

4/2/21

Eligibility Call

Present: Karen, Jesse A, Peter, Andre, Rosanne, Barbi, Travis, Andrea, Connie, Jesse C, Mike, Kelli

Not Present: Van Luse, Tracer

Go To Meeting – 10:30 am

- Story Book Stables Amateur Derby approved by the EC to be held in conjunction with the 2021 NRHA Derby

The question was raised as to whether the Eligibility Committee should provide a recommendation to the board at the May meeting about the new amateur division. The concerns expressed included:

1. Do we need another division, or will it take away from levels we already have?
2. The Amateur Derby will now pay more than the L1 and L2 NRHA Derby, is that what the intent of this division is
3. Need further discussion around the rules for the amateur division. Are they legal?
4. Earnings will be in Cat 11 and will not count toward worldwide eligibility – does this need adjusted

A motion was made and seconded that the committee supports the concept of the amateur division but would like further discussion on the definition of an amateur. Motion passed

It was also stated that the amateur conditions, entry form and press release are not consistent. The rule was written and approved at earnings of over \$100,000 in categories 1-12. Angie will get with Cheryl and Christa to make sure this is corrected.

- The Invitational – discussion began around whether a stallion stakes that is limited to who can enter should be counted toward Category 6 instead of being in Cat 11. If Cat 11 it will not count toward eligibility. This will come up with future shows being scheduled.

A motion was made and seconded that The Invitational should count toward Category 6. Motion passed

Next meeting we need to discuss:

1. Definition of Amateur
2. Cat 11