

NATIONAL REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION
NRHA Judges Committee Meeting Minutes
Virtual Zoom Call
9/7/2022 at 2:00 PM CST

Approved 9/19/2022

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

Members Not Present: Dean Latimer, Patrick Wickenheiser

Staff Present: 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 2:01 PM CST

I. Review Newsletter

- a. Moving forward the Judges' Newsletter will be sent out to the NRHA Judges quarterly to discuss current and relevant topics.

II. Discussion on Judge's Fees for AA Shows

- a. The pertinent need to increase fees for NRHA Judges to fairly compensate them for their time and expertise as well as to encourage more judges to participate.
- b. Motion made and seconded to recommend the below changes to NRHA judge fees:
 - i. NRHA shows that are AA sanctioned are required to pay the judges a minimum of \$750/day plus reasonable travel expenses and per diem.
 - ii. All shows are required to pay overtime charges (anything over 10-hours)
 - i. \$75 for 10-11 hours
 - ii. \$100 for 12+ hours
 - iii. Recommendation to all other shows to increase judge fees to a minimum of \$600/day plus reasonable travel expenses and per diem.
 - iv. Mandated judges' fees to be reviewed annually by the judge's committee in consideration of inflation
- c. Suggestion to have future discussions about how to efficiently address large numbers of schooling runs at horse shows.

III. Shawn Church Update – Executive Session

IV. Discuss the legality of snaffle bits with leverage bars welded in the rings

- a. O-ring, D-ring, and Egg Butt bits should not have any fixed position for the reins, curb strap, or headstall which could provide leverage.
- b. A letter/newsletter will be sent to the NRHA membership as a reminder about the legality of headstall, rein, and curb strap attachments for snaffle bits.
 - i. Similar information will be sent to the NRHA professionals, judges, and show stewards about the legality of snaffle bits.

V. Only displaying the average score in the Norick Arena at the 2022 Futurity

- a. Motion made and seconded to only display the average score in the Norick arena at the NRHA Futurity – motion passed unanimously

VI. Conflict of Interest Exemption Submitted by Margaret Fuchs and Bub Poplin

- a. Motion made and seconded to make an exemption for Margaret Fuchs and Bub Poplin to judge at the AQHA Congress in light of their submitted conflict of interest exemption requests.
- b. Sr. Director of Education and Officials will construct a letter to inform show management of the exemptions made by the NRHA Judges Committee for Margaret Fuchs and Bub Poplin

VII. Request for remote virtual judge school in South America

- a. Suggestion to incorporate an in-person judges' school with an existing horse show to make it more affordable rather than provide a virtual school option.
- b. Eugenio Latorre offered to teach the school in Spanish should one be held.

VIII. Review Teaching/Testing Content – Executive Session

IX. Meeting Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 3:50 PM CST