

**NATIONAL REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION**  
**Professionals Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Phone Conference**  
***March 24, 2021***

Members Present: Nick Valentine, Peter Defreitas, Hiram Resende Silva Filho  
Shane Brown - Ex Officio, Ryan Rushing, Mirjam Stillo, Matt Palmer, Kari Klingenberg, Kole Price,  
Kaci O'Rourke

Members not present: Abby Lengel, Bob Avila, Bub Poplin,

Staff Present: Sara Honegger

**Call to Order**

Meeting called to order by Nick Valentine at 1:07 PM CST.

**Rule Changes**

The Professionals Committee does not support rule change to allow non pros to give riding lessons. Ryan motioned, Kaci seconded. Motion carried.

**Amateur Division**

The Professionals Committee would like to present a recommendation to remove the Amateur Division. They feel it is too focused on who to exclude, rather than who to include, and that with the different levels and classes NRHA offers there are already enough places for people to enter. They also feel most Professional's spouses/children are not given advantages as they still work full-time jobs and don't receive special treatment. Motioned, seconded. Motion carried.

**Professional's Survey**

The Professionals Survey is in inboxes. Please promote this survey and tell your friends to take it. It is for the benefit of the association as it will give business insights to those up-and-coming in the industry.

Motion to adjourn at 1:41 p.m.