

NATIONAL REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION
NRHA Judges Committee Meeting Minutes Part 1
Location: Virtual Zoom Call
Date: July 12, 2022

Approved 7/18/2022

Members Present: Bob Kail, Bub Poplin, Dean Latimer, Doug Allen, Maik Bartmann, Manuela Maiocchi, Margaret Fuchs, Matt Lantz, Patrick Wickenheiser, Sebastian Petroll, Todd Sommers

Members Not Present:

Teaching Panel Members Present: Eugenio Latorre, Mike McEntire, Ollie Griffith

Teaching Panel Members Not Present:

Staff Present: Commissioner Gary Carpenter, Sr. Director of Education and Officials Patti Carter, Education and Officials Coordinator Lillian Esterl-Byrne

Guests: President Rick Clark, Vice President Mark Blake

I. Call To Order

Sr. Director of Education and Officials, Patti Carter called the meeting to order at 4:01 P.M. CST

II. Opening Remarks

President Rick Clark, Vice President Mark Blake, and Commissioner Gary Carpenter gave an update on modifications to the Judges Committee.

III. Introduce Lillian Esterl-Byrne

Lillian Esterl-Byrne was hired to fill the position of Education and Officials Coordinator.

IV. Review of Roles and Responsibilities of the Judges Committee

The responsibilities of the Judges Committee and the Sr. Director of Education and Officials were discussed and clarified.

V. Shawn Church – Executive Session

VI. Judge Retest Scores from Netherlands School – Executive session

VII. Monitor Criteria and Guidelines

Tabled for future meeting to be held on July 18th at 2 P.M. CST

VIII. Discuss Judge Rating System

Tabled for future meeting to be held on July 18th at 2 P.M. CST

IX. Review policy on Executive Committee Restrictions – send recommendation to EC

Motion was made and seconded to recommend to the Executive Committee that Policy #12-01-25 “Any member serving on the Executive Committee may not judge, steward or scribe at an NRHA-owned event”. Motion passed unanimously.

X. Two Video Clips to Review for Discussion

Tabled for future meeting to be held on July 18th at 2 P.M. CST

Meeting adjourned at 5:28 P.M. CST

NATIONAL REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION
NRHA Judges Committee Meeting Minutes Part 2
Location: Virtual Zoom Call
Date: July 18, 2022

Approved 8/1/2022

Members Present: Bob Kail, Bub Poplin, Maik Bartmann, Manuela Maiocchi, Margaret Fuchs, Matt Lantz, Patrick Wickenheiser, Sebastian Petroll, Todd Sommers, Eugenio Latorre, Ollie Griffith

Members Not Present: Dean Latimer, Doug Allen, Mike McEntire

Staff Present: Sr. Director of Education and Officials Patti Carter, Education and Officials Coordinator Lillian Esterl-Byrne

Guests: President Rick Clark, Vice President Mark Blake

I. Call To Order

Sr. Director of Education and Officials, Patti Carter called the meeting to order at 3:02 P.M. CST

II. Approval of Minutes from Meeting Part 1 (July 12,2022)

Motion moved and seconded to approve the minutes from the meeting held on July 12, 2022

III. Timeline of Short-Term Immediate Action Plan

- a. Mother's Day Slide Judges Review
 - i. Date of review modified – July 27th, 2022 at 12 P.M. CST
- b. Professionals/Judge Committee Meetings
 - i. Runs sent to committee for scoring on July 15th, 2022.
 - ii. Will reconvene on August 1st, 2022 at 3:30 P.M. CTS for discussion
- c. Teaching/Testing Material
 - i. Will be sent to committee on July 20th, 2022
 - ii. Rescoring by committee to be completed by August 12th, 2022
 - iii. Review of data by Judge Teaching Pool on August 24th, 2022
- d. Article on Spreads
 - i. Modifications were required on the article, but a draft will be sent to the committee prior to being submitted for publication
- e. Judge Newsletter
 - i. A draft of the latest newsletter will be sent to the committee prior to being sent to entire population of judges
- f. Comparison of Maneuver Evaluations Past and Present
 - i. To be sent out to the committee by the end of July 2022

IV. Monitor Criteria and Guidelines

- a. Suggested criteria to serve as a NRHA judge per working group recommendations
 - i. AAA judge
 - ii. Must have judged an A or AA show in the last 5 years
 - iii. Monitored an A or AA show in the last 5 years
 - iv. Whoever meets the criteria would be asked if they would like to serve as a monitor
 - v. Attending Judge Monitor training would be required in January
- b. Monitor training will be included within the January judges school
- c. Additional suggestions from the judges committee on monitor criteria:
 - i. Helping judges stay consistent throughout the show is paramount
 - ii. More thorough preparation prior to major events is needed
 - iii. Monitor school should outline the required preparation expected from monitors at major events
 - iv. Creation of a sub-committee for monitor education will be created
 - v. Preparation material used by monitors should stay consistent across all events
 - vi. Collect more maneuver evaluation examples from a larger variety of shows to be used in the monitor preparation
- d. Suggestions for shows about when and how to utilize monitors at their shows will be developed
- e. Motion moved and seconded to follow the suggested criteria outlined in the NRHA Judge Monitor Working Document and move forward in developing an official list of NRHA Judge Monitors – motion passed

V. Discuss Judge Rating System

- a. Judges' rating to be reassessed at January workshop each year

VI. Score Display at Futurity

- a. Suggestion to only display the three scores which count towards the total end score
- b. Discussion yielded that displaying all five scores is most beneficial

VII. Derby Judge Review

- a. Review of NRHA Futurity/Derby Judge Review Program policy
 - i. Policy to evaluate each chair judge's individual performance at the event
- b. Intention of the performance review is to be used as an educational tool to provide constructive criticism

VIII. Suggestions from Stewards on Review Protocol

- a. Suggested protocol – if the score of an exhibitor is altered due to a review called by another exhibitor the exhibitor whose score was changed needs to be notified by show management or a show steward following the outcome of the review

IX. Video Clip Review for Discussion

- a. 5-point penalty: long and continuous baulk → should be a 0 score
 - i. Will be cataloged for use in educational content
- b. 2-point penalty: difficult penalty to determine, can't definitively defend a 2-point penalty
 - i. The number of times a judge reviews a run should be limited, no more than three times, and if a decision can not be reached after those reviews the benefit of the doubt should always be given to the rider
- c. Romal Use:
 - i. Per the handbook, Judges Guide, Penalty Score 0, Section 1 "The *NRHA handbook* also permits the rider to use his/her free hand to hold a romal in the normal fashion" (page 142)
 - ii. New verbiage should be added to the handbook to clarify the issue
 - 1. Suggested verbiage: Romal can only pass through the hand once
 - 2. Add pictures within the handbook for further clarification
 - iii. Committee Decision: Should be considered a 0 score → not held in the normal fashion, should be revisited until clarification is in print
 - iv. Added back to agenda for next committee meeting
- d. Hands on the neck:
 - i. No penalty
 - ii. Inadvertent contact → self-preservation
 - 1. Maneuver evaluation should be deducted

Meeting adjourned at 3:22 P.M. CST