

**NATIONAL REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION
Aged Events Committee Minutes
2020 NRHA Convention
February 7, 2020**

Approved February 25, 2020

Members Present: Cheryl Cody, Kathy Gould, George King, Andre de Bellefeuille, Mark Blake, Guy Vernon, Shane Brown, Karen Shedlauskas (via phone)

Members Not Present: David Hanson, Ruben Vandorp

Staff Present: Samantha Oldfield, Kristen Liesman, Christa Morris Stone

Guests Present: Mandy McCutcheon, Chelsea Schneider, Kelsey Hruska, Jessica How, Hunter Mericantante, Tim Anderson, Rosanne Sternberg, Nancy Tague, John Tague, Jeanine Kern, Tracer Gilson, Doug Carpenter, Gisela Haas, Jessicah Keller, Megan Lundquist, Mirjam Stillo, Andrea Stillo, Daniel Schloemer, Peter DeFreitas, Patrick Flaherty, Billy Williams

Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Cheryl Cody at 9:45am.

Confidentiality Agreements

A reminder is made that unless already having signed, each member of the Aged Events Committee needs to review and sign the confidentiality agreement.

Futurity and Derby Review

Cheryl Cody provided a review of the Futurity and Derby in 2019. It was discussed that the NAAC was heightened and more each year is the goal. It was discussed that this year there were problems with the fairgrounds that were identified and being resolved for future events. There were positive reviews on the open rider presentations however Cheryl noted that it had been brought to her attention that the Open Riders preferred being presented on the arena floor and that will be considered. She also noted that steps will be taken to ensure that the presentation area is more accessible.

Election of Vice Chair

A nomination was made to elect George King for vice chair of the Aged Events Committee. The motion is seconded and passed unanimously.

Ancillary Class Discussion

Cheryl noted that the definition of ancillary is as follows:

adjective | AN-suh-lair-ee

Definition

1 : of lower or secondary class or rank : subordinate, subsidiary

2 : providing additional help or support : auxiliary, supplementary

Cheryl asked the committee to support her in raising awareness of this issue. She feels that if the association, committees and board are really sincere in increasing appreciation, awareness and publicity for our non-Aged Event classes, it needs to begin with a name that is not demeaning. The Committee agreed.

Rule Change Feedback

The Aged Events committee collectively reviewed the rule change proposals for 2021 and provided official feedback to the NRHA Board of Directors. The feedback was the following:

33-01-21- Support

38-01-21- Support

40-01-21- Support

43-01-21- Support

43-02-21- Do Not Support- We are not ready.

44-01-21-Support

53-01-21- Support with the addendum that the "required" is changed to "recommended" under AA events.

60-01-21- Support

61-01-21- Do Not Support

63-01-21- Do Not Support

68-01-21- Support with the contingency that NRHA will have the ability to fulfill- one opposed, the rest for. Support.

Traffic Route into Super Barn

It is discussed that the traffic in the Super Barn has become congested in the area of the warmup arena. The show management team suggested to the Aged Events Committee closing off the entrance into the warmup arena from the end facing the coliseum and opening both gates (one of which is already opened each event) of the make-ready to allow traffic to move through the arena and horses to not have to walk through as many people. It is asked if the vendors would be agreeable to this and the show management team has informed the committee that they have spoken to the vendors and they would be comfortable with this. The goal discussed is to make a safer environment for all. A motion is made to pass this warm-up arena configuration. This motion is seconded and passes unanimously.

Dogs at Events

It is discussed that currently the process in place is the correct process, however show management cannot control if people remove leashes on their dogs after entering the coliseum. The question was raised if we should start charging fines for dogs off leashes. The show management team expressed that they would try to tighten ship on the dog situation at events and will try to make a difference at the next event.

Freestyle Selection Process

The Executive Committee had already reviewed the request from show management team on the freestyle selection.

Setting the Pattern

The show management team noted that they were looking into ideas of potential riders to honor by asking them to set the pattern for finals performances.

More Drags on Prelims

Cheryl Cody provided the statistics to the committee on how many horses made it back to the finals on each run on the dirt in the prelims. It showed that in the Open there appeared to be no advantage to drawing up in the first few spots on the dirt. The show management team would like to review the decision that was made in December to change the drags in the futurity prelims to 6, and whether or not it will be worth the time added to the end of each day. The committee discussed options. A motion was made to change the drags back to 7 on the dirt. The motion was seconded, and a vote was taken of the committee. Three members were in favor of going back to 7 on the dirt,

four were in favor of remaining with 6 on the dirt before a drag. The conditions will remain as they are with 6 on the dirt before each drag.

Additional Steward at the Futurity and Derby

The committee discussed positive feedback of having a third steward at the Futurity and would like to have a third steward at the Derby as well.

Amateur Division Conditions

The Aged Events committee would like to defer to the Eligibility Committee and the Non Pro Committee on the amateur division conditions.

Derby Schedule

Cheryl walked the committee through the updates to the Derby schedule with the inclusion of the Novice Horse Level 3 at the same added money as the Novice Horse Level 2 and the inclusion of the banquet on the first Saturday. The show management team informed the committee that they would be open to the Professionals committee making the pattern recommendations. The Derby schedule was approved by acclamation.

Futurity Schedule

Cheryl brought forward the Futurity schedule and walked the committee through the updates. It is discussed that there are still moving pieces with the freestyle and the sale. Guest Jessicah Keller requested that the committee and show management review moving the youth to the first weekend over Thanksgiving when the youth have off of school. A motion was made to approve the Futurity schedule. The motion was modified to approve the Coliseum section of the presented schedule and to allow the show management team to adjust the other portions of the schedule. This motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Novice Horse Derby Conditions

The committee discussed using payback schedule C for the Novice Horse Derby. There were many questions and Cheryl Cody will speak to the event sponsor in regard to changing payouts and adding divisions to the Novice Derby.

Additional Topics

Guest Megan Lundquist spoke about a concept where the *Rider Not Designated* entry fees are split into the Open and Non Pro Futurity. Cheryl asked that Megan submit her concept in writing for review by the committee for discussion at an upcoming meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 12:26pm.