

NATIONAL REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
May 4, 2021

Approved 8/22/21

Present: NRHA President Rick Clark, Vice President Mark Blake, John Tague, Shane Brown, Rosanne Sternberg, Paulus Beurskens, Ann Salmon Anderman, Tim Anderson, Ed Bricker, Larry Handley, Carol Ivey, Drake Johnson, Jeanine Kern, Rob Lawson, Joao Marcos, Ruben Pacheco, Ginger Schmersal, Dallas Schwerdt, Karen Shedlauskas, Brett Walters

Staff: Commissioner Gary Carpenter, Assistant Commissioner Christa Morris-Stone, Chief Financial Officer John Foy, Executive Assistant & Governance Coordinator Liz Kelsey, Sr. Director of Accounting Chris Mossman, Sr. Director of Corporate Relations & Communications Sammi Miller, Manager of Youth & Professional Programs Sara Honegger, Sr. Manager of Competition & Education Kristen Liesman, Director of Competition & Education Samantha Oldfield, Angie Honeywell, Executive Director of the Reining Horse Foundation Leslie Baker, Show Manager Cheryl Cody

Call to Order

President Rick Clark called the meeting to order at 11:04 am. A quorum was established.

Consent Agenda

A motion and a second were made to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report

Chief Financial Officer John Foy presented the financial report including the annual budget. A motion and a second were made to approve the budget as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioners Report

NRHA Commissioner Gary Carpenter gave an update on NRHA Operations.

Committee Recommendations

A motion and a second were made to approve the Aged Events Committee's recommendation on the change to Futurity rider designation deadlines effective with the 2021 event. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion and a second were made to approve the Affiliate Committee's recommendation on proposed rule change 61-02-22 as presented effective starting with the 2021 Affiliate Regional Championships. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion and a second were made to approve the Affiliate Committee's recommendations on new affiliates as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion and a second were made to approve the Youth Committee's recommendation on the Youth Leadership Position as presented. Motion passed.

There was no action taken on the Youth Committee's recommendation on a Short Stirrup World Championship.

Sara Honegger left the meeting.

Amateur Division

A motion and a second were made to leave the NRHA Amateur Division as a Category 11 event for 2021. Motion passed.

Judges Selection Discussion

A motion and a second were made to approve the Judges Selection Committee as an advisory committee as presented (NRHA President to appoint chair; made up of members of the board and Judges Committee). The details would be cleaned up and sent to the NRHA Executive Committee for final approval. Motion passed unanimously.

Council Updates

Updates were given on the European and Oceania Councils from board members Paulus Beurskens and Rob Lawson. Overall, the current structure of the European Council was working well and things seemed to be calming down within the Oceania Council. However, the Oceania Council has struggled to certify judges. The Judge's Committee has been looking into virtual teaching options and would follow up.

Carol Ivey left the meeting.

Futurity Challenge

A motion and a second were made to approve the Futurity Challenge Task Force's recommendation as follows:

To approve the purse distribution as identified based on NRHA and Private investment as submitted in presentation materials. Beyond 2021, no further additional investment to increase Futurity purses will be considered until the Finance Committee certifies sustainability in the current level of investment and permanent funding by the NRHA of the private donations that will expire at the end of their current 5 year commitments. Not only must current funding levels be permanently funded, but any additional desired investments over the current level of investment must also be permanently sustainable based on NRHA financial performance.

Motion passed unanimously.

Informational Items

ReinerSuite

Angie Honeywell provided statistics and a verbal update on ReinerSuite.

Corporate Relations

Sammi Miller gave an update on NRHA Corporate & Media Partners and thanked them for their sponsorship loyalty.

Reining Horse Foundation

Tim Anderson and Leslie Baker gave an update on the Reining Horse Foundation. President Clark challenged all of the board members to become Reiners Club members.

FEI- Executive Session

Judges for Approval- Executive Session

Steward for Approval-Executive Session

Futurity Judges-Executive Session

After some closing remarks and announcements, the meeting adjourned at 1:41 pm.