

**NATIONAL REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION
European Affiliate Council Minutes
2019 European Affiliate Summit
January 14, 2019**

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Members Present: Bernard Fonck, Rosanne Sternberg, Rudi Kronsteiner, Francois Zurcher, Birgitta Nolen, Roberto Cuoghi, Paulus Berskens, Ditte Poulsen, Agnes Csolle; Thierry Willigsecker, Adrian Motyka

Members Not Present: Seppo Perkiö, Sari Hébert, Maik Bartmann, Isabeau Rohde

Guest Present: Simona Diale, Alicja Kula, Sara Larsson, Shirley van de Watering, Francesca Sternberg, Nicole Keesen, Wenche Westreng, Niels Mathisen, Larissa Rizzi, Martine Weber, Chuck Klipfel, Andrew Dren, Claudio Riso, Markus Schopfer, Oliver Salzmann, Giovanni Masi, Gerd Wilhelm, Mariannick Domont-Perret, Roy van der Hoeven, Gisela Haas, Bo Brutsaert, Jane Muir

Staff Present: Samantha Oldfield, Gary Carpenter

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 3:14pm.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the previous meeting This motion was seconded and approved.

Review of the European Council and European Executive Board Bylaws

Paulus reviews with the Council the changes recommended from the EEB to the bylaws. These changes are as follows:

ARTICLE IV EXECUTIVE BOARD

Item 1. Executive Board

The Board may co-opt additional members ~~who must stand down at the end of the calendar year.~~

Item 3. Terms

Board Members may ~~only~~ serve for a ~~maximum of~~ four years *term*. After four years, an individual may ~~not~~ be re-elected to the Board ~~for at least one year~~. One third of the Board members shall retire each year. Board members to retire shall be selected firstly by the longest serving and then by ballot. ~~Board members who have not served for four years shall be eligible for re-election.~~ The Chairman ~~may only~~ serves as chairman for 2 years *and maybe re-elected*.

Item 5. Business of the Executive Board

The ~~six~~ members of the Executive Board will nominate for approval by the European Council two members to serve on the NRHA Board of Directors. The Executive Board be expected to fulfill the following roles amongst others as required:

- (a) Chairman (and Chairman of Council);
- (b) Secretary (Ensuring both Executive Board and Council meetings are properly arranged and elections to Council undertaken, in practice the secretariat will be proved by NRHA staff);

- ~~(c) Communications;~~
- ~~(d) Show Coordinator.~~

Item 13. NRHA Board Representation.

The two BOD representatives will serve a ~~maximum of a two-year terms each~~ on the Board, ~~retiring one European BOD member per year. In the initial year of implementation one BOD member will serve a one-year term.~~ The EEB will ~~therefore need to~~ put a names forward each year for approval by the European Council.

A motion is made to approve these changes. This motion is seconded and approved.

Rosanne distributes the C.V. for Rolf Reinschmidt for the Council to see. She speaks to Rolf's experience and how he can contribute to the European Executive Board and Council with that experience. The European Executive Board ask to add him to the EEB. The Council agrees by consensus.

Chuck Klipfel makes the proposal to the European Council that each year for the European Summit that the European Councils are invited. A motion is made to accept this idea. This motion is seconded and approved.

European Futurity Conditions

The Council is given time to review the European Futurity Conditions. There is small discussion. A motion is made to approve these conditions. The motion is seconded and passed.

Affiliate Paperwork Deadline

Samantha Oldfield reminds the Council that all affiliate renewal paperwork is due in the NRHA office on January 31st. She asks that if anyone has questions or needs help to please speak with her or Lauren Rufo.

Eligibility Policy Update

Samantha Oldfield gives an updated on the Eligibility Policy status for 2019. Categories 1,3,5,10 is up online, however Category 2 and 6 are still being worked on due to the factoring stipulation that was instituted for this year.

FEI Update

Gary Carpenter gives an update on the NRHA/FEI/AQHA relationship.

Major Events

Paulus presents to the Council the EEB's ideas to improve the major events. They are as follows:

- Mandatory 1 Level Up Entry
- 1 Entry Fee for all Levels
- Possibility to Shorten the Major Events
- Revision of Level 1 and 2 Finals at Major Events

The first item is already being done at the major events hosted by Italian Reining Horse Association. The Council was against all the other ideas for a variety of reasons.

Nomination Conditions

Two ideas were presented on the Nomination Program and Conditions in reference to the monetary splits between the levels for the nomination money. These ideas were:

Reallocation of nomination fees in Levels 1-4.

Proposal to have one nomination fee for both Europe and North America.

There is discussion on both topics. For the first idea it is presented that the reallocation should look like the following:

Level 4: 40%

Level 3: 30%

Level 2: 20%

Level 1: 10%

As opposed to what it is currently which has Level 4 and level 3 at a 35% split each. It is explained that if only the nomination monies are added to the purse at the event then Level 4 could potentially run less than Level 3 if Level 3 has more entries than Level 4, which is quite common. A motion is made to accept this idea and to propose it to the NRHA Board of Directors. This motion is seconded and passed. Samantha Oldfield will take it forward to the Board of Directors at their next meeting in February.

On the second idea it is discussed that many North Americans will not want to pay a higher nomination fee to put the horse in the European program as well as they do not have intention of selling the horse to Europe.

Review of Committees

The Council reviews the committees that are currently in place. The Council is asked to think on the goals, objectives, and ideas of the committees that are in place.

Francesca Sternberg gives an updated on the European Youth Committee, where they are and what they have accomplished. She gives an update on the status of the European Youth Council.

Trophies in Europe

Samantha Oldfield gives an updated on the trophy situation in Europe. She explains how Montana Silversmiths has worked to put a warehouse in Germany so that trophies will all come from inside Europe now. It will be located north of Frankfurt.

2020 Proposed Rule Changes

The Council is provided the rule change proposals for 2020 and is asked to review them for the next meeting when their official feedback will be recorded.

2019 NRHA Convention

Samantha Oldfield reminds the committee that the 2019 NRHA Convention and Awards Banquet is coming up in February.

European Championship Update

Tony Llarena gives an update on the 2019 European Championships and how they are coming along

Tony requests from the Council for an event that lands on the 45 day mark for the qualification timeline to be included in the qualification. The event is the Halldalla Spin & Win. The motion is made for approval, this motion is seconded and approved.

2019 European Show Calendar

The 2019 European Show Calendar was included for the Council's review. The Council is asked to come up with ideas on how to avoid so much conflict of show dates. These ideas will be discussed at the next Council meeting.

Discussion on Sponsorships

There is some discussion on sponsorships and achieving them for events. It is decided that this will be covered in the Summit discussions and will be left for this.

Next Council Meeting

The next Council meeting will be held at the 2019 European Futurity.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45pm.