

National Reining Horse Association
Minutes of the Professional Committee
Virtual Zoom Call
Date: September 19, 2023 at 3:00 P.M. (CST)

Approved 11/15/2023

Members Present: Committee Chair – Jordan Larson, Kaci O'Rourke, Tracer Gilson, Ryan Rushing, Nick Valentine, Matt Palmer

Not Present: Dan Huss – Vice Chair, Hiram Resende Silva Filho, Kole Price, Casey Hinton, Trevor Dare, Jason Vanlandingham, Gunny Mathison, Brandon Brant

Staff: Assistant Commissioner – Christa Morris-Stone, Sr. Director of Education and Officials – Patti Carter, Sr. Director of Corporate Relations – Christy Landwehr, Sr. Director of International Affairs & Development – Sam Oldfield, Director of Marketing – Sara Honegger, Education and Officials Coordinator – Lillian Esterl-Byrne,

I. Call To Order

Sr. Director of Education and Officials, Patti Carter, called the meeting to order at 3:05 P.M.

II. Aged Event at the 2024 Derby Discussion

- a. The committee submitted a recommendation to the Aged Events Committee that the 2024 Derby host an 8 & Up Open Level 4 with \$10,000 added and an 8 & Up Open Level 2 with \$5,000 added.

III. Review of Top 10 Open Rider Lists

- a. The committee reviewed the Top Open & Non Pro Rider Lists by each level in Aged Events (Categories 2 & 6). The goal of these lists is to provide further recognition for riders across all levels.
- b. These lists will be published on NRHA social media platforms on a quarterly basis.

IV. WeRideTogether Follow Up Discussion

- a. WeRideTogether gave an educational presentation to the Professionals, Stewards, and Youth Committees.
- b. WeRideTogether is a nonprofit with the mission to make sports environments safer for all athletes.
- c. Further action steps regarding WeRideTogether will be discussed at the next committee meeting once all members have reviewed the recorded presentation.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m. (CST)