



NATIONAL REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION
Board of Directors Meeting/Conference Call Minutes
August 17, 2025
South Point Casino-Monterey Bay & Zoom Call

Present:

NRHA EC: Mike Hancock, Casey Hinton, Ed “Hoot” Bricker, John Tague, Pete Kyle, Tom McCutcheon

NRHA BOD: Tim Anderson, Ed “Hoot” Bricker, Travis Chapmann, Mike Davis, Jenny Ricotta, Andrea Stillo, Jose Soto Soberanes, Kylie Warn

Absent:

NRHA BOD: Maik Bartmann, Rudi Kronsteiner, Bundy Lane

Staff:

Billy Smith, Commissioner; Angie Honeywell, Sr. Director of ReinerSuite & Sale

Conference Call:

NRHA EC: Sebastian Petroll

NRHA BOD: Andre De Belleuille, Margaret Fuchs, Joao Marcos

NRHA Staff: Christa Morris Stone, Assistant Commissioner; John Foy, Chief Financial Officer; Samantha Oldfield, Sr. Director of International Affairs & Development – International Liaison; Krissy Colbath, Director of Member & Show Services, Department Supervisor, Nomination Program, Sire & Dam; Lauren Waymire, Manager of Affiliates & Events; Patti Carter, Sr. Director of Education & Officials – Judges, Stewards & Professional Programs; Liz Kelsey, Sr. Director of Medications and Compliance; Lindsey Leach, Sr. Coordinator of Administration and Compliance

Call to Order

President Hancock called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. PT / 12:07 p.m. CT. A quorum was established.





Agenda Item #1: 2026 6666 NRHA Derby presented by Markel & NRHA Futurity Schedule

Motion: To approve for the current schedule for the Non-Pro Consolation to remain in place.

Seconded.

Vote: Motion carried.

Agenda Item #2: 46-2-26 – Maturity Definition

Motion: Move to amend Rule 46-2-26 to state: The Maturity is an aged event for older horses, with specific age requirements to be determined by show management. However, no horse may be entered in both a Derby and a Maturity at the same show.

Seconded.

Vote: Motion carried.

Policies and Procedures Manuals can be found at: [NRHA Corporate Record Book](#)

Agenda Item #3: 2026 6666 NRHA Derby Presented By Markel Conditions

Motion: To approve the 2026 6666 NRHA Derby Presented by Markel Conditions with the following edit to finals qualification: finalists will be the top 30% of first-go entries in each level/division, with a maximum of 30 (plus ties) in Levels 4-1; the maximum to advance for Prime Time Non-Pro and Youth Non-Pro is 20 (plus ties), and 15 (plus ties) for Masters Non-Pro.

Vote: Motion defeated. 2 Subsequent motions made, as follows.

Subsequent Motion 1: To retain the current conditions such that 30 riders advance as finalists in Levels 4-1.

Seconded.

Vote: Subsequent Motion #1: carried.





Subsequent Motion 2: To increase the number of Prime Time Non-Pro finalists to 25.

Seconded.

Vote: Subsequent Motion #2: carried.

Agenda Item #4: 2026 NRHA Futurity Conditions

Motion: Motion to approve the 2026 NRHA Futurity Conditions with no changes from 2025.

Seconded.

Vote: Motion carried.

Agenda Item #5: 2026 Restricted Regional Eligibility Policy

Motion: Motion to approve the 2026 European Restricted NRHA Eligibility Policy and the 2026 Israeli Restricted NRHA Eligibility Policy with no edits beyond updating the applicable dates and the 2026 Mexican Restricted NRHA Eligibility Policy with updated added money caps.

Seconded.

Vote: Motion carried.

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Agenda Item #5: 2026 Oceania NRHA Eligibility Policy

Motion: To approve the 2026 Oceania Restricted NRHA Eligibility Policy with the following edits: Intermediate Open – Reduce cap to \$3,000; Limited Open – Reduce cap to \$1,500; Limited Non-Pro – Reduce lifetime cap to \$2,000; Rookie Professional – Reduce lifetime cap to \$1,500; Green Reiner 1 – Reduce to \$150 or 150 points; Green Reiner 2 – Reduce to \$250 or 250 points.

Seconded.

Vote: Motion carried.

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Agenda Item #6: Mexican Affiliate Applications

Motion: To approve the two new affiliate applications for Mexico: Reining Horse Breeders Mexico and the Mexican Reining Horse Association and to continue pursuing restructure of the NAA representing Mexico.

Seconded.

Vote: Motion carried.

Agenda Item #7: 2026 World Wide Eligibility Policy

Motion: To approve the 2026 Proposed NRHA Worldwide Eligibility Policy.

Seconded.

Vote: Motion carried.

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Agenda Item #7: 2026 ARC & NAAC Conditions

Motion: To approve the 2026 Affiliate Regional Championships and Adequan® North American Affiliate Championship conditions with the addition of the Performance Based Qualification and the Participation Based Qualification criteria.

Seconded.

Vote: Motion carried.

Agenda Item #8: NRHA Approval Deadlines-Changes and Late Fee Policy

Motion: To approve the Event Approval Deadlines -Changes and Late Fee Policy as presented on this date in policy #25-08-48.

Seconded.

Vote: Motion carried.

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Agenda Item #9: Enhancing Compensation for NRHA Judges

Motion: Increase the 2026 Futurity day rate from \$750 to \$865 per day, as well as the per diem rates for 2026 Judges and Scribes from \$25 to \$30 per day. Increase the judge fee on Payment 1 for the 2026 Futurity Conditions from \$150 to \$180 and the judge fee on Payment 3 from \$100 to \$110.

Motion Defeated.

Subsequent Motion: Increase the 2026 Futurity day rate from \$750 to \$1,000 per day, as well as the per diem rates for 2026 Judges and Scribes from \$25 to \$30 per day. Increase the judge fee on Payment 1 for the 2026 Futurity Conditions from \$150 to \$205 and the judge fee on Payment 3 from \$100 to \$120.

Seconded.

Vote: Subsequent Motion carried.





Agenda Item #10: Updated Guidelines For Schooling in NRHA Classes

Motion: To approve the recommended updated guidelines for schooling during NRHA Approved classes.

Seconded.

Amendment: Include horse presentation under the new guidelines (e.g., tail bags and braided tails) during schooling runs at NRHA events.

Vote on Amendment: Amendment adopted.

Vote on Amended Motion: Motion carried.

Agenda Item #11: Elections By Acclamation

Motion: To approve the following candidates by acclamation for two-year terms starting January 1, 2026: Mike Davis (North Central), Matt Murphy (Northeast), Kylie Warn (Northwest), and Andrea Stillo (South Central).

Seconded.

Vote: Motion carried.

A current list of NRHA BOD can be found at: [Board - NRHA](#)

Agenda Item #12 Trophy Fees

Motion: To approve an approximate 10% increase in trophy fees.

Seconded.

Vote: Motion carried.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m. PT / 2:10 p.m. CT.

