

**NATIONAL REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION**  
**NRHA Judges Committee/Teaching Pool Meeting Minutes**  
**Virtual Zoom Call**  
**March 29<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 P.M. (CST)**

*Approved 4/3/2023*

Members Present: Committee Chair – Eugenio Latorre, Vice Chair – Mike McEntire, Bob Kail, Bub Poplin, Doug Allen, Manuela Maiocchi, Margaret Fuchs, Matt Lantz, Pat Wickenheiser, Sebastian Petroll, Todd Sommers, Ollie Griffith

Members Not Present: Jared LeClair, Craig Schmersal, Maik Bartmann

Staff Present: Sr. Director of Education and Officials Patti Carter, Education and Officials Coordinator Lillian Esterl-Byrne

**I. Call to Order**

Committee Chair, Eugenio Latorre, called the meeting to order at 12:01 P.M. (CST).

**II. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

- a. Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes from the 2/22/2023 and 3/8/2023 Judges Committee meetings – motion passed unanimously.

**III. Memo for Board of Directors on Changing the Maneuver Score**

- a. The committee reviewed and discussed the memo to the Board of Directors proposing to allow judges to change a maneuver score in a review situation on a trial basis for the 2023 NRHA Derby and Futurity.
  - i. Once finalized, the memo will be submitted to the Board of Directors.

**IV. Review Pertinent Rule Change Proposals**

- a. The committee reviewed and discussed the rule change proposals which would affect NRHA Judges.
- b. The committee's support or lack thereof and any comments were recorded in a separate excel document.
  - i. This information will be sent back to the Board of Directors when the rule change proposals are reviewed for the second time.

**V. Conflict of Interest Exemption for Todd Sommers**

- a. The Judges Committee approved Todd Sommer's exemption request to judge a show in Hamilton, TX as they established there was no true conflict of interest for the situation.

**VI. Discussion of Applicant from Italy Judges Seminar – Executive Session**

**VII. Discussion on Australia Judges' Expiration Date**

- a. As Australian judges attended a judges school in 2022, they will be required to retest prior to 12/31/2024.
  - i. They will be sent documentation of their expiration date.

**Meeting Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 1:15 P.M. (CST)