharaj, Jeanine Kern, Paul Sharp, Mark Blake, Brett Walters, Ann Salmon Andermann, Paulus Beurskens, Paul Sharp, Jesse Chase, Joao Marcos, Kelly Hedges

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Conference Call: Lee Foster, Dave Belson, Larry Handley, Guy Vernon

Guests: Gabe Hutchins, Chelsea Schneider

Call to Order:

President Mike Deer called the meeting to order at 8:34 am. A quorum was established.

Regional Reports

The Directors updated everyone on what was going on in their region including shows, membership, youth participation, aged events, and any concerns.

IT Project Presentation

The Jockey Club previewed Reiner Suite for the NRHA Board of Directors and answered any questions.

Marketing Presentation

Hayley Eberle presented a review of the marketing and promotion done for the 2017 NRHA Futurity.

Strategic Plan Presentation

Christa Morris-Stone presented an update on plans to implement the new strategic plan.

Single Payout Structure Recap

Jesse Chase presented the single payout structure results from the NRHA European Derby and answered any questions.

Break for lunch and reconvened at 1:00 pm. NRHA staff and guests left the meeting. Jeff Todd joined the meeting.

Legal Update- Executive Session

Judges & Stewards- Executive Session

Medications Update- Executive Session

Medications Hearing Body- Executive Session

Hearing Body Appointments- Executive Session

Professionals Committee Recommendation

Gabe Hutchins, chair of the Professionals Committee, introduced Jennifer Paulson from *Horse & Rider* and Catapult who gave an update on the *Pro Trainer*.

A motion and a second were made to approve the fourth issue of the *Pro Trainer* magazine and to make sure the Professionals who currently do not receive the *Reiner* do receive the *Pro Trainer*. Motion passed unanimously.

Reining Horse Foundation Update

Reining Horse Foundation President Mark Blake gave an update on the Reining Horse Foundation.

Following some announcements and final remarks, the meeting adjourned at 3:16 pm.