

National Reining Horse Association
Minutes of the Professional Committee
Date: May 17th, 2023 at 3:00 P.M. (CST)
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Approved 5/24/2023

Members Present: Committee Chair – Jordan Larson, Ryan Rushing, Trevor Dare, Jason Vanlandingham, Gunny Mathison, Matt Palmer, Kaci O'Rourke, Casey Hinton

Not Present: Vice Chair – Dan Huss, Nick Valentine, Hiram Resende Silva Filho, Kole Price, Tracer Gilson, Brandon Brant

Staff: Sr. Director of Education and Officials – Patti Carter, Education and Officials Coordinator – Lillian Esterl-Byrne, RHF Executive Director – Leslie Baker

Guests: AQHA Show Committee Chair & Past AQHA Pros Committee Chair – Geno Spagnola

I. Call To Order

Sr. Director of Education and Officials, Patti Carter, called the meeting to order at 3:02 P.M.

II. Welcome & Discussion with AQHA Guests

- a. Geno Spagnola spoke to the committee about the AQHA Crisis Fund and Professional Horseman's Academy.
 - i. The Professional Horseman's Academy is an education initiative started by AQHA to help educate equine professionals about the importance of key business skills.
 1. Topics to be covered include:
 - a. Financial
 - b. Marketing & Communication
 - c. Legal
 - d. Ethics & Animal Welfare

III. Reiners Rope Updates & Discussion

- a. RHF Executive Director, Leslie Baker, spoke on the history and background of Reiners Rope.
 - i. Reiners Rope is an event spearheaded by NRHA Professionals
 - ii. Proceeds from Reiners Rope goes to the Dale Wilkinson Memorial Crisis Fund
- b. The committee discussed potential ways to increase attendance at the events as well as discussing action items for this year's event.

IV. 2023 NRBC EHV-1 Outbreak Discussion

- a. The committee discussed how professionals can more effectively help address biosecurity concerns at large events.
- b. The committee discussed the potential need for additional health record requirements at major events to prevent disease outbreaks.

V. 2023 NRBC Tractor Incident Discussion

- a. The committee discussed the implementation of stricter tractor etiquette protocols for the 2023 NRHA Derby.

- b. An additional steward has been hired for the 2023 NRHA Derby to assist with upholding the updated tractor drag protocols.

VI. Discussion on Educational Review Collaboration between the Professionals and Judges Committee hosted at Jared LeClair's

- a. The committee discussed their perspectives from the educational review and expressed their desire to be more involved in determining the standards for maneuver evaluation.

VII. ProTrainer Update

- a. The Spring 2023 ProTrainer is now available online.

VIII. Equitarian Initiative

- a. Sr. Director of Education and Officials, Patti Carter, provided the committee with background on the Equitarian Initiative and NRHA's potential collaboration.

IX. Update on Pros Promotional Video for the Derby

- a. Sr. Director of Education and Officials, Patti Carter, will investigate the status of the video project.

X. Other Topics

- a. An additional meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 24th at 3:00 pm to discuss the medication testing process with the Stewards at the 2023 Derby.

Meeting adjourned at 4:29 p.m. (CST)