

**NATIONAL REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION
Professionals Committee Minutes
NRHA Convention & Awards
Feb. 8, 2019**

Approved 4/3/2019

Members Present: Billy Williams, Mirjam Stillo, Josiane Gauthier, Patrick Flaherty, Peter Defretias, Drake Johnson, Shane Brown, Brett Walters, Brian Bell

Members Not Present: Casey Hinton, Bub Poplin, Bernard Fonck

Guest: Multiple Guest

Staff Present: Hayley Eberle

Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Patrick Flaherty at 10:56 a.m.

Approval of Vice Chair

Billy Williams was nominated as Vice Chair. The nomination passed unanimously.

2020 Rule Change Proposals

The committee discussed rule changes and voted on those assigned to them. Great discussion was held between committee members and other committees in attendance.

Professional Code of Ethics

The committee updated those in attendance that the new code of ethics was approved by the NRHA Board of Directors and will take effect with 2019 memberships.

2019 Futurity Dates

The committee discussed the two different date options for the 2019 Futurity. Great conversation and talking points were had between the committee and guest in attendance.

Supporting the Reining Horse Foundation

The amount of support provided to NRHA Professional from the RHF Crisis Fund was discussed. The committee was asked to help find ways to encourage all NRHA Professionals to help give back and support the foundation. A motion was made to include a \$20 opt out fee with each NRHA Professional membership (on top of the NRHA Professional fee) and that money would benefit the RHF Crisis Fund. The motion was passed unanimously.

Pro Trainer

The *Pro Trainer* was discussed. The committee will continue evaluating it to ensure it is maintaining it's effectiveness.

Professional Of the Year Awards

The awards process was reviewed and discussed. The new process was complimented, and the focus is now to continue promoting the program.

Meeting adjourned at 12:19 p.m.