

National Reining Horse Association
Minutes of the Professional Committee
Virtual Zoom Call
Date: May 24th, 2023 at 3:00 P.M. (CST)

Approved 9/8/2023

Members Present: Committee Chair – Jordan Larson, Vice Chair – Dan Huss, Jason Vanlandingham, Hiram Resende Silva Filho, Casey Hinton, Ryan Rushing, Kaci O'Rourke, Justin Mathison

Not Present: Nick Valentine, Matt Palmer, Kole Price, Tracer Gilson, Trevor Dare, Brandon Brant

Staff: Sr. Director of Education and Officials – Patti Carter, Assistant Commissioner – Christa Morris-Stone, Sr. Director of International Affairs & Development – Sam Oldfield, Bryn Wells Fine – Medications and Animal Welfare Manager, Education and Officials Coordinator – Lillian Esterl-Byrne

Guests: Stewards Committee Chair – Van Luse, NRHA Derby Show Manager – Cheryl Cody

I. Call To Order

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

II. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- a. Motion made and seconded to approve the 5-17-2023 committee meeting minutes – motion passed unanimously.

III. NRHA Derby Medications Testing Reminders

- a. Sr. Director of International Affairs & Development, Sam Oldfield, introduced Bryn Wells Fine who has recently joined NRHA and will spear head the medications program moving forward.
 - i. Questions regarding medication testing can be directed to medications@nrha.com.
- b. Sam Oldfield provided an overview of the medication testing process for the 2023 NRHA Derby.
 - i. An overview of the medication testing process will be shared during the Rider's Meeting
 - ii. The procedure will be provided in written form at the draw party to all finalists.
 - iii. Text messages will be used to contact those slated for testing.
 - iv. The updated medications report form can be found on nrha.com/forms.
 1. A digital version will also be available.

IV. 2023 6666 NRHA Derby Tractor Protocol

- a. NRHA Rider Protocol For Riders When Tractor is in the Arena: When the tractor enters any arena, all riders in the arena must follow the direction of the tractor driver and/or the NRHA Show Steward and move to the side of the arena. Once at the side of the arena, riders must cease all forward motion (including walking, spinning, trotting circles, backing etc.). Failure to comply will result in all horses being excused from the arena to complete the drag. Thanks for your cooperation in keeping a safe environment for all riders and horses. - NRHA Executive Committee and NRHA Show Management
- b. An additional steward has been hired for the 2023 Derby to assist with facilitating the drags.

V. 2023 NRHA Derby Biosecurity Discussion

- a. Cheryl Cody gave an overview of the biosecurity protocols and vaccination requirements being implemented for the 2023 Derby.
 - i. This information will be communicated to all exhibitors prior to the event.

Meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m. (CST)