

NATIONAL REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
February 5-6, 2020
Denton, Texas

Approved 4/28/2020

Present: President Mike Hancock, Vice President Rick Clark, Shane Brown, Paulus Beurskens, Rosanne Sternberg, Ginger Schmersal, Jeanine Kern, Peter Defreitas, Ed Bricker, Mark Blake, Tim Anderson, Joao Marcos, Brett Walters, Ann Salmon Anderman, Ruben Pacheco, John Tague, Dallas Schwerdt, Carol Ivey

Staff: Commissioner Gary Carpenter, Assistant Commissioner Christa Morris-Stone, Chief Financial Officer John Foy, Executive Assistant & Governance Coordinator Liz Kelsey, Sr. Director of Corporate Relations & Communications Sammi Miller, Sr. Manager of ReinerSuite & Sale Angie Honeywell, Director of Competition & Education Samantha Oldfield, Sr. Manager of Competition & Education Kristen Liesman, Executive Director of Reining Horse Foundation Leslie Baker, Affiliate Programs Representative Lauren Rufo, Cheryl Cody, Kathy Gould

Conference Call: Larry Handley

Absent: Bub Poplin

Guests: Chelsea Schneider, Megan Lundquist, Kelsey Hruska, Jessica How

Call to Order:

President Mike Hancock called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm. A quorum was established.

After some brief introductions and opening remarks, President Hancock explained board procedures and the duties and responsibilities of a board member.

Consent Agenda

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

Financial Report

Chief Financial Officer John Foy presented the financial report and reviewed the confidentiality agreement, conflict of interest, and whistleblower policy.

Commissioners Report

NRHA Commissioner Gary Carpenter gave an update on NRHA operations including ReinerSuite.

Committee Recommendations

Affiliate Committee Recommendation

A motion and a second were made to approve the committee's recommendation to Remove Category 7 Short Stirrup from the Adequan® North American Affiliate Championship Conditions, and in turn require all Affiliate Regional Championships (ARC), and the North American Affiliate Championship (NAAC) to include Category 3 Short Stirrup in the ancillary slate concurrent with the ARC. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion and a second were made to approve Montana Reining Horse Assn (MRHA) to host the 2020 Mountain ARC at Big Sky Reining Classic August 19-25 and to allow the planned affiliate circuit shows falling within 45 days of Big Sky Reining Classic to count towards ARC qualification pending complete show results and affiliate membership rosters are submitted within three days of the conclusion of each event. Motion passed.

Youth Committee Recommendation

Brett Walters presented. A motion and a second were made to approve the change to the Youth bylaws as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Affiliate Policy

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

Affiliate Renewal Applications

A motion and a second were made to approve the applications for South Africa, Chile, and Thailand as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Break and reconvened.

East Central ARC

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

NAAC Structure

Christa Morris-Stone and Lauren Rufo presented issues faced by shows and members with the current NAAC structure and a general outline to some solutions. A more formal plan would be presented to vote on in April

Oceana Council

Samantha Oldfield presented. A motion and a second were made to approve the creation of the Oceana Council (in Australia first). Motion passed unanimously.

Event Scheduling

The general topic of scheduling events was discussed and concerns over outdated rules.

A motion and a second were made to support the European Affiliate Council's decision to manage their event approvals as they deem appropriate, including \$50,000 added shows have a ten-month submittal deadline. Motion passed unanimously.

Amateur Division

Mike Hancock discussed how we got to where we are with the amateur division and that various advisory committees would be discussing the topic at their meetings this week.

Break and reconvened.

European Affiliate Summit Recap

Samantha Oldfield gave a report on the European Affiliate Summit held in Amsterdam last month.

Meeting adjourned at 4:57 pm

February 6, 2020

Present: President Mike Hancock, Vice President Rick Clark, Shane Brown, Paulus Beurskens, Rosanne Sternberg, Ginger Schmursal, Jeanine Kern, Peter Defreitas, Ed Bricker, Mark Blake, Tim Anderson, Joao Marcos, Brett Walters, Ann Salmon Anderman, Ruben Pacheco, John Tague, Dallas Schwerdt, Carol Ivey

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Guests: Chelsea Schneider, Megan Lundquist, Kelsey Hruska, Jessica How, Jessicah Keller, Frank Costantini, Rick Weaver, Doug Carpenter

Call to Order:

President Mike Hancock called the meeting to order at 8:04 am.

2019 NRHA Futurity Recap

Cheryl Cody discussed the recent NRHA Futurity, including what went well, some improvements that will be made for next year, and highlighted how well Pro Management and the NRHA staff worked together. She also mentioned the term “ancillary” and how the board may want to consider a more appropriate term.

2020 NRHA Derby Schedule

A motion and a second were made to approve the addition of Novice Horse 3 to be held at the NRHA Derby. Motion passed unanimously.

2020 NRHA Futurity Schedule

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

Show Results Correction Deadline

Christa Morris-Stone discussed the complications of the December 31 show corrections deadline and the board had a discussion on possible solutions, including the potential to move the eligibility start and end dates, or the deadline to make changes. Staff were directed to come back in April with a firm recommendation.

Official Awards & Deductions

Christa Morris-Stone presented. A motion and a second were made to approve as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Judges Policy

A motion and a second were made to approve as presented- that judges who do not retest within 90 days will have their privileges ended immediately, with the addition of “permanently,” and to remove letter “g.” Motion passed unanimously.

Global Youth Reining Cup

Joao Marcos discussed the Global Youth Reining Cup.

Break and reconvened.

NRHA Futurity in the 2020's

Frank Costantini presented their vision to increase the NRHA Futurity purse.

A motion and a second were made to appoint a Task Force to review the Futurity purse as well as the NAAC purse with goals of sustainability and increased emphasis. Motion passed unanimously

Consensus to approve the following task force members: Rick Clark, John Tague, Mark Blake, Doug Carpenter, Ginger Schmersal, Rosanne Sternberg, Mike Hancock, Shane Brown

USA Reining

Rick Weaver gave a presentation on USA Reining.

Event Scheduling

A motion and a second were made to form a Show Standards Committee. Motion passed unanimously.

Nominating/Governance Committee

The NRHA Nominating/Governance Committee were directed to create a charter for the NRHA Executive Committee to present to the board in April. Consensus to approve.

NRHA Staff and Guests left the meeting.

FEI- Executive Session

Rick Weaver and Cheryl Cody left the meeting.

Judges Rating System- Executive Session

Judges School Applicants- Executive Session

Stewards for Approval- Executive Session

Medications Program Update-Executive Session

Hearing Body- Executive Session

It was announced that \$100,000 had already been raised by the newly-appointed task force,

The Judges Committee Chair brought up issues with teaching at Judges School and ensuring conduct and a proper environment for everyone, and the board stated their support for the committee to enforce proper conduct as they see fit.

Reining Horse Foundation Update

Tim Anderson update the board on the Reining Horse Foundation.

After some closing remarks that included reminding everyone that we are here to promote the reining horse and that we have to do what is right for our association and industry, the meeting adjourned at 12:38 pm.