

**National Reining Horse Association
Minutes of the Professional Committee
Date November 17th, 2022 at 1:00 P.M. CST**

Approved 12/6/2022

Members Present: Nick Valentine – Chair, Billy Williams, Dan Huss, Hiram Resende Silva Filho, Kaci O'Rourke, Peter Defreitas, Ryan Rushing, Shane Brown, Tracer Gilson

Not Present: Casey Hinton, Kole Price, Matt Palmer, Mirjam Stillo

Staff: Sr. Director of Education and Officials Patti Carter, Education and Officials Coordinator Lillian Esterl-Byrne, Director of Marketing Sara Honegger, Sr. Director of Corporate Relations Christy Landwehr, Sr. Director of International Affairs & Development Sam Oldfield

I. Call To Order

Patti Carter – Sr. Director Education and Officials called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m. (CST)

II. Discussion about Safe Sport

- a. Safe Sport is an online platform professionals can use to help educate themselves on preventing and addressing abuse.
 - i. Renewed on a yearly basis
- b. Patti Carter and Christy Landwehr will move forward with setting up a Safe Sport portal for NRHA professionals to utilize
- c. Professional Committee members will be highly encouraged to go through the Safe Sport training
- d. Safe Sport accreditation can be added to your Find A Pro profile page
- e. Motion made and seconded to create a link to the Safe Sport portal on the Professionals webpage – motion passed unanimously

III. Discussion about Mental Athletics

- a. Mental athletics would like to renew their NRHA sponsorship and cater to providing mindset coaching to NRHA professionals
 - i. Was previously offered to NRHA youth officers and saw great success
- b. Communication will be sent out to provide information about Mental Athletics and encourage participation in future sessions
- c. Motion made and seconded to accept the change in Mental Athletics sponsorship to focus on NRHA Professionals – motion passed unanimously

IV. 2022 Futurity Medications Testing Protocol

- a. This year at the 2022 Futurity a new medication testing process will be implemented with the Level 4 finalist

- i. All Level 4 finalists will be tested. Testing will be done directly following each run of the Level 4 finalist
 1. A staff member or vet tech will greet all riders following their run
 2. Testing will be housed in Barn 3
 3. If a rider is leading in a level, they will be given the option to test immediately or wait to see if there will be a run-off
- ii. Sam Oldfield will be present at the Riders Meeting to provide testing information to all members
 1. She will also be present during the testing process should questions arise

V. Discussion about Non-Pro Draws

- a. Cheryl Cody, Derby/Futurity show manager, will add a field to the major event entry forms to designate which professional a member rides with
 - i. This will help show management to create draws which accommodate multiple non-pros riding with one professional
 - ii. Show management will place non-pros riding with the same professional 20 runs apart in the working order
- b. Motion made and seconded to support the 20-run spacing between non-pro draws riding with the same professional – motion passed unanimously

VI. Update on Pros Promotional Items for the 2022 Futurity

- a. Banners created with a QR Code which directs users to the nrha.com/professionals webpage
- b. A postcard will be mailed to professionals with information about how to update their trainer profile on ReinerSuite which is used for the Find A Pro function on the website
- c. A promo video is in production for the 2022 Futurity helping to promote the NRHA ProTrainer
 - i. Tentatively scheduled for completion on 11/18/2022 or 11/19/2022
- d. 100 copies of the latest issue of the ProTrainer have been printed and will be distributed at the 2022 Futurity

VII. Code of Ethics Violation Complaint – *Executive Session*

- a. Motion made and seconded to take no further action by NRHA in regard to the submitted complaint – Motion passed unanimously

VIII. Reminder any rule change proposals are due to NRHA by Dec.31

- a. Discussion about expanding the rule which allows riders 65 and older to hold onto the saddle horn to Category 2 events

IX. Updates to the 2022 NRHA Futurity Riders Meeting

- a. Guest speaker from the OKC sheriff's department is scheduled to speak on preventing and protecting against theft during the Futurity
- b. Sam Oldfield will speak on Medication Testing

- c. Eugenio Latorre and Doug Allen will speak on behalf of the judges
- d. Ed Bricker will speak on behalf of the stewards
 - i. Professionals are encouraged to help educate members about calling a steward should an animal welfare issue arise
- e. The meeting will be recorded and added to the Futurity website

Meeting adjourned at 2:16 p.m. (CST)