

**NATIONAL REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION  
Aged Events Committee Minutes  
Conference Call  
July 27, 2023**

*Approved September 20, 2023*

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

Members Not Present: Peter DeFreitas (*Vice Chair*), Blair Moffett

Staff Present: Samantha Oldfield, Christa Morris Stone

Guests Present: Cheryl Cody

**Meeting called to order 11:06am CST.**

**Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

The committee reviews the previous meeting minutes. A motion is made to approve the minutes as presented. The motion is seconded, and all are in favor. The motion passes unanimously.

**Review of 2023 NRHA Derby**

The committee reviews the 2023 NRHA Derby.

*Krista Marshall joins 11:09am.*

*Cheryl Cody joins 11:11am.*

Motion made to use Pattern 14 in the novice horse open in the Futurity. Motion seconded. All are in favor.

It is discussed that there was very good feedback received from the Derby from members on the schedule. It is questioned the need to shut the arena down for 1.5 hours after the open finals to work the ground for the next day. Brooke Wharton will check with Jimmy Kiser to verify this necessity.

**2024 NRHA Derby Conditions**

The committee review the 2023 NRHA Derby conditions for updates for the 2024 event. It is discussed the updates that will automatically be going in to align the conditions with next year's rule changes. This includes an Open 8 & up and aligning the Amateur conditions with what is provided in the *Handbook*. There is discussion on whether or not the added money should be increased in the Prime-Time division due to rising participation. It is also discussed if too much money is added it potentially will kick riders out of classes for eligibility which would not be the goal.

**2024 NRHA Futurity Conditions**

The committee review the 2023 NRHA Futurity conditions for updates for the 2024 event.

Discussion turns to the payment schedule. It is noted that the June 1<sup>st</sup> deadline is very difficult for riders and the show management team, and that perhaps the payments could be shifted to be the following:

March 1

May 1

July 1

September 1

October 1

It is noted that it puts a lot of pressure on September and October when a lot of other entries are due. It is suggested to remove the third payment deadline and allocate those funds to the other payments.

A motion is made to move to four payments a year and forgo the June payment. Seconded. All are in favor.

It is suggested that the finance committee discuss how to distribute the funds in these four payments so it does not lose NRHA any financial support.

The discussion turns to the Futurity schedule and what the opportunity is for a longer move-in. It is discussed that show management is trying to keep the cap at around 100 runs a day to keep the days manageable for riders and staff and needs the extra days to make this happen. Brooke Wharton will discuss with Jim Kiser to make sure the arena will be ready in time for move-in so there is no delay for horses getting into the arena.

Clarification is made on the non pro first go section 3 that runs the same day as the first section of the open semi-finals. This has caused concern for the days before with schooling time. It is noted that this section is there if the entry numbers require it, however if they do not there is still wiggle room to drop this third section. The show management team will know for sure when the draw is done.

It is requested that NRHA staff verify past schooling schedules for when open and non pro were running on the same day to see how the arena was scheduled in the nights before.

Once the draw comes out and it is noted that this third section is necessary to have, if the show management team need assistance on schooling planning, the Aged Events committee will reconvene to discuss.

Motion to adjourn, seconded- approved.

*Motion made to adjourn at 12:06pm CST.*