

NATIONAL REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
February 13-14, 2022
Denton, Texas

Approved 5/9/22

Present: President Rick Clark, Vice President Mark Blake, Tim Anderson, Ruben Pacheco, Joao Marcos, Ed Bricker, Margaret Fuchs, Karen Schedlauskas, John Tague, Ginger Schmersal, Ann Salmon Anderman, Shane Brown, Kylie Warn, Dallas Schwerdt, Rosanne Sternberg

Staff: Commissioner Gary Carpenter, Assistant Commissioner Christa Morris-Stone, Chief Financial Officer John Foy, Sr. Director of Accounting, Chris Mossman, Reining Horse Foundation Executive Director Leslie Baker, Manager of Youth, Professional, & Affiliate Programs Sara Honegger, Member & Show Services Representative Lauren Waymire, Membership & Accounting Customer Service Representative Emily Rush, Executive Assistant & Governance Coordinator Liz Kelsey, Sr. Director of Corporate Relations Sammi Miller, Sr. Manager of ReinerSuite & Sale Angie Honeywell, Manager of Member & Show Services Krissy Colbath, Director of Competition & Education Samantha Oldfield, Sr. Manager of Competition & Education Kristen Liesman, Show Manager Cheryl Cody

Conference Call: Drake Johnson, Karen Montgomery, Paulus Beurskens

Guests: Jessica Howe

Absent: Larry Handley

Call to Order:

President Rick Clark called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm.

Consent Agenda

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

Financial Report

Chief Financial Officer John Foy presented the official audit report, as well as the Sale & Futurity financials. He then discussed the budgeting process and announced we were on schedule to meet our tax deadline. The profit and loss overview was then reviewed.

Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Gary Carpenter gave an update on the Oklahoma State Fairgrounds (hiring of Kirk Slaughter), trophies (new Lawson will debut in the Fall), the marketing & communications department, the new Director of Education & Officials (new hire will be announced in coming days) and a new governance proposal will be forthcoming, starting with the executive committee.

Bylaw Amendment Proposals

The proposed amendments were read by Executive Assistant & Governance Coordinator Liz Kelsey. A motion and a second were made to approved as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Election Procedures

The proposed updates and changes were reviewed. There was some discussion on the amount of signatures needed for a regional director.

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

Break and then reconvened at 2:49 pm

Amateur

A motion to amend the conditions to read that the \$100,000 cap will come from categories 2, 6, 11, and for levels 1 and 2 riders only.

Discussion tabled.

Show Results Correction Recommendation

A motion and a second were made to approve that any errors must be corrected within 8 weeks of publication online; with no changes after December 31. Motion passed unanimously.

Committee Breakouts

The board was broken up into small groups to discuss what they would like to see the advisory committees work on. Staff served as scribes and the group then reconvened to share their thoughts.

Standing Committees

Nominating/Governance

A motion and a second were made to approve Margaret Fuchs (Chair), Ed Bricker, Dallas Schwerdt, Larry Handley, and Ginger Schmearsal to the Nominating/Governance committee. Motion passed unanimously.

Finance/Audit Committee

A motion and a second were made to approve the finance/audit committee as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Compensation Committee

A motion and a second were made to approve Mark Blake (Chair), John Tague, and Shane Brown to the compensation committee. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 4:28 pm. Reconvened on February 14.

Committee & Council Recommendations

Affiliate

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

European Affiliate Council

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

Judges Committee

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

Judges Committee Rule Change Proposal

A motion and a second were made to approve the proposed clarification to the verbiage to “electronic communication” devices effective immediately. Motion passed unanimously.

Awards Banquet

President Rick Clark appointed a working group to discuss the awards banquet and potential alternatives to recognize our world champions. They were charged with bringing back a recommendation to the NRHA Executive Committee that would remain in budget.

Break. Reconvened.

ReinerSuite Update

Angie Honeywell presented the new statistics for ReinerSuite and the update on the show program.

Reining Horse Foundation Update

Reining Horse Foundation President Tim Anderson shared an update on the Reining Horse Foundation and announced that over \$1,000,000 was raised last year. President Rick Clark then challenged the board to all donate to the foundation.

Statistics Overview

The 2021 NRHA statistics overview was shared with the board and it was announced that it would be available online in the very near future.

Staff and guests left the meeting.

Corporate Relations Update

Sr. Director of Corporate Relations & Communications Sammi Miller gave an update on NRHA's corporate partners.

Hearing Body Appointments- Executive Session

Judges for Approval-Executive Session

Stewards for Approval- Executive Session

Conflict of Interest

Margaret Fuchs presented. A motion and a second were made to have that all conflict of interests for five chair judges would be taken to the NRHA Executive Committee with a recommendation from the Judges Committee. Additionally, any conflict of interest violations and disciplinary action would be taken to the executive committee. Motion passed unanimously.

Aged Events

Derby Schedule

A motion and a second were made to swap the NRHA Derby schedule (Open/Non Pro) so it would begin with the Open. Motion passed.

Futurity Schedule

A motion and a second were made to amend the schedule so that the Prime-Time Open Champion would be crowned after the go-round. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion and a second were made to remove the Honorable Mention Futurity. Motion rescinded.

Futurity Conditions

A motion and a second were made to approve the aged events committee recommendation to restructure the semi-finals.

A motion and a second were made to approve the Honorable Mention Futurity with an increased cap of 35 entries.

Motion passed unanimously.

Amateur

A motion and a second were made to amend the original motion that the amateur conditions should be updated effective April 2, 2022 so that earnings include categories 2, 6, 8, and 11 and only Levels 1 & 2 riders are eligible. Motion passed unanimously.

Break for lunch and reconvened at 12:30 pm.

Animal Welfare & Medications Policy- Executive Session

Meeting adjourned.