

NATIONAL REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION
Aged Events Committee Minutes
Conference Call
January 17, 2023

Approved February 7, 2023!

Members Present: Brooke Wharton (*Chair*), Andrea Stillo, Ann Salmon Anderman, Peter DeFreitas, Krista Marshall

Members Not Present Blair Moffett

Staff Present: Samantha Oldfield, Christa Morris Stone

Guests Present: Kathy Gould, Patti Carter, Jared Leclair

Meeting called to order 11:04am Central Standard Time.

2023 NRHA Event Schedules

The Aged Events committee discuss the two NRHA-owned event schedules. The NRHA Judges committee representatives are given the opportunity to speak to areas they feel could use improvement.

It is discussed for the NRHA Futurity schedule that the rookie competitors competing in the Bob's Custom Saddles Rookie Level 2 and the Toyon Ranch Rookie Level 1 NAAC Showdown could have their warm-up prior to competition in the coliseum from 6am-7:30am. This would allow the open Futurity finalists time to school the evening before at a reasonable hour and still allow the Rookie competitors ample time to prepare their horses for competition.

A motion is made to change the warm-up time for the Bob's Custom Saddles Rookie Level 2 and the Toyon Ranch Rookie Level 1 NAAC Showdown to 6am-7:30am on Saturday prior to competition in the coliseum. This motion was seconded, and there were none opposed.

The committee moves on to discuss the NRHA Derby schedule. It is discussed the repetition of using pattern 6 and 8 six times in the Adequan arena.

The Zoom session has a technical glitch.

It is discussed the importance of condensing the non pro Derby showing time down so that non professionals do not need to be present at the event for an egregious amount of time. The idea is discussed to flip the Open first gos with the non pro first gos. This would still leave Thursday as a rest day for non pro horses.

It is discussed to send the schedule to the NRHA Board of Directors with the idea of the gos being flipped. Additional edits to the schedule can be sent after the fact, such as pattern changes, so long as the schedules are posted far out from the events. It is also discussed to ask the NRHA Professionals committee their thoughts on the flipping of the gos. The Professionals committee have a conference call tomorrow, and Brooke Wharton, Andrea Stillo, Samantha Oldfield, and Christa Morris Stone will work to be present to provide background on what the Aged Events committee are looking at changing for the schedule. It is also suggested that the Professionals committee could look at the patterns to see if they had feedback they would like to provide. In addition, it is discussed that the ground at the Futurity held up but took a beating with the current patterns set and this will need to be looked at.

Additional Comments from the Committee

It is discussed that there is need for a policy on "moving a draw when there is a conflict in another arena". This will have further discussion at a future Aged Events meeting.

Motion made to adjourn at 12:15am Central Standard Time.