

**NATIONAL REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION**  
**Aged Events Committee Minutes**  
**Conference Call**  
**March 5, 2019**

*Approved December 13<sup>th</sup> 2019*

Members Present: Cheryl Cody, George King, Karen Schedlauskas, Mandy McCutcheon, Mark Blake, Ruben Vandorp, Shane Brown, Connie Henrichs

Members Not Present: David Hanson, Andre de Bellefeuille, Keith Ceddia

Staff Present: Samantha Oldfield

**Call to Order**

Meeting called to order by Cheryl Cody at 3:07pm.

**How “Novice” Should the Horses Be for the Novice Horse Derby?**

Discussion was made that this topic was brought to light last year when a similar opportunity to host a Novice Horse Derby was made available. In last year’s discussion \$10,000 was recommended to be the lifetime earnings for any horses looking to compete. The idea was \$5,000 was too low, whereas \$25,000 was too high for horses of that age. A motion is made to make the 2019 NRHA Novice Horse Derby with a lifetime restriction of \$10,000 in the horses’ earnings. This motion was seconded, and all were in favor.

**Entry Fees and Added Money**

The outline that Cheryl and NRHA staff provided to the committee was well-accepted.

*Mandy joins the call.*

A motion is made to accept the entry fees as presented of \$300 for the Open and \$200 for the Non Pro, with \$15,000 in added money going to the Open and \$10,000 in added money going to the Non Pro. This motion is seconded, all were in favor.

**Run Separate or Together**

*George joins the call.*

The discussion is brought forward that they should be run concurrently, where the exhibitor can enter both the NRHA Derby and/or the Novice Horse Derby. The question is raised if those showing in the Novice Horse Derby need to be a part of the NRHA Nomination Program. The discussion leads to that there is not NRHA Nomination program money being paid in the Novice Horse Derby, and by not having that restriction it will open up for more horses to fill more stalls. The motion is made that the Novice Horse Derby horses do not need to be NRHA nominated. The discussion is made that if they cross-enter into the NRHA Derby then they need to be nominated. The motion is amended to: Unless they are cross-entering into the NRHA Derby, the Novice Horse Derby horses do not have to be NRHA Nominated. This motion is seconded. Five committee members were in favor, with two opposed. The clarification was made that if a rider so chose, he or she could have up to six horses in the draw, three in the NRHA Derby and three in the Novice Horse Derby.

### **Number of Levels Offered**

The idea is brought up to offer a Level 4 Open and a Level 4 Non Pro only until it can be grown in the future. It is explained that the sponsor would want an event with a significant impact. A motion is made to make it a Level 4 only in both the Open and the Non Pro. This motion is seconded. All were in favor.

Adjourned 3:21pm.