

**National Reining Horse Association  
Minutes of the Stewards Committee  
Date January 17, 2023, at 1:00pm (CST)**

*Approved 3/28/2023*

Members Present: Van Luse – Committee Chair, Walt Larson – Vice Chair, Lyle Jackson, Alessandro Dezzutto, Sandy Jirkovsky, Matt Lantz, Richard Pokluda, Shane Brown

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 1:08 P.M. CST

**II. Welcome/Future Goals**

- a. Create open lines of communication between stewards and professionals.
- b. Improve the report writing skills of all stewards.
  - i. Educational report writing seminars will be scheduled after the Winter Meeting.
    1. All stewards will be invited and strongly encouraged to attend.
- c. Create a Code of Ethics for the Stewards
  - i. Van Luse and Walt Larson will spearhead this project. A sub committee will be created if needed.
- d. Create more open lines of communication with judges and the Judges Committee

**III. Review Steward Education**

- a. Committee reviewed the PowerPoint currently used for steward recertification for those who are active NRHA stewards.
  - i. Notes were made for areas of the PowerPoint which need to be updated prior to the next recertification section.
  - ii. New content will be added based on any experiences the committee members encounter while in the field.
- b. New stewards are required to attend an in-person Stewards Seminar
  1. Upcoming Seminar: March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**IV. Winter Meeting Agenda**

- a. Steward Committee Section: February 7<sup>th</sup>, 12:15 PM – 1:30 PM
- b. Winter Meeting Agenda Notes:
  - i. Review Current Steward Educational Content
  - ii. Vote on Stewards for the 2023 Derby
    1. An availability survey will be sent out to all current stewards.
- c. Committee members who are unable to attend the Winter Meeting in-person will be encouraged to join via Zoom.

- V. Upcoming Steward Seminar (3-19-2023)**
  - a. Two members signed up as of 1/17/2023
    - i. Van Luse will attend to teach the seminar. Additional committee members will be asked to assist if a larger number of members sign up.

Meeting adjourned at 1:45 P.M. CST