

**NATIONAL REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION  
Youth Committee Meeting Minutes  
Winter Meeting: Denton, Texas  
February 7, 2020**

*Approved 3/3/20*

Members Present: Brett Walters, Rosie Irish (phone), Stacey Jones (phone), Bailey Walters (phone), Paulus Beurskens, Cheri Turner.

Members not present: Judy Skwarek, Laura Schoeller, Ginger Schmersal, Vickie Holbrook, Lynette Klug, Karie Klingenberg

Staff Present: Sara Honegger, Christa Morris-Stone, Leslie Baker

Guests: Joao Marcos, Kim Niven, Rick Weaver, Hoot Bricker

**Call to Order**

Meeting called to order by Brett Walters at 9:47 AM CST.

**Fundraising Recap**

Buy-A-Pro auction: \$16,540

Silent Auction: \$4,365

Stallion Auction: \$20,400

Total raised in 2019 season: \$41,305

Total raised in 2018: \$26,800

**Additional Delegate Bylaw Passed**

Bylaw change to add delegates to fill open spaces in a region with any youth member was approved. Please think of youth members that would be good to fill those spots, we have 5 open.

**Discussion of Officer Election Process**

Recommendations:

- Application Process + popular vote + interview
- Affiliates need to involve delegates in 'cool' things so that they feel involvement. They will have the support group around them and then they feel momentum and growth and then want to become an officer. A 'job description' or an outline as a delegate. Ex. Attend a banquet, help with awards,

**Continue to Promote VRC**

VRC membership has grown by 49 members since June. We need to continue to promote this program!

**Scholarships**

- March 1 RHF Scholarship Deadline
- Share scholarship post information to affiliates to push out as well
- Increase of scholarship to 2,500 from 2,000.

**How can we Increase Delegate Involvement**

- Send information about delegates to the region
- Have tasks for the delegates to do in the region given to the affiliate
- If delegates are at the show, give management and delegates ideas of how they can help
- Affiliate leaders can then promote the delegate in that region and help build leadership skills
- Add a list of delegates to the NRHyA website (this has been completed)

### **USA Reining/FEI Young Riders**

Rick Weaver was our guest speaker who brought forth information regarding USA Reining and FEI.

- a) Intention to bring youth into our industry
- b) FEI Model: Juniors and Young Riders, all leads to a yearly national championship
  - i) Utilizes programs that already exist –affiliate shows.
  - ii) No age limitation on the horse. Juniors, children and young riders. 13 & Under, 18-21 years old level as well.
  - iii) USEF will waive their rules/drug fees, free membership fee and will have \$50 fee to host the show, making it extremely accessible
  - iv) Goal to host 3 regional championships with ARCs in 2020
  - v) 2021 there will be a national championship
  - vi) Idea to have continental championship
  - vii) 'Opportunity to show for their flag'
  - viii) There will be money added to classes and no cost to NRHA
  - ix) USA Reining will come up with awards
  - x) This committee/Rick and Sara/ NRHA Marketing should come up with a strategy to push it out to the public

### **Global Youth Reining Cup**

- a) Paulus: Inaugural youth reining cup in Italy.
  - i) Success will come from the donation of the horses for the youth to compete on, local support
  - ii) There are a lot more details to pay attention to than the typical show
  - iii) Some horses were paid for, Cardinal helped pay
- b) Joao: goal to support the youth
  - i) 19 youth competed in the first youth cup- some countries didn't have the youth members, some did not make it due to school obligations
  - ii) If some of the youth had horses near by they could compete on their own
  - iii) Goal of one global youth in south America, one in Europe, one in Italy
  - iv) Next one in Brazil Aug 17-23, expecting 40 youth

Meeting adjourned 11:15 a.m.