

National Reining Horse Association
Minutes of the Professional Committee
Date: February 23, 2023 at 3:00 P.M. (CST)

Approved 3/2/2023

Members Present: Committee Chair – Jordan Larson, Committee Vice Chair – Dan Huss, Hiram Resende Silva Filho, Ryan Rushing, Kaci O'Rourke, Tracer Gilson, Casey Hinton, Trevor Dare, Jason Vanlandingham, Brandon Brant

Not Present: Nick Valentine, Matt Palmer, Kole Price, Gunny Mathison

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

I. Call To Order

Patti Carter, Sr. Director of Education and Officials, called the meeting to order at 3:06 P.M. (CST)

II. Review and Approve Winter Meeting Minutes

- a. Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes from the 2023 Winter Meeting – motion passed unanimously.

III. Responsibilities of Committee Members, Committee Chair, and Staff Liaison

- a. The committee reviewed the Committee Member, Committee Chair, and Staff Liaison position descriptions and responsibilities.

IV. Review 2023 Futurity Patterns

- a. Motion made and seconded to make no changes to the 2023 Futurity patterns – motion passed unanimously.
 - i. The suggestion was made to potentially add another drag at night to help the ground.

V. Review Rule Change Proposals

- a. The committee reviewed and discussed the rule change proposals which would affect NRHA Professionals.
- 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.

VI. Remaining Winter Meeting Agenda Items

- a. Safe Sport Discussion – *Tabled for a future meeting*
- b. Discussion on the Three Horse Limit at Major Events
 - i. Motion made and seconded to maintain the three horse limit at major events – motion passed unanimously.

- c. Discussion on high money added events being required to hold a go round and finals.
 - i. Motion made and seconded to recommend that the draw be organized by level (i.e. so that all Level 1's run together then all Level 2, etc.) for events which have one go and substantial added money – motion passed unanimously.
 - ii. Motion made and seconded to recommend that the 4-year-old division be held separately at major events – motion passed unanimously.

VII. Next Meeting Date

- a. Tentative meeting set for the beginning of June unless otherwise necessary.

Meeting adjourned at 4:31 p.m. (CST)