

**National Reining Horse Association
Minutes of the Professionals Committee
January 25, 2024**

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Members Present: Professionals Committee Chair – Jordan Larson, Josh Crawley, Matt Palmer, Trevor Dare, Casey Hinton, Kaci O'Rourke, Robin Schoeller

Staff: NRHA Commissioner – Billy Smith, Sr. Director of Education and Officials – Patti Carter, Director of Marketing – Sara Honegger, Education and Officials Coordinator – Lillian Esterl-Byrne

Guests: Stewards Committee Chair – Van Luse

I. Call To Order

Sr. Director of Education and Officials – Patti Carter called the meeting to order at 3:12 P.M. (CST)

II. Futurity Checks Update presented by Billy Smith – *Executive Session*

III. Stewards Committee Recommendation for Nighttime Passes at NRHA Owned Events presented by Van Luse

Post Futurity recap discussions brought about concerns regarding the high number of spectators/reining enthusiasts in the stands during nighttime warm up sessions. The Stewards Committee is recommending the implementation of nighttime passes to help limit those allowed to view nighttime warm ups to only individuals with a pass as members of the Non Pro or Professionals team. If implemented, passes would be provided at the time of check-in for the event and exhibitors could collect as many passes as needed. Entry doors into the coliseum could be limited and a steward or ticket taker would be utilized to check nighttime passes. Further discussions with Show Management and the Stewards Committee will be held at a later date.

IV. Review NRHA's Strategic Plan presented by Patti Carter

The Committee reviewed and discussed NRHA's Strategic Plan which serves as a roadmap for all future goals. It was noted that Goal A, B & C directly relate to the objectives and purpose of the Professionals Committee.

V. Winter Meeting

The Professionals Committee session at the 2024 Winter Meeting is scheduled for February 6th at 2:00 – 3:15 P.M. (CST). Roll was taken to determine which committee members will be attending in person versus virtually.

VI. Review Professionals of the Year Criteria & Nominations

The Committee reviewed the nominations for the 2023 Professional of the Year awards and made nomination suggestions to add to the roster. A voting survey will be built and distributed to the professional members.

Meeting adjourned at 4:14 P.M. (CST)