

**NATIONAL REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION
European Affiliate Council Meeting Minutes
Conference Call
August 3, 2022**

Approved August 10, 2022

Members Present: Eleuterio Arcese, Pietro Marseglia, Bernard Fonck, Rosanne Sternberg, Paulus Beurskens, Markus Schopfer, Maik Bartmann, Annette Andersen, Mariannick Domont-Perret, Isabeau Rohde, Agnes Csolle, Adrienne Speidel, Adrian Motyka, Tony Llarena

Guests Present: Simona Diale, Cristina Serra

Members Not Present: Thierry Willigsecker, Malin Billberg, Teija Pietila, Rudi Kronsteiner

Staff Present: Samantha Oldfield, Christa Morris Stone

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 11:04 AM CST/6:04 PM CET- 18:04.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion made to approve the minutes. Motion seconded. All are in favor.

Call for 2023 Event Dates

The Council members are asked to send in their 2023 NRHA event dates by September 1st so that the calendar can be organized and sent to the affiliates to help event organizers avoid conflict of dates. Discussion leads to the policy on A and AA events being turned in 180-days in advance. Samantha Oldfield verifies that A and AA events do need to have their approvals turned in 180 days in advance, and that added money can be updated where the event level stays the same (exception A to AA as both require the 180-day rule).

2023 NRHA European Affiliate Championship Conditions

Discussion is made on the European Affiliate Championship conditions. It was expressed by staff that the two lists were confusing to members and affiliates alike. In addition, the close time frame on the second qualification period led to a lot of stress from the membership and a near impossible completion due to show results needing to be in-put.

A motion is made to make the qualification period from January 1 – December 31, 2022, and a second period of January 1-May 15th, 2023, however show results must be submitted by show management by May 20th, 2023 to count towards the standings. This motion is seconded, and all are in favor.

Update on Open Level 4 Sponsorship

NRHA staff update the Council on the Open Level 4 competitor sponsorship policy. It is discussed that this will not go to the NRHA Board of Directors as a policy is deemed to not be the appropriate way to handle the process.

NRHA staff will work with the event organizer to include in the event conditions that all Open Level 4 only competitors must pay a \$2,000USD sponsorship to the Open Level 4 purse.

NRHA staff verify that they will keep a spreadsheet of the added monies (nomination and Open Level 4 contribution) to verify that it is all going back into the Open Level 4 purse.

Discussion on Sunday Aged Event Finals

A motion made to put into event conditions for all major events that there should not be any finals on Sunday. The motion is amended to say “no NRHA classes on Sunday unless where the event is held concurrent with a public fair. Exceptions can be reviewed and made by European Executive Board”. This motion is seconded. All are in favor.

Update From Each Affiliate

- Norway: Things are going very well; they have a new arena and are up to 120 members.
- Netherlands: Events are becoming more international and are growing to about 150 runs per day, with their events starting on Wednesday and going through Sunday.
- France: Growing to about 50 members more than last year, however, did have to postpone a couple of events.
- Denmark: Growing with Futurity and Derby, especially the implementation of their new concepts with the event, however they have a lack of open riders which lead to a lack of education.
- Switzerland: Currently not growing either in membership or events, and they are struggling for entries.
- Belgium: Membership has grown, and they have moved locations for their events and are seeing great participation.

Pietro Marseglia leaves 12:10 PM CST/7:10 PM CET- 19:10

- England: Brexit has influenced transporting horses in and out of the country, which can lead to difficulties of growth and participation, but they are working through it and are having events.
- Poland: Currently are remaining constant- no growth no loss, however, are in a good place. They made an agreement with the Czech affiliate, so they have events together, some shows in Slovakia some in Czech and some in Poland, where sponsors sponsor for all events and riders support too.
- Italy: Would like to plan a meeting that is face to face. Events in Italy are mostly NRHA approved, they are seeing increased membership with more than 35 events NRHA approved already for the year.
- Hungary: Working through some currently negative activity but are hopeful to have it resolved in a year.
- Germany: Shows are growing, and everything is looking good. They just hosted an NRHA judges' school which was a huge success, they feel very healthy.

2023 NRHA European Futurity Location Update

NRHA staff update the Council that the 2023 NRHA European Futurity will be held with the management of the Italian Reining Horse Association in May.

2023 European Affiliate Summit

NRHA staff update the Council that research of location is still on-going, but a location and dates will be communicated shortly.

August Board Meeting

NRHA staff update the Council that the next NRHA Board of Directors meeting will be held in Las Vegas at The Run For A Million, and if any are present they should join in person.

Next Meeting November 8th

It is discussed the need to have a face-to-face meeting before the end of the year. The 2022 NRHA European Derby is brought up as an ideal location. It is discussed to move the planned November 8th meeting to be held during the 2022 NRHA European Derby in Equita, Lyon. NRHA staff will work on organizing this.

International Reception Reminder and Invite

NRHA staff invite all of the Council members to the International Reception at the 2022 NRHA North American Futurity. Samantha Oldfield asks that each Council member notify her if they will be in attendance so she can include them on the VIP list.

Meeting adjourned at 12:31 PM CST/ 7:31 PM CET- 19:31.