

**National Reining Horse Association
Minutes of the Stewards Committee
Date July 19, 2022**

Approved 7/21/2022

Members Present: Alessandro Dezzutto, Ed Bricker, Ann Salmon Anderman, John Tague, Richard Pokluda, Sebastian Petroll, Shane Brown, Van Luse

Not Present: Karen McCuiston, Maik Bartmann, Matt Lantz

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

I. Call To Order

Sr. Director of Education and Officials Patti Carter called the meeting to order at 3:01 P.M. CST

II. Introduce Lillian Esterl-Byrne

- a. Lillian Esterl-Byrne has been hired as the new Education and Officials Coordinator and will be assisting with the judges, stewards, and professionals committees

III. Vote on Show Stewards for the 2022 Futurity

- a. 2022 Futurity Short List:
 - i. Ed Bricker (Chief Steward)
 - ii. Ann Salmon Anderman (2nd Shift)
 - iii. Alessandro Dezzutto (Floater)
 - iv. Walt Larson (Floater)
 - v. Marlin Holrody (Night Shift)
 - 1. Lyle Jackson (Alternate 1)
 - 2. Shawn McClurg (Alternate 2)
- b. Motion made and seconded to submit the here enclosed list as stewards for the 2022 Futurity – Motion passed
- c. Motion made and seconded to make a request to the Executive Committee that an exemption be made to allow Ann Salmon Anderman and Ed Bricker to serve as stewards at the 2022 Futurity – Motion passed
 - i. Specific plan to address conflicts of interest should they arise:
 - 1. Floater will be on call to handle any conflicts
 - 2. If an issue arises and no floater is on the show grounds, Sr. Director of Education and Officials, Patti Carter, will aid in addressing the issue
- d. Motion made and seconded to put forth a recommendation to the Executive Committee to increase the daily pay rate for the stewards at the 2022 Futurity to \$600/day – Motion passed

IV. Derby Event Overview/Recap

- a. All stewards were great team members and helped make the event a great success
- b. The biggest bottle neck was with health paperwork when entering the show grounds
- c. Issues with getting a hold of vets after hours for emergencies
- d. Need clarification on the protocol for informing an exhibitor of a changed score in the instance of a delayed review which alters a previously announced score
 - i. Suggested Protocol: In the event that a previously announced score is changed due to the result of a review called for by a fellow class exhibitor, judge, judge monitor, or owner, the exhibitor whose score was altered must be notified by show management and/or show steward following the result of the review.

V. Discussion on New Curriculum for School and Educational Content

- a. Motion made and seconded to create an education focused sub-committee consisting of Ed Bricker, Ann Salmon Anderman, and Van Luse to help develop and update the steward educational curriculum – Motion passed

VI. Suggestions for Future Growth and Improvement

- a. Working with Judges, Professionals, and Non-Pro committees
 - i. Larger efforts should be made to encourage professionals to hold each other accountable for maintaining the animal welfare and professional conduct standards of the industry.
- b. Working with Executive Committee and Board of Directors
 - i. With ample Executive Committee and Board of Directors representation within the stewards committee lines of communication are healthy

VII. Updated on Online Form Creation

- a. The Steward Report and Incident Report forms are in the process of being moved into an online platform to aid in easier and more efficient use

VIII. New Items to Discuss regarding Animal Welfare

- a. Important for stewards to stay up to date on current animal welfare issues and events
- b. The committee believes there would be a benefit in bolstering the steward program around understanding how to handle animal rights issues and conflicts
 - i. Possible place for improvement on an association level
- c. Suggestion made to bring in a speaker from a fellow association who has handled difficult animal rights circumstances and issues as an educational opportunity
 - i. Suggested speaker by Commissioner Gary Carpenter – Cindy Schonholtz

Meeting adjourned at 4:33 P.M. CST