

**NATIONAL REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION**  
**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
**Las Vegas, Nevada**  
**August 19, 2019**

*Approved 2/5/20*

**Present:** President Mike Hancock, Vice President Rick Clark, Mark Blake, Ruben Pacheco, Brett Walters, Ann Salmon Anderman, Dallas, Kelly, Jeanine Kern, Ginger Schmersal, Lee Foster, Joao Marcos, Paulus Beurskens, Rosanne Sternberg, Shane Brown

**Conference Call:** Bub Poplin, Peter Defreitas, Larry Handley, Tom McCutcheon

**Absent:** Errol Thomas

**Staff:** Commissioner Gary Carpenter, Chief Financial Officer John Foy, Assistant Commissioner Christa Morris-Stone, Sr. Director of Corporate Relations & Communications Sammi Miller, Director of Competition & Education Samantha Oldfield, Sr. Manager of Competition & Education Kristen Liesman, Executive Assistant & Governance Coordinator Liz Kelsey

**Call to Order:**

President Mike Hancock called the meeting to order at 8:05 am. A quorum was established.

**Consent Agenda**

Consensus to approve as presented.

*Tom McCutcheon joined the conference call.*

**Financial Report**

Chief Financial Officer John Foy presented the financials from the NRHA Derby and discussed the *Reiner*. He informed the board that NRHA's taxes were timely filed and the audit began a week ago.

**Trophies- Finance Committee Recommendation**

There was consensus to begin conversations with Mehl Lawson about re-designing the trophy to modernize it.

A motion and a second were made to approve the Finance Committee's recommendation effective January 1.

A motion and a second were made to amend the original motion that the recommendation is for 2020 only to allow time to research alternative solutions.

Motion passed unanimously.

**Sire & Dam Task Force**

A motion and a second were made to approve the creation of the Sire & Dam Task Force to explore the program and create suggestions for marketing and improvements.

Motion passed unanimously. Members would be approved by the NRHA Executive Committee at a later time.

### **Commissioner's Report**

NRHA Commissioner gave an update on ReinerSuite, processing, Pro Management, committee work, and the search engine optimization done for NRHA, which saw a 33% increase in web traffic.

### **Committee Updates & recommendations**

#### **Judges & Stewards Committee Recommendation**

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

#### **Youth Committee Update**

Brett Walters presented an update on what the Youth Committee had been working on, including changing the youth officer elections process.

### **Bylaw Committee Recommendations**

A motion and a second were made to allow staff and the Bylaw Committee to move forward with the handbook recommendations (with the exception of moving the medications verbiage back) and to have the Judges Committee review. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Elections Update**

A motion and a second were made to approve the directors submitted to win by acclamation.

Paulus Beurskens withdrew his candidacy for the Director-at-Large seat.

### **Oceana Region**

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

### **Rule Change Follow Up**

#### **Judges Committee Recommendation**

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

#### **Pattern 12**

A motion and a second were made to approve as presented (typo to be fixed). Motion passed unanimously.

### **Non Pro Application**

A motion and a second were made to approve the Non Pro Committees' recommendation as presented.

A motion and a second were made to amend the original motion to send back to the full committee for further discussion and recommendation.

Motion passed unanimously. If the committee were to be made aware of any other violations, they would also review them on their conference call.

### **No Entry Fee Shows**

A motion and a second were made to allow a scale of \$500-\$5,000 based off of a staff recommendation and executive committee approval. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Fees Policy**

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

### **Oceana Trip Recap**

Director of Competition & Education Samantha Oldfield gave a presentation on their Spring travels to visit and assist NRHA Affiliates and developing affiliates.

### **Bylaw Committee Recommendation**

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

*Break for lunch and reconvened at 12:30pm.*

*Ann Salmon Anderman left the meeting.*

### **Medications Testing Request Form**

Consensus to proceed with developing a proposal with options for the board to review.

### **Worldwide Eligibility Policy**

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

### **European Eligibility**

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

### **Reining Australia Eligibility Request**

Eligibility Committee to come back with a recommendation.

*Cheryl Cody joined the conference call.*

### **NRHA Derby Recap**

Cheryl Cody provided a recap of the NRHA Derby.

### **2020 NRHA Futurity Conditions and 2020 NRHA Derby Conditions**

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

### **Nomination Program**

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

### **Nomination Conditions**

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

### **Nomination Fee Increases Discussion**

A motion and a second were made to approve as presented (starting with foals being born in 2020, a 5-year increase, \$20 each year, just for North America at this time). Motion passed unanimously.

There was discussion about the need for improved communication regarding payment reminders and several ideas were discussed and would be pursued.

### **Reining Horse Foundation Update**

Mark Blake presented an update on the Reining Horse Foundation.

*Mark Blake left the meeting.*

### **NAAC Host Bids**

A motion and a second were made to approve the host bids as recommended by the Affiliate Committee with the exception of Eastern Canada. The Affiliate Committee would need to further review the bids and come back with a formal recommendation.

The Mountain Region would be given until September 1 to see if they had an affiliate interested in hosting.

Motion passed unanimously.

### **NAAC Conditions**

Consensus to approve as presented.

### **Short Stirrup**

No action taken.

### **NAAC Draw Sections**

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

### **Funding Proposal**

The proposal would be sent to the Affiliate Committee for a formal recommendation.

*Ruben Pacheco left the meeting.*

### **European Affiliate Conditions**

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

### **Affiliate Applications for Approval**

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

### **Member & Show Services Department Update**

Assistant Commissioner Christa Morris-Stone gave an update on processing and the Member & Show Services Department.

### **Corporate Relations Update**

Sr. Director of Corporate Relations and Communications Sammi Miller gave an update on NRHA Corporate Partners.

*After some closing remarks, the meeting adjourned at 3:59 pm.*