

NATIONAL REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
August 21, 2022

Approved 2/5/23

Present: President Rick Clark, Vice President Mark Blake, Shane Brown, John Tague, Ann Salmon Anderman, Tim Anderson, Dallas Schwerdt, Drake Johnson, Karen Shedlauskas, Ginger Schmursal, Kylie Warn, Karen Montgomery

Conference Call: Paulus Beurskens, Ed Bricker, Rosanne Sternberg, Joao Marcos, Ruben Pacheco, Larry Handley, Margaret Fuchs

Staff: Commissioner Gary Carpenter, Assistant Commissioner Christa Morris-Stone, Chief Financial Officer John Foy, Sr. Director of Education & Officials Patti Carter, Sr. Director of International Affairs & Development Samantha Oldfield, Executive Assistant & Governance Coordinator Liz Kelsey, Sr. Manager of ReinerSuite & Sale Angie Honeywell, Reining Horse Foundation Executive Director Leslie Baker, Director of Marketing Sara Honegger, Sr. Director of Corporate Relations Christy Landwehr

Guests: Jason Vanlandingham, Craig Schmursal

Call to Order:

President Rick Clark called the meeting to order at 10:05 am. A quorum was established.

Consent Agenda

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

Financial Report

Chief Financial Officer John Foy reviewed the financial performance of the association and reminded the board of increases for 2023.

Commissioner's Report

NRHA Commissioner provided the board with various updates including the new Lawson trophy.

Animal Welfare & Medications Policy

After several opening remarks and reviewing the past timeline of the revised policy and how the board go to this point, NRHA President Rick Clark went over the procedures for the discussion and vote on the new policy. There would be a roll call vote.

The proposed policy changes as recommended by the executive committee were reviewed.

A motion and a second were made to approve the penalty chart only at this time and vote on the remaining items separately.

Favor: Mark Blake, Paulus Beurskens, Ginger Schmursal, Rosanne Sternberg, Dallas Schwerdt, Karen Montgomery.

Opposed: Ann Salmon Anderman, Shane Brown, John Tague, Karen Shedlauskas, Larry Handley, Ed Bricker, Kylie Warn, Drake Johnson, Margaret Fuchs, Tim Anderson, Joao Marcos, Ruben Pacheco.

Motion failed 6-12.

After lots of discussion, the vote was tabled until after the break.

Break for lunch, reconvened. Ed Bricker and Rosanne Sternberg left the conference call.

Animal Welfare & Medications Policy, Ctd.

A motion and a second were made to approve the policy as presented with the recommendations as submitted by the executive committee.

Favor: Mark Blake, Ann Salmon Anderman, Shane Brown, John Tague, Karen Shedlauskas, Larry Handley, Kylie Warn, Drake Johnson, Margaret Fuchs, Tim Anderson, Joao Marcos, Karen Montgomery, Ruben Pacheco

Opposed: Paulus Beurskens, Ginger Schmursal, Dallas Schwerdt

Motion passed 13-3.

Elections Update

A motion and a second were made to approve those to win by acclamation as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendations

Masters Affiliate Regional Championship

A motion and a second were made to approve as presented. Motion passed unanimously. Will start in 2023.

Uruguay (Developing Affiliate)

A motion and a second were made to approve Uruguay as a developing affiliate as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Youth Committee Recommendation

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

Mexico Affiliate Regional Championship

A motion and a second were made to approve the change of the Mexico ARC (dates and location) as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Worldwide Eligibility

A motion and a second were made to approve the worldwide eligibility policy for 2023 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Mexico Eligibility

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

Oceania Eligibility

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

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

Restricted European

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

Oceania Region Request

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

Derby Conditions

A motion and a second were made to approve as presented but to send the Novice Horse dates back to the Aged Events Committee to further research and come back with an additional recommendation. Motion passed unanimously.

Futurity Conditions

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

Break then reconvened.

Ruben Pacheco, Joao Marcos, and Larry Handley left the meeting.

Nomination Conditions

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

European Payouts (Splits)

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

Buckle Ceremony Recap

Christa Morris-Stone presented a recap on the official buckle ceremony held at the NRHA Derby which overall received very positive feedback and would move forward in 2023 in a similar capacity.

Member & Show Services Update

Christa Morris-Stone presented an update on the member and show services department including processing statistics.

NRHA Derby Overview

Director of Marketing Sara Honegger shared marketing statistics from the NRHA Derby and shared that our social media pages were seeing significant improvements.

Reining Horse Foundation (RHF) Update

Reining Horse Foundation Executive Director Leslie Baker and RHF President Tim Anderson gave updates including that available scholarship money has doubled and they have increased grant levels. Frequently asked questions regarding the crisis fund were also reviewed.

ReinerSuite Update

Angie Honeywell gave an update on ReinerSuite which included total registered users and the plan for the show program, which has received glowing reviews so far.

European Events

Samantha Oldfield gave an update on recent European events.

Ed Bricker joined the conference call. Karen Montgomery left the meeting.

Judges & Stewards

Patti Carter presented and gave an update on the judges and stewards programs.

Following closing remarks from President Rick Clark meeting adjourned at 3:17 pm.