

**NATIONAL REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION
European Affiliate Council Meeting Minutes
Conference Call
January 14, 2020**

Approved October 1, 2021

Members Present: Roberto Cuoghi, Bernard Fonck, Ditte Poulsen, Isabeau Rohde, Paulus Beurskens, Rosanne Sternberg, Rudi Kronsteiner, Agnes Csolle, Thierry Willigsecker, Tony Llarena, Adrienne Speidel, Mariannick Domont-Perret

Members Not Present: Maik Bartmann, Seppo Perkio, Adrian Motyka,

Staff Present: Gary Carpenter

Guests: Mike Hancock, Markus Schopfer, Simona Diale, Gisela Haas, Giovanni Masi, Grischa Ludwig, Jan Boogaerts, Chick Klipfel, Sabine Lisek, Ivonne Stueckler, Cristina Serra, Andrew Dren, Shirley van de Watering, Lotta Wisen, Jan Synnersten, Wenche Westreng, Otto Ziehfrend, Helmut Shultz, Francesca Sternberg, Jane Muir, Francois Zurcher, Manon Giraud, Gregory Morat, Claudio Risso, Claire Morat

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 8:41 AM.

Welcome to New Affiliate Representatives

A welcome was made to the new affiliate representatives who were present at the meeting.

Previous Meeting Minutes

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the previous meeting, this motion was seconded and passed unanimously. The edit was brought up to move Mike Hancock to "Guests", not "Staff".

European Futurity Conditions

The Council discussed the 2020 NRHA European Futurity Conditions. A recommendation was made by the Major Events Committee for the patterns for the schedule. The recommendation was as follows:

Open Go-Round- 6
Non Pro Go Round- 8
Non Pro Final- 10
Open Final- 12
Consolation- 5

The Council asks that in the future the conditions go to the Major Events Committee for review prior to the Council. The comment is made from the hosts of the event that \$32,000 will be added on top of the event. A motion is made to approve the conditions. This motion is seconded and passed.

European Derby Conditions

A motion was made to approve version 1 of the presented European Derby conditions. This motion was seconded and all were in favor. Ivonne Stueckler inquired with the Council about the schedule having no paid times and no consolation. The Major Events Committee was asked to review these pieces of the schedule.

European Championship Conditions

A motion was made to approve the 2020 NRHA European Championship Conditions. This motion is seconded and passed unanimously.

European Championship Bids

Isabeau Rhode spoke to the NRHA Germany submitted bid for the Championships. Helmut Schultz retracted his bid on the grounds that there were other sufficient bids submitted. Francesca Sternberg spoke to the Championships bid from CS Ranch. It was discussed whether the Championships should be held in conjunction with another event. If held in Germany it would potentially be held with an aged event, in Switzerland it would be held as its own event. The bids went to vote. Eight were in favor of Switzerland, two were in favor of Germany (Germany and Luxembourg equaling a total of four votes). CS Ranch in Switzerland won the bid for the 2021-2022 European Affiliate Championships.

European Event Calendar

The 2020 NRHA European Event Calendar was discussed. It was decided that any edits that needed to be made would be made and then it would be posted online and sent to the European Membership.

Affiliate Paperwork

A reminder was made about affiliate renewal paperwork being due.

2021 Rule Change Proposals

Samantha Oldfield read the 2021 Rule Change Proposals for the European Council.

Nomination Money Handout

A nomination reconciliation was provided for the Council's review but not discussion at this time.

Affiliate Policy

The Council was given an updated affiliate policy for their information.

2020 European Council Meeting Locations

The Council confirmed that they would like the remaining meetings for the year to be held at the European Derby, The European Championships, and the North American Futurity.

2020 NRHA Convention Reminder

Samantha Oldfield reminded the Council of the 2020 NRHA Convention to be held in Denton, Texas.

Elementa Recommendation

Samantha Oldfield presented a request from Elementa, an organization in Europe. This request was not approved.

European Stewards

A motion was made that starting preferably with 2020 schools all European judges attending a judge's school are obligated to attend the steward's school. This motion was seconded and passed unanimously. In addition, the Council discussed the membership requirements for stewards. A motion was made that a European steward should have to have been a member in the last 6 months (ending in the last 6 months). This motion is seconded and passed. These two motions will have to potentially go further up for approval.

Nomination Fees Discussion

A motion was put on the floor to have the nomination fee raised to \$400 where it becomes a worldwide nomination program and all horses are automatically entered into the North American

and European programs, and the grand purse is split based on regional splits from the location of each nomination. This motion was seconded. Roberto Cuoghi spoke up to the fact that this was a very important issue and he believed that Italy should have a vote. Mike Hancock informed the Council that if they would like the chair to vote then they can do a private vote. The Council did a private ballot vote. The motion fails.

Isabeau Rhode asked if the European Championship bid could be re-visited due to the fact that they did not know Roberto could vote in this manner. Samantha Oldfield informed Isabeau that first the remaining agenda should be finished and then the Council can revisit any topic.

AA and A Events

A motion was made that events ranking AA or A are submitted to the NRHA office 300 days prior to the event, however added money can change on these events so long as the classification of the event does not change. In addition, AA events must have three weeks in-between them and A events must have two weeks or 1000km in-between them. Should a conflict come about the EAC or EEB will determine the outcome. This motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

A motion was made to change the wording on page 9 of the 2020 NRHA Handbook to state the following:

(e) Authorize the NAA to ~~make recommendations on~~ **approve** all show approvals within that country and when there is a conflict with another event or with an affiliate the Council will approve." This motion is seconded and passed unanimously.

Samantha Oldfield asked Isabeau Rhode if she would now like to revisit the European Championship bid discussion. Isabeau said that everyone appeared ready to go, and she would need a few days to see if it was possible for them to host the championships as a stand-alone event and therefore could not give any dates at the moment. Samantha Oldfield asked Isabeau if she would like the Council to revisit the vote and ask for a few days to see if Germany can host the event as a stand-alone event. Isabeau expressed that on a conference call a vote would not be anonymous and therefore Roberto could not vote. Samantha Oldfield explained that everyone could anonymously email her their votes so that Roberto could vote. Isabeau decided that she did not want to revisit the topic.

Meeting adjourned at 12:32PM.