

NATIONAL REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION
European Affiliate Council Meeting Minutes
Venice, Italy
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Members Present: Bernard Fonck, Rosanne Sternberg, Paulus Beurskens, Markus Schopfer, Maik Bartmann, Isabeau Rohde, Rudi Kronsteiner, Adrienne Speidel, Pietro Marseglia, Agnes Csolle, Annette Andersen, Malin Billberg, Eleuterio Arcese

Guests Present: Simona Diale, Francesca Sternberg, Tom de Boever, Jonna McCabe, Bianca Bekking, Joao Marcos, Gisela Haas, Stefan Rohde, Alessandro Meconi, Cristina Serra, Nadine Elsner

Members Not Present: Tony Llarena, Mariannick Domont-Perret, Adrian Motyka, Teija Pietila

Staff Present: Samantha Oldfield, Gary Carpenter

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 4:07PM CET- 16:07.

2024-2025 EAC Bids

The Council will wait until tomorrow until the French representatives can participate to speak to their bid.

Chuck Klipfel arrives.

Review of the 2023 NRHA European Futurity Conditions

It is clarified the Open Level 4 only riders for Europe will need to pay the 2,000 euro sponsorship to the Open Level 4 futurity purse. If a rider is in the US but earned European Open Level 4 status in Europe, they will be required to pay. If they come from the US to show at the European Futurity than they will also be required to pay.

It is clarified that this stipulation needs to be required to enter the event. In addition, it needs to be included in the conditions.

A proposal has been made to the Italian Reining Horse Association to host the European Futurity in Rome. It is asked of the Council to choose the location they wish, Rome or Cremona.

It is clarified that the Italian Derby will be held in Cremona at the end of March.

It is asked if the ground will remain the same between the Italian Derby and the European Futurity.

A motion is made that the 2023 NRHA European Futurity will be held in Cremona and the Open Level 4 sponsorship of 2,000 euro each will be considered a donation. Motion is seconded and all are in favor.

It is requested that the NRHA draft a letter and send to Maria Cecilia Fiorucci which will include that the location of Rome is too far at this time, but the Council would consider the location for a future event.

In review of the conditions, it is noted that the consolation needs to be removed per previous Council discussion and voting.

It is discussed that the finals need to be concluded by 10pm including the ribbon ceremony.

A motion is made to accept the 2023 NRHA European Futurity conditions under the terms and edits discussed. The motion is seconded. All are in favor.

Motion is made to accept the Global Youth Cup at the 2023 NRHA European Futurity. This motion is seconded and all are in favor.

Raising the Added Money for the European Futurity

A presentation is made on an idea of having each affiliate pay 10% of the added money they have each year to the European Futurity purse.

It is clarified that 10% of the added money from each event will go to NRHA to be included in the European events (European Futurity and European Derby).

It is discussed that the European Affiliate Championships would need to receive a portion as they are part of Europe and will be paying into the 10%.

A small group will work on this concept in the evening and will present their findings the next day during the affiliate summit.

Nadine Elsner arrives.

The task force created to work on this topic:

Bernard
Rudi
Paulus
Markus
Annette
Maik
Isabeau

2023 EAC Meeting Schedule

The 2023 NRHA European Council Meeting schedule is discussed. It is requested to have a phone call between now and the European Futurity, a meeting at the European Futurity, a call between the European Futurity and the European Affiliate Championships, a meeting at the European Affiliate Championships, a call between the European Affiliate Championships and the European Derby, and a meeting at the European Derby.

Future European Summit Locations

This topic will be discussed tomorrow in the European Affiliate Summit.

Call for Topics for Tomorrow

There is a call for discussion topics during the European Summit tomorrow. It is requested to have a focus on the nomination splits and the European option for US breeders.

World Reining Update

Francesca Sternberg speaks to the World Reining event. It is explained to the Council that each country will send a team of Junior, Senior, Young Rider, and Amateur. The teams will be of 3 or 4.

There will be a Para Reining team of 2 or 1. It is clarified that there will be great prizes and opportunity for international teams.

In discussing the event dates, it is discussed moving the European Affiliate Championships to July 3-7 with the World Reining to follow.

Council takes a break 6:00pm

Council comes back 6:24pm

NRHA Animal Welfare and Medications Policy

A motion is made to accept the one policy format, motion seconded, all are in favor.

Motion made to adjourn, motion seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM CET- 18:30.

Follow-up European Council Decisions made on January 28th during the European Affiliate Summit

Updates from Affiliates

It is asked that each affiliate provide an update on the happenings and status of their affiliate.

Raising the Added Money for the European Futurity and Future Locations

It is discussed the concept of each affiliate providing 10% of their added money for the year to the European Futurity purse.

It is discussed that for smaller countries with less added this would be potentially difficult, and that perhaps countries with 10,000 or less in added would be excused from the 10% requirement.

Gary Carpenter provides the background on how the Futurity Challenge was created.

Belgium offers to give 20,000 euro every year for five years to the European Futurity purse. The other countries jump in with support of the following every year for five years:

10,000 from Austria from Rudi Kronsteiner

100,000 from Arcese

500 from Denmark

3,000 from United Kingdom- where 2,000 will come from Rosanne Sternberg and 1,000 will come from Francesca Sternberg

2,000 from Paulus Beurskens

5,000 from France

1,000 from Sweden

15,000 from Poland from Katarzyna Roleska

5,000 from Germany- however Germany needs to wait until their new board is set and this number could potentially increase.

10,000 from CS Ranch

Switzerland later added 20,000 split from Adrienne Speidel and Sabine Schmid

It is clarified that all of this added will go directly into the European Futurity.

It is discussed having the European Futurity locations rotate between Italy and Germany. A motion is made to put the European Futurity in Italy one year and Germany the second. It will be included on the agenda at the European Futurity to discuss dates and possibilities. The motion is seconded and passes unanimously.

2024-2025 EAC Bids

It is asked of the Summit attendees what are the barriers to submitting a bid to host the European Affiliate Championships. It is discussed that the financial responsibility is a factor, and it's a lot of money to come up with as a smaller affiliate, but if affiliates work together it's a lot easier. It is discussed that it should remain a standalone event.

A vote is taken to have the 2024-2025 European Affiliate championships to go to France. The vote passes unanimously.

Future European Summit Locations

The location of the 2024 European Affiliate Summit is discussed. Barcelona is suggested and the Summit attendees agree unanimously.

Feedback from the Summit

Each European Affiliate Summit representative is asked to give feedback on the Summit. The overall themes were expression of excitement of how well some of the smaller affiliates are doing, that it was amazing to see everyone coming together to make the Futurity prestigious, the excitement that everyone wants to make an effort to improve things, and that it's the first time that everyone at the Summit is working together and not against.

The Global Youth Cup

The Global Youth Cup is discussed and a call is made from the European Summit participants to bring extra horses to the European Futurity to participate. Francesca Sternberg, Rudi Kronsteiner, Pietro Marseglia, Chuck Klipfel, and Bernard Fonck all agree to bring one. It is clarified that May 27th will be the date of competition.