

**NATIONAL REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION  
European Affiliate Council Meeting Minutes  
Conference Call  
January 19, 2024**

*Approved March 14, 2024*

Members Present: Rosanne Sternberg, Paulus Beurskens, Markus Schopfer, Maik Bartmann, Mariannick Domont-Perret, Isabeau Rohde, Adrienne Speidel, Rudi Kronsteiner, Pietro Marseglia, Bernard Fonck, Teija Pietila, Malin Billberg, Agnes Csolle, Annette Andersen

Guests Present: Leonardo Arcese, Simona Diale, Jean-Jacques Borreil, Manon Giraud, Stefan Rohde, Jan Synnersten, Anna Porola, Cristina Serra, Gisela Haas, Nikolett Legindi, Eugenio Latorre.

Members Not Present: Lukasz Czechowicz

Staff Present: Samantha Oldfield, Billy Smith

**Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 4:38pm-16:38 CET/9:38am CST

**Confidentiality Agreement Signing**

NRHA staff request that all Council members sign and return the confidentiality agreement.

**2024 NRHA European Futurity Conditions**

The Council review the 2024 NRHA European Futurity conditions provided by the Italian Reining Horse Association.

There is discussion on why "IRHA" was added in under points 18-21. It is requested that NRHA take the conditions back to IRHA to discuss removal of "IRHA" from these points.

**2025 NRHA European Futurity Host Check-In**

It is questioned whether or not IRHA will continue the million dollar total added money for the European Futurity if it remains in Italy after 2024. It is discussed that it is unknown at this time, but IRHA will look into it.

**2025 NRHA European Affiliate Summit**

Suggestions are made for the 2025 NRHA European Affiliate Summit location. It is requested to have time to think on a good location for next year.

**Bylaws Review**

The European Council is presented with their bylaws and asked if there are any edits or changes they feel need to be made. It is consensus there are none.

**NRHA European Board of Directors**

NRHA staff remind the Council that the Board of Director seats will be up for election this coming fall and must be recorded to NRHA by October 1<sup>st</sup>. It is requested that bids for these two positions are turned in to the Council by September 1<sup>st</sup>. NRHA staff will coordinate sending communication to the Council relevant to this deadline.

**2024 Meeting Schedule**

NRHA staff present two options for meeting schedules. The first option contains all virtual, the second option includes three in-person meetings. The meeting dates are as follows:

March 14, 2024- Virtual

May 23, 2024- In person at the European Futurity

July 11, 2024- Virtual

September 12, 2024- Virtual

October 31, 2024- In person at the European Derby

A motion is made to have three in-person meetings a year, one at the Summit, one at the European Futurity, and one at the European Derby with the possibility to change one to virtual should it be necessary. This motion is seconded and all are in favor.

*Agnes Csolle leaves at 6:00pm-18:00 CET/11:00am CST*

### **Affiliate Renewal Paperwork**

The Council is reminded of the affiliate renewal paperwork deadline being January 31<sup>st</sup>.

### **2024 NRHA Winter Meeting Reminder**

The Council is reminded of the upcoming Winter Meeting in Oklahoma City.

### **Additional Information**

The Council is provided physical documents to review and share with their members on "The NRHA Structure" and how the Council fit into the picture, 2024 fees policy reminders, show approval and results deadline reminders, 2024 rule changes going into effect, the 2024 NRHA European restricted eligibility policy, and the current NRHA Animal Welfare and medications policy.

*Meeting adjourned at 6:27pm-18:27 CET/11:27am CST.*