

**NATIONAL REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION**  
**European Affiliate Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Conference Call**  
**March 17, 2023**

*Approved May 26, 2023*

Members Present: Rosanne Sternberg, Paulus Beurskens, Markus Schopfer, Maik Bartmann, Mariannick Domont-Perret, Isabeau Rohde, Adrian Motyka, Rudi Kronsteiner, Adrienne Speidel, Pietro Marseglia, Teija Pietila, Agnes Csolle, Annette Andersen, Malin Billberg

Guests Present: Mark Blake, Mike Hancock

Members Not Present: Bernard Fonck, Tony Llarena

Staff Present: Samantha Oldfield, Gary Carpenter

**Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 5:06PM/17:06 CET- 11:06AM CST.

**Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

It was asked that the vote of moving the Futurity to Germany one year and Italy the next is in the minutes. It is clarified that it is in there.

A motion is made to approve the previous meeting minutes. This motion is seconded. All are in favor.

It is questioned why the split of how the added money supported by the individuals is not in the minutes. It is clarified that this did not have an official vote yet but would be up for discussion at either the end of this meeting or the next. It is clarified that it should be open level 4/open level 3 70%/30% split. It is clarified that this will need to be voted on by the Council either today or at a future date and will be included in the contract that the supporters receive.

It is questioned whether the Italians will come back on with their event support. There is discussion on the importance of this. Gary Carpenter and Samantha Oldfield will do their best to work with the Italian team to bring them back into the fold.

**NRHA Board of Directors Seats**

NRHA staff notify the Council of the two nominated names for the NRHA Board of Directors for the European region. Maik Bartmann and Rudi Kronsteiner have been nominated for these seats and accept the nomination.

A motion is made to approve Maik Bartmann and Rudi Kronsteiner for the two European seats on the NRHA Board of Directors. This motion is seconded. All are in favor, and the motion passes unanimously.

The question of length of term is discussed. It is discussed to bring this topic to the Council at the meeting in Lyon to make sure everyone is still happy with the representation. It is also discussed the concept of rotating the Board of Director seat retirement so that both seats do not come off at the same time.

It is asked that once all the letters of intent are returned to NRHA, that NRHA put out a press release showing the support Europeans are putting in to make the European Futurity a premier event.

*Adrian Motyka and Agnes Csolle join at 11:45am.*

### **NRHA Rule Change Proposals**

The Council reviews the 2024 NRHA proposed rule changes and provides the following feedback to the NRHA Board of Directors:

20-1-24: Motion made to support as written. Motion seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

*Gary Carpenter leaves at 11:47am.*

*Isabeau Rohde joins at 11:48am.*

37-1-24: No feedback provided but request legal counsel make the appropriate definition-unanimous. Recommend not changing "child".

42-1-24: Support unanimously.

*Mike Hancock and Mark Blake leave at 12:13pm.*

47-1-24: Support unanimously.

54-4-24: Support with amendment that a judge's monitor is recommended for AA events under letter G- however wish to make sure all language is clear across the board (policies and other locations in the *Handbook*)

61-1-24: Support unanimously.

66-1-24: There is news that a shipment center is being worked on in northern Germany. As there is no customs or tax on sports trophies being shipped into Germany it is ideal. The plates would only be the piece to be resolved. Samantha Oldfield requests that the proprietor of this shipment center provide a proposal to NRHA for review. No feedback will be provided until further details of this proposal are received.

132-1-24: Support unanimously.

TBD-1-24: Support the intent but not the execution. Needs more consideration.

### **NRHA European Affiliate Council Bylaws**

This item will be moved to the May meeting agenda.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be Friday May 26<sup>th</sup> at 9am CET. It is requested that the next conference call is organized for 7pm- 1900 CET.

*Meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM CET- 19:05 / 1:05 PM CST.*