

NATIONAL REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
February 4-5, 2024

Approved 4/11/24

Present: President Mark Blake, Vice President Mike Hancock, John Tague, Ed Bricker, Sebastian Petroll, Rob Curtis, Ruben Pacheco, Tim Anderson, Mike Davis, Karen Shedlauskas, Joao Marcos, Ginger Schmersal, Margaret Fuchs, Kylie Warn, Andrea Stillo

Staff: Commissioner Billy Smith, Assistant Commissioner Christa Morris-Stone, Chief Financial Officer John Foy, Director of Governance & Executive Administration Liz Kelsey Chris Mossman, Leslie Baker, Angie Honeywell, Bryn Fine, Sara Honegger, Christy Landwehr, Patti Carter, Samantha Oldfield, Kristen Liesman

Conference Call: Rudi Kronsteiner, Maik Bartmann, Lyndon Hale, Drake Johnson

Guests: Jessica How, Jenny Ricotta, Jamie Walters, Andre De Bellefeuille

Call to Order:

President Mark Blake called the meeting to order at 1:04 pm. He welcomed everyone and then everyone introduced themselves.

Consent Agenda

A motion and a second were made to approve as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report

Chief Financial Officer John Foy presented the financial report.

Investment Policy

A motion and a second were made to approve as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Audit

John Foy shared that NRHA had a clean audit, and it has been available online for some time. He stated that we have strong net assets, cash, and are in the best financial position we have ever been in. He added that purses are growing, membership is stable, and our media contacts are growing and we are reaching more people than ever in reining.

Futurity & Sale

John Foy shared the Futurity & Sale P&L and announced that this event was the first time we had paid out over \$3 million in total purse money.

Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Billy Smith shared his report with the board.

Strategic Plan

A motion and a second were made to approve as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Board of Directors Code of Ethics

A motion and a second were made to approve as presented. Motion passed unanimously. Copies would be sent out to the board for signature.

Election Procedures

A motion and a second were made to approve the recommendation as presented except for the realignment of the regions. Further research would be needed on the regions.

A motion and a second were made to approve Andre De Bellefeuille to the NRHA Board of Directors to fill the vacant regional director seat for Canada.

Motion passed unanimously.

Visa Support Letters

A motion and a second were made to approve an appropriate rush fee of \$250 only for visa letter requests. Motion passed. 4 opposed.

Committee Recommendations

Aged Events Committee Recommendations

Derby Schedule

A motion and a second were made to approve as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Futurity Schedule

A motion and a second were made to approve as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Affiliate Committee Recommendation

ARC Hosts

A motion and a second were made to approve Reining China only. Motion passed unanimously.

NAAC Conditions

A motion and a second were made to approve NAAC conditions. Motion passed. One opposed.

Bylaw Committee

A motion and a second were made to approve the bylaw amendment proposal as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Judges Committee

A motion to amend the update to include the definition of immediately family to be the same same as our Non Pro conditions. Motion passed. 3 opposed.

Standing Committees for Approval

A motion and second were made to approve the standing committees as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

NRHA Executive Committee Recommendation- *Executive Session*

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 pm.

February 5, 2024

Present: President Mark Blake, Vice President Mike Hancock, John Tague, Ed Bricker, Sebastian Petroll, Rob Curtis, Ruben Pacheco, Tim Anderson, Mike Davis, Karen Shedlauskas, Joao Marcos, Ginger Schmersal, Margaret Fuchs, Kylie Warn, Andrea Stillo, Andre De Bellefeuille

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Conference Call: Rudi Kronsteiner, Maik Bartmann, Lyndon Hale

Absent: Drake Johnson

Guests: Jessica How, Jenny Ricotta, Jamie Walters, Eugenio Lattore, Terri Mainey, Jenny Ricotta, Kim Niven, Cam Essick, Carol Rose, Jamie Walters, Jessica How, Larri Jo Starkey

Call to Order:

President Mark Blake called the meeting to order at 9:54 am. Opened in executive session with staff and guests excused.

Judges Committee Recommendation- *Executive Session*

Judges for Approval- *Executive Session*

Medications Program-*Executive Session*

Open Session: Staff and Guests joined the meeting and new guests were introduced.

Informational Items, Statistics, & Updates

Corporate Relations Update

Christy Landwehr presented.

2023 Statistics Overview

Christa Morris-Stone presented and shared that these would be available online and in the magazine.

2023 Futurity Marketing Overview

Sara Honegger presented.

Reining Horse Foundation Update

Leslie Baker and Tim Anderson presented.

ReinerSuite Update

Angie Honeywell presented.

Meeting adjourned at 11:42 am.