

NATIONAL REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION
European Affiliate Council Meeting Minutes
European Futurity
Cremona, Italy
May 26, 2023

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Members Present: Bernard Fonck, Rosanne Sternberg, Paulus Beurskens, Markus Schopfer, Mariannick Domont-Perret, Isabeau Rohde, Rudi Kronsteiner, Adrienne Speidel, Pietro Marseglia, Agnes Csolle, Malin Billberg

Guests Present: Simona Diale, Grischa Ludwig

Members Not Present: Adrian Motyka, Teija Pietila, Annette Andersen, Maik Bartmann,

Staff Present: Samantha Oldfield, Gary Carpenter

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 9:45AM CET- 2:45AM CST.

Updates

Representatives from affiliates provide updates on their programs and affiliate business.

Agnes Csolle and Malin Billberg arrives 9:57am.

NRHA European Council Bylaws Review

The Council review the NRHA European Council and European Executive Board bylaws with suggested updates from NRHA staff.

The Council make the following edits:

Under Article III #3 it is suggested to leave in the verbiage “AGM” when in reference to the Summit as this meeting is aimed at providing both functions.

Markus Schopfer arrives at 10:10am.

Under Article IV #8 it is requested to update the verbiage that an Executive Board member must physically attend at least two meetings, instead of the previous requirement of one.

Under Article IV #9 it is requested to leave the struck-out language in.

Under Article IV #10 it is requested to add the language at the end “One must be attended in person”.

Pietro Marseglia arrives at 10:23am.

Gary Carpenter arrives at 10:27am.

Under Article IV #14 it is requested to update the sentence “The EEB will put names forward every two years for approval...” to strike “two” and have it every year.

Under Article IV #15 it is requested to update c. to say, "All nominees will be asked to express their interest to why they feel they would be a good candidate for the NRHA Board of Directors".

Under Schedule 3 #2 it is requested to add "task forces" to the sentence "Ad hoc committees may be set up by the board".

A motion is made to approve the updates provided in the memo with the above-listed edits. The motion is seconded, and all are in favor.

Simona Diale leaves at 10:46am.

Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes

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

Voting on the Monetary Splits for the European Futurity Support

The Council discusses the monetary splits for the European Futurity support dollars.

A motion is made that the Futurity support will be managed by NRHA and 100% will go on top of the nomination dollars, and the money will be split 70% in the open and 30% in the non pro, with 60% going to the level 4 and 40% going to the level 3. This motion is seconded and passes unanimously.

Bernard Fonck arrives at 10:56am.

The question is raised of what the sponsors will receive out of the support they give. It is mentioned what is provided to the Futurity Challenge sponsors for the North American Futurity. A task force is created to look into what this should look like for the European Futurity supporters. The task force will consist of Bernard Fonck, Rosanne Sternberg, Mike Hancock, Rudi Kronsteiner, Pietro Marseglia and Isabeau Rhode.

Review of the Open Level 4 Support of 2,000 Euro

The Council reviews the current European Futurity stipulation that all Open Level 4 competitors (regardless of whether or not they are competing at the European Futurity) will be required to pay 2,000 euro into the European Futurity Open Level 4 purse.

A task force is set up to review this program. The task force will consist of the same individuals as those above.

NRHA European Derby Conditions Review

The Council reviews the 2023 NRHA European Derby conditions as submitted by the event organizers.

Grischa Ludwig arrives at 11:39am.

A motion is made to approve the conditions. This motion is seconded and passes unanimously.

2024 NRHA European Futurity Location

The 2024 NRHA European Futurity location is discussed. Germany was slated to host, however after a large turnover of their team, it is discussed that waiting until 2025 would be more appropriate. The discussion turns to Italy hosting the event once more.

The disagreement between Italy and the European Council is discussed. It is requested that an agreement is created where it is made clear the support from both sides. It is also requested that the NRHA European Council bylaws are translated into Italian to help clarify a few points of contest.

It is discussed that once all of the above is clarified, the location for the 2024 NRHA European Futurity can be finalized.

Medications Testing Inquiry

The Council reviews the proposal from NRHA staff on a plan to combat inflation with medications testing in Europe.

A motion is made to approve the presented option A, C, and D and to put into effect immediately. This motion is seconded and passes unanimously.

2024 NRHA Restricted European Eligibility Policy

Adrienne Speidel leaves at 11:51pm

A reminder is given to the Council that the NRHA European restricted eligibility policy will need to be approved prior to August as this is when it goes to the NRHA Board of Directors for approval. It is requested that NRHA staff send out the current policy to the NRHA board for a refresher.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is discussed as it is slated to be during the 2023 NRHA European Affiliate Championships. The concept of holding meetings at horse shows is also discussed. It is discussed that it is too difficult as members of the Council are either competing or judging or coaching. It is requested that the next Council meeting be digital. The next meeting's date and time will be communicated further on.

Announcement on Updated Commissioner

Gary Carpenter provides an update on the new commissioner that will be coming to NRHA.

Meeting adjourned at 12:16PM CET- 5:16 AM CST.