

**NATIONAL REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION  
Youth Committee Conference Call Meeting Minutes  
March 3, 2020**

*Approved March 12, 2020*

Members present on conference call: Brett Walters, Rosie Irish, Bailey Walters, Cheri Turner, Lynette Klug, Laura Schoeller, Vickie Holbrook, Stacey Jones

Members not present: Paulus Beurskens, Judy Skwarek, Ginger Schmersal, Kari Klingenberg

Staff Present: Sara Honegger

Youth Officers Present: Haley Turner, Olivia Klug, Morgan Ritz,

**Call to Order**

**Old Business**

- a. Meeting minutes: Motion to approve by Cheri Turner. Seconded by Bailey Walters.
- b. New Delegates: We have five delegate spots to fill
  - i. Shelby Lynch, Illinois
  - ii. Talia Bertrand-Medows, Canada
  - iii. Lydia Bell, Oklahoma
  - iv. Kennedy Buchannan, Arizona
  - v. Kendall Wigen, back up would be KennedyRosie motioned to approve adding the five delegates above, Vickie seconded.

**New Business**

**c. Futurity Schedule:**

*The Aged Events Committee is reviewing the 2020 NRHA Futurity Schedule and the placement of the youth classes. The committee received a request at the 2020 NRHA Winter Meeting from a guest to look at moving the youth classes off of the last weekend to the first weekend, while the youth are already out of school for Thanksgiving. The Aged Events Committee would like to have the Youth Committee's feedback and endorsement prior to making this kind of schedule change to the youth classes.*

*The 2020 NRHA Futurity schedule will be going to the NRHA Board of Directors for approval at the April Board meeting, and therefore the committee would like the feedback from the Youth Committee no later than March 15<sup>th</sup> in order to make any adjustments.*

**Discussion:**

Many professionals feel either way would work because earlier in the week they are working on horses in the go-rounds anyway. They are always going to need to juggle their showing and helping their youth.

**Pros to moving youth to the first weekend:**

- It would be easier to pull kids out of school during the first weekend.
- It would also be easier for parents who are showing later in the week to then get kids finished showing in the first part of the week, then allow time for those horses who are finished to be turned out.
- They could leave and come back to watch the finals and not miss as much school

**Cons of moving youth to the first weekend:**

- Some parents may want their kids to be at home for the holidays
- People enjoy their Thanksgiving and being able to go to the show later
- From a horse show standpoint, it will take a lot of people away from the finals weekend. It would look bad for the owners, corporate partners etc. by pulling away spectators
- Most of the families showing the first weekend will leave and not come back if they are from far away
- The kids will want to have it feel like a big event when they get there
- We want more of the youth there and participating, it would be a disservice to have the youth already leaving the show at the beginning of it and missing the youth activities
- College coaches come out for the finals, the youth classes should be the final weekend for coaches to see them too

Laura Scholler motioned to leave youth during the last weekend for 2020 Futurity, to be reviewed again at the Futurity by the membership regarding 2021, seconded by Rosie Irish.

*Ideas for the Futurity to benefit youth:*

- Create a workspace with WiFi to help give kids a place to get homework done with tutors provided
- Give all youth who are entered a packet to give teachers to excuse absence of the Futurity

**d. Delegate Checklist**

- i. Support of delegate checklist, ideas to be created via email, once they complete x amount of the checklist, they will receive an incentive to be determined
- ii. Add to incentive to Affiliate Checklist to add a delegate created Youth Meeting

Vickie made a motion to add delegate involvement to the affiliate checklist, seconded by Lynette

**e. Officer Election Procedure**

- i. Majority agree to add interview to popular vote
- ii. Vickie Holbrook, Cheri Turner and Stacey Jones appointed as sub-committee to decide point value for interview and popular vote combination

**II. Open Discussion**

**Motion to adjourn at 6:05 p.m.**