

**NATIONAL REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION**  
**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
**Oklahoma City, Oklahoma**  
**February 6-7, 2019**

*Approved 4/29/19*

**Present:** President Mike Hancock, Vice President Rick Clark, Rosanne Sternberg, Tom McCutcheon, Shane Brown, Kelly Hedges, Ann Salmon Anderman, Brett Walters, Peter Defreitas, Dallas Schwerdt, Bub Poplin, Joao Marcos, Mark Blake, Ruben Pacheco, Ginger Schmursal, Jeanine Kern, Paulus Beurskens, Lee Foster

**Staff:** Commissioner Gary Carpenter, Chief Financial Officer John Foy, Chief Communications Officer and Assistant Commissioner Christa Morris-Stone, Executive Assistant & Governance Coordinator Liz Kelsey, Senior Manager of Competition & Education Samantha Oldfield, Manager of Competition & Education Kristen Liesman, Senior Director of Accounting Chris Mossman, Senior Manager of Association Services Angie Honeywell, Reining Horse Foundation Executive Director Leslie Baker, Associate Editor & Communications Specialist Kaycie Timm, Coordinator of Member Communications Lina Betts, Director of Information & Technology Dan Dobbs

**Absent:** Paul Sharp, Larry Handley

**Guests:** Chelsea Schneider, Megan Lundquist, Tim McQuay, Colleen McQuay, Jessica How, Mark How, Rick Weaver

**Call to Order**

President Mike Hancock called the meeting to order and a quorum was established. Following some opening remarks, all of the board members, staff, and guests introduced themselves.

**Consent Agenda**

Consensus to approve as presented.

**Financial Report**

Chief Financial Officer John Foy presented the Futurity P&L and gave an update on the accounting department, stating they are working on the annual tax return and budget.

**Commissioner's Report**

Commissioner Gary Carpenter gave an update on NRHA operations including membership, the *Reiner*, management of the NRHA Futurity & Derby, ReinerSuite, and events in Europe.

**SafeSport**

Commissioner Gary Carpenter discussed SafeSport and stated that the management staff at the NRHA Office would be taking the course in the near future.

### **2020 Rule Change Proposals**

The board had their first reading of the 2020 rule change proposals.

### **Election Procedures**

Consensus to approve as presented.

*Break and then reconvened.*

### **Rick Weaver and USA Reining**

Rick Weaver spoke to the board about their desire to become the official NAA of the United States of America.

A motion and a second were made that after the Affiliate Committee reviews, and then the Executive Committee, to officially recognize USA Reining as the United States NAA. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Eligibility**

It was announced that the results of the eligibility survey would be available to any board member that requested it and the committee would review them at their upcoming meeting with the intent to have an update at the April board meeting.

### **Hall of Fame**

A motion and a second were made to change the Hall of Fame nomination deadline to May 31 and to table the discussion on the other proposed changes. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Nomination Conditions**

A motion and a second were made to change the NRHA European Derby & Futurity purse allocations in the nomination conditions for Levels 3 & 4 Non Pro/Open to 30% (Level 3 Non Pro/Open) and 40% (Level 4 Non Pro/Open) effective for the events starting in 2020. Motion passed unanimously.

### **European Summit**

Samantha Oldfield updated the board on the recent European Summit held in Madrid.

### **Youth Committee Recommendation**

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

### **Drug Testing in Canada**

A motion and a second were made to allow NRHA Staff and Reining Canada to work together to figure out financials and whether or not it is feasible and to report back to the board. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Medications Update- Executive Session**

### **Disciplinary Action List**

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

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

### **Judges & Stewards-Executive Session**

*Meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.*

## **February 7, 2019**

**Present:** President Mike Hancock, Vice President Rick Clark, Rosanne Sternberg, Tom McCutcheon, Shane Brown, Kelly Hedges, Ann Salmon Anderman, Brett Walters, Peter Defreitas, Dallas Schwerdt, Bub Poplin, Mark Blake, Ruben Pacheco, Joao Marcos, Ginger Schmursal, Jeanine Kern, Paulus Beurskens, Lee Foster

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**Absent:** Paul Sharp

**Conference Call:** Larry Handley

**Guests:** Chelsea Schneider, Megan Lundquist, Patrick Flaherty, Craig Schmursal, Jessica How, Mark How, Tim Anderson, Colleen McQuay, John Tague, Nancy Tague, Clint Haverty, Doug Carpenter

## **Call to Order:**

President Mike Hancock called the meeting to order at 9:01 am. A quorum was established.

## **NRHA Affiliates**

### **Applications for Approval**

A motion and a second were made to approve the Mississippi Quarter Horse Association. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion and a second were made to approve NRHA Japan. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion and a second were made to approve Reining Paraguay. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Association Québécoise de Reining Inc (AQR) Request**

A motion and a second were made to approve the request to change facilities. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Committee Recommendations**

A motion and a second were made to approve the Affiliate Committee's recommendation to add Prime Time Rookie to the list of Affiliate Regional Championship/North American Affiliate Championship classes. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion and a second were made to approve the Affiliate Committee's recommendation to adjust the Affiliate Regional Championship (ARC) qualification requirements for the following classes as presented: Open, Intermediate Open, Limited Open, Rookie Professional, Novice Horse Open L1, and Novice Horse Open L2. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Affiliate Program Discussion**

Lauren Rufo presented the proposed changes to the NRHA Affiliate Program.

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

A motion and a second were made to amend the original motion to table the vote until May. Amendment passed unanimously.

## **Professionals Code of Ethics**

A motion and a second were made to approve the presented new professionals code of ethics to be effective with 2020 memberships. Motion passed unanimously.

## **Schooling Policy**

No action taken.

*Break and then reconvened at 10:24 am.*

### **Global Reining Sport Group Request**

A motion and a second were made to approve the exception just for Tulsa for both Futuritys.

Motion failed. Any other requests will be denied for 2019 and any member in good standing can submit a rule change for the 2021 Handbook.

### **Reining Horse Foundation Update**

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

### **IEA**

Myron Leff with IEA gave a presentation to the board on their program.

### **Policy Review**

Chief Financial Officer John Foy reviewed the Whistleblower Policy and the Conflict of Interest.

### **Corporate Partner Relations Update**

Sammi Miller gave an update on NRHA Corporate Partners and invited the board to the Corporate Partner Reception.

*Break for lunch and reconvened at 12:34 pm.*

### **Statistics Overview**

The 2018 NRHA Statistics Overview were reviewed. There was a 7.6% increase in total entries worldwide from 2017 to 2018.

### **2019 NRHA Futurity Dates**

Members of the Sale Selection Committee expressed their concerns regarding the 2019 NRHA Futurity dates. The NRHA Aged Events Committee has been tasked with coming back with options for the board.

### **2018 NRHA Futurity Marketing Review**

Hayley Eberle presented the 2018 NRHA Futurity Marketing review.

**Finance Committee**

A motion and a second were made to approve Rob Curtis as a member of the Finance Committee. Motion passed unanimously.

*After closing remarks, the meeting adjourned at 1:36 pm.*