

NATIONAL REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION
Aged Events Committee Minutes
2019 NRHA Convention
February 8, 2019

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Members Present: Cheryl Cody, Andre de Bellefeuille, George King, Karen Schedlauskas, Mandy McCutcheon, Mark Blake, Ruben Vandorp, Shane Brown, Connie Henrichs (*via conference call*), Keith Ceddia (*via conference call*)

Members Not Present: David Hanson

Staff Present: Samantha Oldfield, Christa Morris-Stone, Gary Carpenter, Mike Hancock, Sammi Miller, John Foy, Hayley Eberle

Guests Present: Many guests present.

Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Cheryl Cody at 1:04pm.

2019 NRHA Futurity Dates

There is much discussion on the 2019 NRHA Futurity dates. Several guests and committee members speak to the pros and cons of the moved futurity dates. Aspects of whether or not the sale will be affected were brought up and talked about, as well as the necessity of bringing young horses in earlier. The weather was also brought to the attention of the committee as potentially having consequences on the members who can come. Vendors in the room also spoke to the date conflict with Vegas. The finance committee will be looking into whether or not there are financial pros or cons to moving the dates. Talk came to moving the non pro finals to Sunday and keeping the same dates, others think the non pros will not be happy about this. A vote is taken from the committee members to recommend to the Board of Directors whether or not to move the Futurity dates back to the original dates in November or to keep them on the new dates in December. The committee vote is as follows:

Earlier Dates: 6

Later Dates: 1

Neutral: 2

The Aged Events Committee will be recommending to the Board of Directors to move the 2019 Futurity dates back to the original dates starting on Thanksgiving and ending on December 7th.

Vice Chair Election

Mandy McCutcheon is nominated as Vice Chair of the Aged Events Committee. The nomination is seconded. Mandy accepts by acclamation.

IEA

Discussion leads to the IEA and their schedule during the 2019 NRHA Derby. Ideas are brought up on whether or not the first or second weekend would be best. The discussion is brought up that they could compete outside so that Arena 6 can be open to Derby competitors. The decision is made that if Arena 6 can be open to Derby competitors when IEA is not using it that this would be

sufficient, and the IEA schedule will go as normal for the 2019 Derby and will be evaluated with what tweaks could be made for the future.

2019 NRHA Derby Schedule

The Aged Events Committee approves by consensus the current 2019 NRHA Derby Schedule to go to the Board of Directors for final approval.

2019 NRHA Futurity Schedule

The Aged Events Committee will decide on the 2019 Futurity Schedule once the dates are approved by the Board of Directors.

Patterns for the 2019 NRHA Futurity

A survey had been sent to the professionals who had competed at the Futurity to inquire on which patterns were most in favor for the first go, semi-finals, and finals. Consensus from the survey is the following:

First Go: 12

Semi-Finals: 8

Finals: 10

The Aged Events Committee are in agreeance that these patterns are the best suited ones.

Financial Update

John Foy gives a financial update on the Futurity and Derby purse.

Rule Change Proposals

The Aged Events Committee reviewed the 2020 Rule Change Proposals.

26-01-20: Do Not Support

42-01-20: Support

49-01-20: Do Not Support

58-01-20: Do Not Support

58-02-20: Support

101-01-20: Support if the Pros Committee go back and pare down the number of patterns put forward

Bringing Back More Finalists

The committee had a discussion on the number of finalists that are taken back for the Futurity and the Derby. A motion was made to bring back 30 in all levels for the Open and the Non Pro in both the Futurity and the Derby and pay all, 20 in the Prime Time Non Pro for both the Futurity and the Derby, and 20 in the Youth for the Derby. The Youth would stay at 15 for the Futurity, the Prime Time Open would stay as it is for both the Futurity and the Derby and the Masters Non Pro will stay at 15 for the Derby. This motion was seconded and passed unanimously. NRHA staff will take the conditions changes to the Board of Directors for final approval.

Semi-Finals Purse

The committee discussed the idea of the semi-finals purse at the Futurity. It is discussed that they should receive at minimum their full entry fee back if they are one of the Level 4 Semi-Finalists that do not make it back to the finals. This topic will be added to the agenda for the next meeting for further discussion.

Branded Awards

The conversation is brought forward that there should be more prizes given that are branded. Cheryl Cody will meet with Sammi Miller to discuss what this would cost.

Click-To-Pay Option

Cheryl is working on this function to be available for the 2019 NRHA Events.

Splitting the Youth Division at the NRHA Majors

The idea is brought forward that the youth divisions at the NRHA majors should be split to 14-18 and 13 & Under. A motion is made to create an incentive for the highest placing 13 & Under for 2019 and then to look into splitting the divisions for 2020. This motion is seconded and passes unanimously.

Night Guard for Schooling

The committee discussed higher security when it comes to schooling in the coliseum. NRHA staff will check to see what the cost of security guards would be. This topic will go on the agenda for the next meeting.

All remaining topics to be discussed will be on the agenda with a follow-up conference call.

Meeting adjourned at 3:34pm.