

NATIONAL REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION
Executive Committee Conference Call Minutes
January 15, 2021

Approved 2/4/21

Present: President Rick Clark, Vice President Mark Blake, Rosanne Sternberg, John Tague, Paulus Beurskens, Shane Brown

Staff: Commissioner Gary Carpenter, Chief Financial Officer John Foy, Assistant Commissioner Christa Morris-Stone, Sr. Director of Corporate Relations & Communications Sammi Miller, Director of Competition & Education Samantha Oldfield, Sr. Manager of Competition & Education Kristen Liesman, Executive Assistant & Governance Coordinator Liz Kelsey

Call to Order:

President Rick Clark called the meeting to order at 10:02 am.

Futurity Purse Task Force

A motion and a second were made to approve the new task force members as presented. Motion passed.

Rule Clarification

Consensus to continue to support the rule as written and approved.

A motion and a second were made to impose a \$500 fine/day (for each day the rule would apply) for any violation of the rule. Motion passed unanimously.

Oceania Council Update

Samantha Oldfield presented an update on the Oceania Council and she was directed to reach out to Reining Australia to set up a conference call with the executive committee.

Invitational

A motion and a second were made to approve the event as long as it is classified as a category 6, the cap on freshman stallions is removed, and the word “invitational” is removed. Christa Morris-Stone would notify the event management.

European Futurity Update

The executive committee was updated that the European Executive Board have a call next week to discuss the feasibility of the current March dates due to COVID-19 and potential contingency plans.

COVID-19 Contingency Plans:

Judging Privileges

The executive committee directed the NRHA Judges Committee to look at potentially extending privileges and to come back with a formal recommendation at the February meeting.

There were concerns over potential liability and NRHA staff were directed to reach out to NRHA Legal Counsel.

NAAC

Consensus to “roll over” all qualification exemptions from 2020. However, the NRHA Affiliate Committee needs to come back with a formal recommendation at the February meeting regarding a “suitable cutoff score” for qualification for the NAAC with the direction that it needs to be above a zero.

World Title

Consensus that all rules would remain as is for the 2021 world title race. No special accommodations would be granted.

Awards Banquet

Consensus that no in-person awards banquet would be held at the 2021 NRHA Derby. All awards are to be ordered and directly shipped to winners with the note that there would be some sort of virtual recognition (similar to videos done at the Futurity).

April Board Meeting

Consensus that the April Board meeting would be virtual with the executive committee to review potential dates during their next meeting.

EPRHA

Consensus to continue to follow our rules. Rick Clark would contact Bob Santagata.

Meeting adjourned at 11:57 am.