

NATIONAL REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION
Aged Events Committee Minutes
Video Call
January 20, 2021

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Members Present: Mandy McCutcheon, Cheryl Cody, Kathy Gould, George King, Guy Vernon, Shane Brown, Ruben Vandorp, Sebastian Petroll, Pete Kyle, Drake Johnson, Jesse Asmussen, Andrea Stillo, Brooke Wharton

Members Not Present: Guy Vernon

Staff Present: Samantha Oldfield

Election of Vice Chair

Cheryl Cody was nominated as Vice Chair, and the nomination was seconded. Cheryl accepted the nomination, and no other nominations were put forward. All were in favor of Cheryl being the Vice Chair, and none were opposed. Meeting called to order by Cheryl Cody at 3:13pm.

Welcome to the Committee

Review of 2021 Futurity Schedule

The 2021 NRHA Futurity Schedule was reviewed, taking into account the Sale Committee's decisions on the 2021 sale. The NAAC shootout classes were also taken into consideration, noting that the winners of the shootout would be considered the winners of that specific NAAC class, and thereby champion. It was discussed working the shootout numbers down from 10 to 8 and allowing them time in the Norick arena to school prior to their class.

Mandy McCutcheon arrives.

It was discussed that an hour prior to the class should be plenty. The patterns for the shootout classes were discussed, making note that they should not stop in the same location as the finals patterns as they will be running before the first section of both the Open and Non Pro finals. It was discussed that pattern 11 is a jog-in, it is good for older horses, time appropriate, it would save the ground on the sides of the arena for the stops in the Futurity finals, and when backing it is not always right to center. It was discussed that this would be a good pattern for both the shootout days.

It was discussed that in terms of the Futurity itself, the Non Pro first go should run in two sections, and the Open semi-finals levels 1,2 and 3 should run in one section, thereby changing the days that are normally split half Open semi-finals, half Non Pro first go into a full day of Open semi-finals and two full days of Non Pro first go. Everyone is in favor of this change.

Review of 2021 Derby Schedule

It was discussed that the 2020 NRHA Derby ran very late and there is a need to resolve this. The discussion led to the official usage of Arena 6 when possible to help keep the earlier days of the schedule ending earlier.

NAAC and Ancillary Classes at the Futurity

The inclusion of regular ancillary classes running concurrent with the NAAC classes was discussed. It was discussed that removing the regular ancillary classes would keep the NAAC a premier event

that is special to have the opportunity to compete at. In addition, it was thought that it might help lighten some of the days that ran long. It was discussed that before any proposal was put forward to remove these classes, the finance committee would need to look at the financials from them to determine if it would be financially feasible. It was discussed that perhaps paid warm-ups could be included if there was more time in the schedule. A motion was made to propose removing the ancillary classes and only having competitors who have qualified compete, and if the qualification for the NAAC is shortened up again than the Aged Events Committee would need to re-look at adding them back. All but one were in favor. The specification was made that this proposal would be dependent upon what the finance committee determines upon looking at the numbers.

Arena Availability

The discussion was made on how there is very little space to ride and school at the NRHA-owned events, specifically the Futurity. It was proposed that perhaps another arena could be built or created in one of the other buildings on the property or in one of the other locations.

It was discussed that first the Aged Events Committee would find the location that they felt was most appropriate, and then would verify the costs that it would be to put the arena in. At that time, they would then make a proposal to the NRHA Board of Directors.

Additional Added Money to the Futurity

The additional added money to the 2020 and future Futurities was discussed. It was explained that the task force involved with finding the additional added monies is also working on how to have it pay lower levels and deeper.

Drake Johnson left.

Creation of an Awards Committee

A motion was made to form an awards committee to help assist with the gathering of award product from sponsors. Several names were thrown out. Mandy McCutcheon volunteered to send a list of names out after calling people to see if they would be interested.

Cleaning of the Barns at the Futurity and Derby

It was discussed that there is a problem with the time it takes State Fair to flip the barns over from one event to the next, and that it needs to be quicker so members can move in quicker. It was discussed that there is only so much time in-between the AQHA World Show and the Futurity, but the show management team is in communication with State Fair at each event.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45pm.