

NATIONAL REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
April 29-30, 2019

Approved 8/19/19

Present: President Mike Hancock, Vice President Rick Clark, Rosanne Sternberg, Shane Brown, Tom McCutcheon, Joao Marcos, Mark Blake, Peter Defreitas, Lee Foster, Brett Walters, Ruben Pacheco, Larry Handley, Jeanine Kern

Conference Call: Kelly Hedges, Paulus Beurskens, Bub Poplin, Ann Salmon Anderman, Ginger Schmersal

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

Absent: Errol Thomas, Dallas Schwerdt

Guests: Casey Hinton, Brian Bell

Call to Order:

President Mike Hancock called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm. A quorum was established. After some opening remarks, President Mike Hancock called for a moment of silence in honor of Carol Trimmer.

Consent Agenda

Consensus to approve as presented.

Financial Report

Chief Financial Officer John Foy presented the financial report which included updates that trophy margins are very strong and there was a very strong, positive variance with the NRHA Futurity. He then reviewed the proposed budget.

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

There was a request from the Finance/Audit Committee to add John Tague as a member. A motion and a second were made to approve John Tague as a member of the Finance/Audit Committee. Motion passed unanimously.

John Foy then explained a new tool the Accounting Department had acquired, Positive Pay, which adds another layer of control and protection against fraud.

Commissioner's Report

NRHA Commissioner Gary Carpenter gave an update on NRHA operations which included an update on the current strategic plan. Great strides have been made towards the strategic plan, including the Affiliate Summit, eligibility survey, Event Officials Program, new nrha.com, partnering with AIM, Pro Management, and USA Reining, and the animal welfare video. However, he stressed there is still work to be done.

Commissioner Carpenter also gave an update on ReinerSuite, stating that we were determined not to put it out until it is ready and the predicted timeframe was currently after the NRHA Derby.

He then gave updates on Elementa, the proposed drug testing in Canada, and ongoing conflicts in Australia.

SafeSport

Commissioner Gary Carpenter gave an update on SafeSport and recommended that the Judges Committee, Youth Committee, board, and the rest of the NRHA staff take the course.

Jeanine Kern joined the meeting, Ginger Schmersal joined the conference call and. Guests Casey Hinton and Brian Bell joined the meeting.

The Run for a Million Invitational

After a disclosure of possible conflicts of interest, a motion and a second were made to go with option B as presented (create a new category 13).

After a ballot vote, the motion failed 8-10. The required 2/3 majority was not reached.

2020 Rule Change Proposals

11-01-20

A motion and a second were made to approve rule change as amended: "Any investigation review committee (IRC) reviewing a case involving an NRHA Professional will have at least 3 (three) current NRHA Professionals members serving on the IRC." Motion failed 4-12.

26-01-20

A motion and a second were made to approve. A motion and a second were made to amend the original motion to amend the rule change to state “Beginning with 2019 foals, no horse...”

Amendment failed 4-12. Original motion failed 4-12.

30-01-20

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

34-01-20

No action taken.

41-01-20

A motion and a second were made to approve as presented. A motion and second were made to amend the original motion to change the verbiage to read that money would count towards World Champion awards (therefore striking the last sentence) and the name would be changed to Novice Horse III. Motion passed unanimously.

Amendment passed unanimously. Original motion passed unanimously.

42-01-20

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

49-01-20

A motion and a second were made to approve as presented. Motion failed 7-9.

2020 Futurity Schedule

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

A motion and a second were made to amend the original motion to move the Freestyle back to Thursday night with the practice the night before.

Original motion and amendment pass unanimously.

It was also suggested to have 2 rider meetings during the NRHA Derby. The schedule would be reviewed and a final decision would be made at a later time.

58-01-20

A motion and a second were made to approve.

A motion and a second were made to amend the rule change to read “One up level entries for Aged Events with \$20,000 or more at the event, where the money is split between Open and Non Pro slates of Category 2 or 6 classes.” Original motion and amendment failed 3-12.

58-02-20

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

62-01-20

No action taken.

65-01-20

A motion and a second were made to approve. A motion and a second were made to amend the original motion to accept the Non Pro Committee’s recommendation to change the verbiage to “In order for earnings/**or points** to”

Original motion and amendment passed 13-1.

Travel Reimbursement Policy

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

Shows with No Entry Fees

A motion and a second were made that all classes that offer a no entry fee NRHA approved class, and the entry fee is less than 10% of the added money, then 5% of the purse would be paid directly to NRHA to be effective January 1. Tabled for further discussion in August with staff submitting a formal recommendation.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.

April 30, 2019

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Absent: Errol Thomas, Ginger Schmersal, Dallas Schwerdt

Guests: Karen Shedlauskas, Jeff Todd

Call to Order:

President Mike Hancock called the meeting to order at 8:00 am. A quorum was established.

75-01-20

A motion and a second to approve as presented. Motion failed 3-10.

93-01-20

A motion and a second were made to approve. A motion and a second were made to amend the original motion to include Non Pro classes only, excluding categories 2 & 6.

Amendment passed 13-2. Original motion passed 13-2.

Staff, along with the Judges Committee, were tasked with working together on a recommendation on an acceptable way to identify these riders.

94-01-20

No action taken.

Ann Salmon Anderman joined the conference call.

101-01-20

A motion and a second were made to approve with the Professionals Committee recommendation for only patterns 6, 8, 12. Motion passed 11-5.

If any clarifications were deemed necessary, specifically pattern 12, the committee and staff would work together to resolve. All additional patterns would be numbered appropriately

131-01-20

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

65-02-20

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

Awards Banquet

A motion and a second were made to approve moving the awards banquet back to the NRHA Derby.

Motion passed 10-6.

Calliope Reining

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

IAP Proposal

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

Affiliate Summit

Lauren Rufo reviewed the Affiliate Summit which was deemed a success.

RFP's

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

Deadline for Directors Policy

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

Professionals Committee Recommendation

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

Events Published in *NRHA Reiner*

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

Reining Horse Foundation Update

Mark Blake and Rick Clark gave an update on the Reining Horse Foundation.

Break and reconvened at 10:00 am. Karen Shedlauskas joined the conference call.

Elections Update

Liz Kelsey gave an update on the seats up for election and the deadlines as outlined in the election's procedures.

Eligibility Update

Karen Shedlauskas presented the current proposed changes to the 2020 NRHA Eligibility Policy and answered any questions.

Karen Shedlauskas left the conference call.

Member & Show Services Department Update

Angie Honeywell presented an update on the Member & Show Services Department, stating that membership is slightly up as compared to last year.

Corporate Relations Update

Sammi Miller gave an update on the Corporate Relations department.

Small Groups Discussion

The board broke into small groups to review and discuss current NRHA programs.

Disciplinary Action Procedures

Jeff Todd presented the proposed changes to the disciplinary action procedures.

A motion and a second were made to approve as presented (with correction of any typos). Motion passed unanimously.

Legal Update- Executive Session

Judges for Approval-Executive Session

Break for lunch and reconvened at 12:30 pm.

Bylaw Committee

Mike Hancock tasked the Bylaw Committee with reviewing the handbook and organizing it based upon rules that affect competition versus rules that do not directly affect competition in the show pen. An update would be given in August.

Nomination Program Increase

Tabled for further discussion at the August meeting.

NRHA Derby

Discussion was held regarding adding 7-year-olds to the NRHA Derby. It was decided to table any further discussion until the August meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 12:52 pm.