



National Reined Cow Horse Association

Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

March 23 – 9 am Nampa, Idaho

Idaho Horse Park

Coliseum - Board Members Enter the Building at Entry Four - Go Upstairs

I. Call to Order

By President Lyn Anderson

Roll Call:

Vice President Howard Erenberg

Secretary Carol Rose

Treasurer Dave Archer

Kathy Gould

Jon Roeser

Dan Roeser

Marilyn Peters

Paul Bailey

Sam Rose

Sandy Collier

Jay McLaughlin

Kathy Gould

Darren Miller

John Ward, Proxy to Jon Roeser

John Hyde, absent

Russell Dilday, absent

Cheryl Magoteaux, Guest

Chris Potter, Guest

II. Approval of Minutes from January 29 , 2009 Board of Directors meeting

Change Dan Rose to Dan Roeser

Motion: Dave Archer made motion to Approve minutes with the above change and that was seconded by Kathy Gould. Passed

III. Committee Reports

- a. Executive Committee - Howard Erenberg said CR Morrison would make the NRCHA trophies for same price for 2010 and 2011. The Board agreed to go ahead and sign the contract to lock in prices.
After discussion it was decided that the Ethics committee is to send a letter to Rick Steed pointing out that with the current emphasis on youth that it was inappropriate to have a bus with reported strippers parked close to the entrance of the NRCHA Year-end Banquet..

Budgeting for the 2009 shows was discussed. San Angelo was discussed and a motion was made by Sam Rose to pay for the NRCHA Staff Rooms that didn't get sponsored, and it was seconded by Carol Rose
Passed.

- b. Financial Report – Dave Archer gave the Report from the NRCHA Celebration of Champions and said he would give a financial report at the next meeting. He said the '08 tax return and year-end report would be done shortly.
- c. Sponsor Committee - Carol Rose reported that she and Cheryl Magoteaux met with the management of the Reno Ramada (formerly Holiday Inn). They'll have a link on their site to give credit to the NRCHA for an on-line room reservations rebate. The Peppermill Resort agreement was also discussed and Carol noted that the Peppermill has not paid its sponsorship money due from last year because of low room night usage. It became a point of agreement that they would not charge NRCHA for breaking the contract based on the fact they haven't paid the money due. It was discussed that Carol and Cheryl met with Beth Cooney and John Ascauga with John Ascauga's Nugget Resort and Casino as they thought the exhibitors and attendees would prefer the Nugget because of its proximity to the Reno Livestock Events Center. The Sponsor Committee will review a proposal from the Nugget and then make a decision between them and Peppermill.

Carol noted that a Sponsor Lounge for all sponsors will be held in the Doc Bar Room. VIP badge (ticket) will get them admission.

Carol reported that she and Cheryl also met with Reno Livestock Events Center Management and they don't have any budget at all right now as their income is based on hotel/casino revenue percentages and those are down 30%.

- d. Non Pro Committee – Paul Bailey presented Dawn Howe appeal to the Non Pro Committee regarding her eligibility for Non Pro Status. Equine Business management, equine science, competitive equine riding and introduction to horse training are some of the courses she teaches and the Non Pro committee recommends rejecting her Non Pro status request. Board agreed.

He noted that Justin Wright had notified the office officially that he was turning in his Non Pro card. Paul set up a sub-committee to all review Non Pro applicants. Debby Sanquinetti, California. Tom Sawatsky, Canada. Jay Meyers Rocky Mountain area, Paul Bailey eastern US.

He said Darren Baumgardner wants the committee to define what a Non Pro is and how the spouse loping for a trainer gets classified. Paul is going to appoint a sub-committee of about three people to be positive and pro-active to go over case studies he has submitted and make a recommendation at Paso Robles.

Dave Archer noted that we received the retraction in *Western Horseman* regarding Ashley Good.

- e. Marketing Committee – Jay McLaughlin said he had been working on a project to make a historic video for NRCHA members and has \$25,000 in sponsorship spoken for. This

video would be sent to all new members and have some of the NRCHA's legendary people talk about the tradition and history and the progression of headgear. It was also noted the Clinton Anderson will have a five –show series on getting a horse ready for Snaffle Bit Futurity.

- f. Sale Committee – Mike Jennings reported on the process of the sales then a committee meeting was held during the lunch break.

These conditions of sale were recommended:

Strike upset price.

Strike no substitutions and change to "will be allowed prior to catalog printing"

Strike altering of tails, EPM and joint injection

IT is strongly recommended for consignors to submit radiographs of their sale entries before the sales...Suggest stifles hocks, feet,

Joe Carter of Equine Sports Management will be the official sale veterinarian and the repository of all radiographs.

Will not announce that the horse is selling with radiographs or not.

He will provide a list of 14 views that he considers very essential to say a horse has good x-rays – will be in horse's package for consignment.

After the horse sells, if there is a soundness issue within 24 hours of the start of the sale session that the horse is involved in and prior to the horse leaving RLEC, Sale Management must be notified. Sale Management will review information provided to Sale Veterinarian. Sale Management decision will be final. Buyer is responsible for the cost of the exam by Sale Veterinarian and related expenses.

Motion: Carol Rose moved to accept the conditions of sale as amended. Seconded by Kathy Gould.

Passed.

- g. Rules Committee - Kathy Gould

1-Non Pro Substitutions in horse shows- only place the Rulebook addresses that is at LAE and it is up to show to decide. At one show mom was entered, couldn't show, kid jumped on and showed in Non Pro.

2-The issue of fines and suspensions – has a lot of gray area in the NRCHA Rule Book.

Non payment of funds turned in by Kathy. NRCHA took steps.

Considered NRCHA second offense.

After 30 days of notification if no response, automatically goes to suspension.

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Recommendation to clarify and put in it's own section. Bring it back to the board for approval

3-7.2.1 Ties-Should horse shows be changed back to run off or flip-no co-champions? Kathy is to look back to 2006 for horse show ties.

4-12.1.18 Videotaping is required for any NRCHA Approved event with \$5,000 or more in added money. What constitutes an event? Is that the entire horse show?
Decided not to enforce if the shows fight it. It was stressed that this was actually for the protection of the show and the benefit of the exhibitors.

Dan introduced Dr. Stuart Shoemaker of Idaho Equine Hospital. Dr. Shoemaker is now serving as member of Western Performance Industry Committee for AAEP. He noted that the committee feels that the Western Performance Industry will be less of a target if we have a policy in place as far as medication rules. Lyn noted that the NRCHA board is behind them.

This committee would like to get some feedback from industry leaders to help formulate a policy and be ahead of the curve.
Want NRCHA to commit to be a part of going forward for this and participate in the dialog. Board agreed to go forward with this.

5-Zero Score vs disqualification was discussed.
One horse in class zero in rein and zero in the fence work – score not a disqualification. That person could win the class. It was discussed that we need to differentiate between zero and disqualification.
Dan Roeser and judges committee are to determine what is a zero and what is a disqualification and bring back to the Board.

6-\$5K NP Ltd & Provisional NP Ltd. Wording; It was discussed that we need new wording on this. Non Pro Committee is to come up with naming.

Regarding buildings where riders can be inside on their horses but still not in the arena, there was discussion of what arena is (confines of the arena). No action.

Dan Roeser brought up the following. At the world show where we take ten (and ties) to the finals, we only pay the amount that rulebook says should be paid. So someone can qualify to go to Open finals on Monday and finals are not until next Saturday, and if you finish below that payout scale, you do not win any check at all. If we require ten horses to finals we should use finals fee to pay those horses that wouldn't get a check.

Dan wants to discuss and vote on for next year's rulebook.
Much discussion.

Rule Committee's next item was electrical tape on hackamores (or anything on hackamores?) Discussion
It was decided that electrical tape smoothly wrapped around the bosal (for a maximum of two inches) will be allowed.

- h. Youth Committee – Paul Bailey reported – on the progress of the NRCHYA. He wanted to thank NRCHA for the Scholarship Program. He asked if it was possible to get AQHA sanctioning to go along with NRCHA Premier Event horse show classes so if they made a bridle run – it would count. Discussion about having AQHA approval for next year. Talked about sponsorship for getting them to world show next year. Paul noted that the NRCHYA Adult Committee is Kathy Ferrante, Rhonda Holmes, Posey family from Oregon and Carol Metcalf
He said the Adult committee was very supportive. They had the idea to give the NRCHYA vests away to each youth exhibitor and had vests made and sponsored. He said that Mary Allen was elected as the new NRCHYA President. They will be planning various fund-raising activities, such as the wheelbarrow race at the Stakes.
Discussion of having less expensive youth class.
- i. Hall of Fame Committee – Jon Roeser said the Committee's recommendation for the Hall of Fame are Ted Robinson, Journagen Peake, Pat Hubbert and ,for the Hall of Merit Jon Semper

Motion: Motion to accept the recommendation was made by Dan Roeser and seconded by Carol Rose.
Passed.
- j. Affiliate Committee Marilyn Harris said Paul got some feedback about not having the criteria for the Affiliate of the Year in the rulebook and wondered about putting it in the rulebook. Putting a paragraph on affiliate page in magazine and web site was discussed. No action

IV. New Business

- a. Show Review/Updates
It was noted that next year at the Fort Dodge Animal Health Celebration of Champions – the only vendors inside the Spur will be corporate partners / sponsors
NRCHA Hackamore Classic – Jon Roeser said that some people said they weren't going because of not having herd work in Bridle Spectacular. There was some discussion. Board decided this will be revisited for next year.
Snaffle Bit Futurity early entry numbers were discussed but were inconclusive because the final deadline hadn't passed.

Motion: A motion was made by Sandy Collier and second by Jay McLaughlin to change the Dry Camping fee to \$225 for the duration of the Snaffle Bit Futurity.
Passed.

Cheryl Magoteaux noted that Ron Bidnick had shown some interest in the NRCHA store and will be presenting a proposal.

b. Cynthia Bias Letter

From: Cynthia Bias [mailto:cbias@arvin-do.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 04, 2009 10:58 AM
To: nrcha@nrcha.com
Subject: \$\$

I would just like to share a concern I have and that I have heard other members discussing quite a bit. The economy is in obviously bad shape, the market for horses is down and hurting everyone involved at all levels and yet, NRCHA has raised the stall fee again for Reno. The open fee is also raised. I think this is not a good or supportive move especially when other areas of competition are going out of their way to accommodate the struggle that many horse competitors are facing to continue to do what we love.

Thank you,
Cynthia Bias

There was discussion on this but the board took no action.

Darren Miller had a question on the entry fee. How do we determine what we charge for cattle and office fee? Much discussion on this.

- c. Banners for Affiliates – Cheryl Magoteaux said there have been some request for banners for affiliates like we had in the past. No action

- V. **Motion:** A motion was made to adjourn by Dan Roeser, second by Jay McLaughlin.
Adjourned 3:43 pm.