



## National Reined Cow Horse Association

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

January 28, 2010

Spur Arena, San Angelo, Texas

### I. Call to Order

### II. Roll Call

Lyn Anderson, President  
 Howard Erenberg, Vice President  
 Carol Rose, Secretary  
 Dave Archer, Treasurer  
 Jon Roeser  
 Kathy Gould  
 Sam Rose  
 Dan Roeser  
 Darren Miller  
 Marilyn Peters  
 Paul Bailey  
 Sandy Collier  
 John Ward Proxy to Jon Roeser  
 Jay McLaughlin Proxy to Darren Miller

Guests: Cheryl Magoteaux, Chris Potter, Melissa Nation

### III. **Motion:** Motion to Approve Minutes from November 12, 2009 meeting by Marilyn Peters seconded by Kathy Gould to approve the minutes as amended below:

Add: Todd Crawford was supposed to come back with a schedule for the 2010 Snaffle bit Futurity from his committee. also on Performance Horse Sale should be:  
 High Seller - \$28,500.00  
 Passed.

### IV. Committee Reports

#### a. Election Committee Report – Kathy Gould

##### 1. Official Voting Results from Johnson & Johnson CPA Firm

Kathy Gould, Sandy Collier, Kelly Gowing went to CPA firm for counting of votes.  
 Elected for 2010 and 2011 were: Lyn Anderson, Sam Rose, Darren Miller, Paul Bailey, Howard Erenberg, Marilyn Peters.

##### 2. Election of President

Paul Bailey nominated Kathy Gould for President, Sandy Collier seconded.

Motion: Marilyn Peters moved that nominations cease and Kathy be elected by acclamation.

Passed.

### 3. Presidential Appointments

Kathy Gould appointed Carol Rose and Jay McLaughlin on to board and may have more by stakes time. Kathy asked for the board's approval for the two appointments.

Approved.

### 4. Election of Officers

Lyn Anderson made motion for Howard Erenberg to be Vice President and Paul Bailey seconded. Paul Bailey moved that nominations cease and Howard be elected by acclamation.

Howard Erenberg nominated Carol Rose for secretary. Marilyn Peters seconded and moved that nominations cease and Carol be elected by acclamation.

Lyn Anderson nominated Dave Archer for treasurer. Sam Rose seconded and moved that nominations cease and Dave be elected by acclamation.

Paul Bailey was appointed as Executive Committee member

Show Committee - Jon Roeser

Sponsor Committee - Carol Rose

Non Pro committee - Paul Bailey

Youth Committee - Paul Bailey

Affiliate Committee - Marilyn Peter

Rules Committee - Lyn Anderson

Judges Committee - Sam Rose

Horse Sale Committee - Sandy Collier

Ethics Committee - Howard Erenberg

Stock Horse News Committee - Darren Miller

Marketing Committee - Jay McLaughlin

Stallion Auction Committee - Howard Erenberg

Long Range Planning Committee - Dave Archer

Hall of Fame Committee - Ronnie Richards

Motion to approve committee chairs by Marilyn Peters. Seconded by Paul Bailey.

Passed.

#### b. Executive Committee Report -

Budget - Melissa Nation passed out the budget. Although there were some extra expenses, there were also some additional revenues that came in so the year ended up about where it had been projected.

For 2010 the board had budgeted for a deficit 138K, still on track for that at this point

Howard Erenberg reported that the Executive Committee discussed ways of increasing revenue and decreasing expenses. No way to increase fees - cattle fees - entry fees, etc. On the show expense side, rental cars have gone up and other expenses. Ways to get cheaper rates were discussed although the office is already shopping discount sites before booking travel and rental.

Reno Livestock Center makes us go to certain caterer and that is very expensive. Cheryl Magoteaux is working on getting some sort of discount or concession from caterer or ways to reduce expenses.

Pat Russell suggested that we get a sponsor for brand inspections, according to Sandy Collier. Pat said if we could stay one day ahead instead of two days; if he could have more space we would save four days feed for 500 head. Sandy and Howard to follow up on this.

Howard noted that members have been upset by increase in entry fees at World's Greatest and by reduction in added money at the Snaffle Bit Futurity. He explained that Carol Rose has gotten a sponsorship from Cinch of \$25000 for Intermediate Open Futurity. Carol Rose feels like we should restore the Open Added money to its original amount, by replacing the \$15,000 that was reduced

**Motion:** Paul Bailey made a motion that we add the \$15,000 back to the 2010 Open Snaffle Bit Futurity that was reduced in added money. Marilyn Peters seconded. Passed.

Horse sales were discussed, as was the contract with Paso Robles. Cheryl Magoteaux was directed to go back to Paso Robles and explore 1-year and 2-year options.

Sponsor Committee Report - Carol Rose said with gold and silver going up in price, we need to increase the cost of sponsorships to \$1,000 on silver, go to \$1350 on gold and increase to \$750 on the \$650 buckles. On saddles she proposed \$2850 on saddles. Board endorsed for Carol to make the call on this.

Carol also reported on a successful trip to Denver Market in January. Cinch came forth with a \$25,000 naming sponsorship of the Intermediate Open Futurity. Other good contacts were made in Denver and the overall climate was that things were looking up for manufacturers and vendors. The NRCHA will announce this new sponsorship on World's Greatest Finals day. She also reported that MD Barns had confirmed that they would come back on board for 2010.

Fort Dodge is now Pfizer and she is trying to get them to come back as title sponsor of Celebration of Champions. Hope to know by end of show.

As directed by the Board, Carol made a one-year agreement with Cowtrac. They'll give seven units that retail about 1875 each. One for each of five shows that we can use as a prize. It will be given to the Non Pro limited at San Angelo and to the Amateur at upcoming NRCHA events. One will be given for youth to use as a fund raiser. plus one for silent auction at Reno. In return they get to put up a unit at each show and have signage and perks.

RUNNING W Designs has come on board as a new corporate partner. Owner, Cyndie Rush was a sponsor with NRCHA before. She does the NRCHA Regional Champions, World's Greatest jackets and National Champion jackets and the jackets for Circle Y Derby.

- c. Non Pro Committee - Paul Bailey said there are two non pros that have decided to go professional. Ryan Gallantine and Rachel McCormick.

Eligibility for Carter Metcalf's eligibility as a Non Pro was discussed. After discussion, the Board said based on the fact that there has been no proof given of any infraction there was no action at this time.

Note: As Rules Committee Chairman, Lyn Anderson is to bring up next meeting re person who sits out then comes back as a Non Pro should not be eligible for Novice Non Pro.

It was also discussed to adjust added money for the Non Pro Limited Class. It's currently the same as what the provisional class is. The board made no change - Paul is to bring up at next meeting to change for next year.

- d. Affiliate Committee - Marilyn Peters said there are two new affiliates - Central Oregon, plus another one in Michigan. Marilyn said there are 12 affiliate applications this year for Affiliate of the Year - most ever. Great applications. She asked board approval for making an NRCHA promo video for affiliates and contacting Marleen for a price. Board said to get a price.

Discussion about getting trainer donated clinics back in operation. Marilyn Peters to start organizing this and get a letter to office to send to affiliates.

- e. Rules Committee –Lyn Anderson

1. Earnings for Substitute Riders - back for vote/policy for rulebook -

**Motion:** Lyn Anderson made a motion that in the case of a rider substitution at a show, the person showing last (the substitute rider) is credited with earnings.

Seconded by Marilyn Peters.

Passed.

2. Ties - partially left out in 2010 rulebook; will be included in policies for 2010 and put back into the 2011 Rulebook. - Kathy Gould noted that this was in 7.3. where we re-issued all tie stuff. Finalist taken by places that are taken out but in world championship show and when a horse is disqualified.

This will be a policy we'll get it back in rulebook for next year.

- f. Judges Committee - An update letter to the Board from Bill Enk was read. Board noted that they would encourage Bill to send out such a letter after every major event.
- g. Ethics Committee Report considered two pending incidents. There is also another incident that will be addressed.
- h. Stock Horse News - Kathy Gould noted that the new judges articles had begun and one appeared in the current issue.

i. Sale Committee - Sandy Collier explained that the Sale Committee recommends that submitted radiographs remain the property of the auctioneer and are not available for viewing after a horse is sold (as per Western Bloodstock).

Other points were to: Go with our present lameness warrantee which is the sellers disclosure form and revised version of condition #18 below:

If buyer finds a horse to 'be significantly lame (1 out of 5 or greater by AAEP standards), within 24 hours of the start of the Sale session in which the horse sells and prior to the horse leaving the Reno Livestock Events Center, the buyer must notify Sale Management by a statement from the Sale Veterinarian. The Sale Veterinarian shall state in detail the results of the examination. Examination and related expenses shall be at the expense of the buyer. Sale Management shall review the statement to determine if the condition existed prior to the Sale. The decision to allow or disallow the rejection of the horse by the buyer will be consistent with the opinion of the Sale veterinarian and the decision of Sale Management shall be final in all respects.

Re Presales: In the event that a consignment is withdrawn from the sale for any reason that is not in accordance with condition 6, I agree to pay NRCHA liquidated damages in addition to the consignment fee. Liquidated damages shall be the greater of \$1,000.00 or 10% (ten percent) of either

(a) the actual selling price of the consignment as verified with the buyer, or '% of the commission of the sale the horse was entered in at the fall of the gavel ;

(b) in the event actual selling price is not provided to P.A.S., Inc. within 10 days of the withdrawal, 10% (ten percent) of the value of the consignment as determined by Sale Management. All liquidated damages shall be in addition to the consignment fee.

Furthermore, in the event I privately sell any horse on the date of the sale, after the horse is on the sale grounds, and not offer the horse through the sale ring, I agree to pay NRCHA the sum of \$500.00 as liquidated damages, the \$600.00 consignment fee, plus 10% (ten percent) of the selling price an addition somewhere that Presales are strongly discouraged

Fee changes for 2010

Performance sale-consignment \$650 with 9% commiss and \$750 buyback unless over \$30k then 9%

Select 2 yr –consign stays same \$750 with 9% commiss and 6% if greater than\$20k and \$650 if less than \$20k

We will give \$1500 of 2 yr incentive purse to the consignor of the highest placing open horse, and \$500 to highest placing non pro horse

If a horse is scratched from a sale , fee to be \$500

Sift for sales will be during the derby again on June 14, so videos must be received by sale office in good time (you decide the date). We definitely need more screens and dvd players and 1 person to keep it all moving along

There will be a sale budget meeting with Dave Archer and Howard Erenberg in February.

We need sale reconciliation within 30 days of the end of the sale

**Motion:** There was a motion by Paul Bailey to approve changes. It was seconded by Marilyn Peters. Passed.

j. Youth Committee - Paul Bailey - The Youth are doing the wild bunch at world show this year. Youth are excited. There are two divisions - Limited Non Pro and an Open. This is open

to both Non Pros and Open riders . Costumes are optional; music is optional.\$500 purse. Youth posting it on Facebook page. Cheryl Magoteaux pointed out that there is the celebrity stick horse race on Thursday night then Wild bunch follows. Paul said Youth conference calls are productive.

Cheryl Magoteaux noted that we need to get word out to SHOT or American Stock horse Association about great NRCHYA youth activities.

One of parents is working on a vacation package - doing an auction on a trip. Giving vests away this year at World Show. All youth entries get a free vest - sponsored.

Youth newsletter. Sam Etsall is doing a great job on the newsletter. Terra Christianson is going to Texas A & M and has been writing an article monthly in QHN about NRCHYA.

## V. New Business

- a. Celebration of Champions Update - World show classes are up 17% although Circle Y Derby classes were down 30%. world's greatest entries were down 16%.

There was discussion of novice classes. Darren Miller is to put together a plan and bring back to next meeting.

Sam Rose passed out information and noted that the SRCHA would like to know budget and costs of the Circle Y Derby in advance. Greg Lafitte, SRCHA President will meet with Cheryl Magoteaux and the NRCHA Bookkeeper.

- b. Separation of Classes - Limited Open/Bridle Spectacular - Lyn Anderson said she really thinks we need to separate the limited open from the open bridle spectacular like we have talked about doing for the \$50k class. It has better entertainment value and will be easier to judge. Same can be done for the Non Pro but they have a larger cross over and I don't know about that one. She feels inclusion of limited open takes away from entertainment value.

**Motion:** Motion by Lyn Anderson that Open and Limited Open not be run concurrently in \$50K Bridle Spectacular at Derby. Seconded by Dan Roeser.  
Passed.

- c. Endorsement of the American Horse Counsel Welfare Code of Practice per AQHA - Alliance Partnership - Cheryl Magoteaux noted that this had been given to the board at the last meeting and the board needed to vote on it.

### **Welfare Code of Practice American Horse Council**

#### **Introduction**

American society has grown away from its agrarian roots of only a few generations ago. The horse, which was once a staple of American agriculture and general transportation, is now used primarily for breeding, competition, sport, recreation and entertainment, although there are still many horses used for work on farms and ranches, and in urban areas and exhibitions.

The horse industry is committed to the safety, health, care and welfare of all horses and to always "Put the Horse First."

We address equine welfare and responsible care (1) by supporting a uniform Code of Practice regarding the responsible breeding, training, competing, care, use, enjoyment, health, transportation, and retirement of horses; and (2) by initiating communication with the public, the media, federal and state officials and within the horse community regarding these issues.

### **Our Commitment to all Horses and the Horse Industry**

The organizations listed below are committed to the principle that the welfare and safety of the horse is the guiding principle in the decision-making process for all owners, service providers, organizations, events and activities.

WE ARE COMMITTED to the dignity, humane care, health, safety and welfare of horses in all our activities and care. These are our highest priorities. We are the stewards of our horses and must be firm in the standards and practices that guide us. Our first principle is:

The welfare, safety and stewardship of the horse is the guiding principle in the decision-making process for all segments for the horse industry.

WE ARE COMMITTED to promoting responsible breeding practices and to produce better horses, not just more horses.

WE ARE COMMITTED to responsible training techniques. All training should be done with the maturation and ability of the horse considered. Horses should be prepared for competition with proper training and conditioning methods. Excessive disciplining methods, whether in stables, training areas, or during competition, will not be tolerated.

WE ARE COMMITTED to educating owners, trainers, veterinarians, competitors, exhibitors and recreational riders to ensure that they know and respect their horse's abilities and limits, and their own, so as to not push the horse or themselves beyond their ability level.

WE ARE COMMITTED to making all competitions fair and ensuring all competitors an equal opportunity to succeed. Performance-enhancing drugs, practices or equipment have no place in competitions or exhibitions. Effective drug testing by accredited laboratories is essential to the safety and welfare of our horses and the public support of competitions, with appropriate penalties levied for violations. The welfare of the horse must take precedence over the demands or expectations of owners, breeders, trainers, sellers, buyers, organizers, sponsors, officials, or spectators.

WE ARE COMMITTED to the welfare of the horse as paramount during competition. The horse industry should invest in the infrastructure, environment and facilities to provide a safe environment for all horses in all activities, whether breeding, competing, or simply riding. Any facilities that house horses should be committed to the appropriate care and treatment of all horses while in their facility, and should be designed with the environment and the intended use of the horse in mind.

WE ARE COMMITTED to minimizing injuries to horses during training, competition, use, or work. Whenever possible injury data should be collected, documented and reported to the governing body of the competition or any other injury database for analysis in order to ensure a safer environment.

WE ARE COMMITTED to the continual review, evaluation and improvement of all rules, regulations, policies and practices in all equine activities, based on science (where indicated). When warranted, they should be refined or changed. This includes existing practices to ensure they are not being perceived as acceptable, particularly if new research has called them into question.

WE ARE COMMITTED to providing continuing education on all activities involving horses and eliminate inhumane practices as well as strengthening sanctions for non-compliance.

WE ARE COMMITTED to educating all people who own or work with horses to ensure they are knowledgeable in the proper husbandry, care, and handling of horses. Each horse should be observed frequently to ensure that they are healthy. In consultation with a veterinarian, all such individuals should develop a sound health care program, appropriate to the facilities, environment and needs of the horses.

WE ARE COMMITTED to providing an environment in which anyone aware of equine cruelty or neglect is willing to report it to the proper local, state or federal authorities. Should an incident occur at an event it should be reported to judges, stewards, responsible authorities or the sanctioning organization.

WE ARE COMMITTED to improving the health and welfare of horses through scientific research, collaboration, advocacy and the development of appropriate rules. The industry should continue to support and work with the many individuals, universities, veterinarians and foundations doing and funding equine health and welfare research in order to reduce injuries and improve health.

WE ARE COMMITTED to horse owners and caretakers ensuring horses in their care are current on vaccinations and following best practices to minimize infection and disease. When a disease outbreak occurs horse owners and events must act quickly and responsibly, monitor the horses, report the outbreak to, and cooperate with, veterinarians, authorities, facility management and all stakeholders to bring a rapid resolution to the outbreak.

WE ARE COMMITTED to ensuring that our horses will have an opportunity to transition to additional careers, uses or activities as the need arises. When necessary, owners and veterinarians may have to consider end-of-life decisions. The welfare, safety and dignity of the horse must continue to be the guiding principle in deciding how and when to provide a humane death.

WE ARE COMMITTED to being transparent about our activities in order to ensure the public, the media, federal, state and local officials and the various segments of the horse community understand what we do, why we do it, and support it.

**Motion:** Paul Bailey made a motion to endorse this. Marilyn Seconded.  
Passed.

d. Dave Duquette Letter regarding support of United Horsemen's Front

To the NRCHA Board of Directors:

Although we may have experienced it in varying degrees, we are all aware of the current depressed state of the horse industry. This is why I am writing to respectfully, but urgently, request that you take action to endorse the ongoing public policy efforts by the United Horsemen's Front and its companion group, the United Organizations of the Horse.

These two groups are striving to protect the welfare of all horses, safeguard the rights of horse owners and rejuvenate the ailing horse market by restoring the option of horse processing in the United States. Simply put, since the closure of processing plants in our

country in 2007, the last humane, federally-regulated disposal option for unwanted horses was taken away.

The unintended consequences have been profound. With no safety valve for the excess horse population, the overall value of all but the most elite horses has plummeted. Horse owners with no place else to turn are releasing their unwanted animals to fend for themselves. We all know the agonizing end that awaits domestic horses, abandoned without anyone to feed and care for them.

To underscore the need for the NRCHA to take a leading role, I have attached a letter from Bill and Jann Parker, who we already know as owner/operators of the most respected horse sales in the country, the Billings Livestock Auction.

We are requesting that you pass a motion to formally endorse the United Horsemen's Front and the United Organizations of the Horse. This means two things: giving us your permission to publicly name the NRCHA as one of our supporting organizations, which will be tremendously helpful in our efforts to secure the endorsement of other associations. It also means you agree to assist us by contacting the NRCHA membership with a one-time message explaining your support of our activities, and inviting each member to become a part of the UHF/UOH by joining our e-mail list.

The battle lines are being drawn in Washington, D.C. and in state legislatures with bills that are already coming up for hearings. The ones backed by our animal-rights opposition could have tremendously damaging consequences if we fail to unite and stop their progress immediately. If we are to succeed, we must establish an extensive grassroots network. Reaching the NRCHA membership, and gaining your support, would be an invaluable step in this endeavor.

If you require more information of any kind, I will gladly provide it. The United Horsemen's Front is a 501c3 charitable, educational non-profit organization. Our companion group is a 501c6, and is permitted to conduct political action and lobbying activities.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,  
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To: NRCHA Board of Directors

From: Bill and Jann Parker 

Date: January 21, 2010

Most of you are aware of the catastrophic effects to the horse industry related to the closure of U.S. horse processing facilities. The last U.S. processing facility closed in September of 2007.

As owners and managers of Billings Livestock Commission Horse Sales, we have directly observed and experienced the overall loss of value in the horse market due to the lack of a "safety net" for the industry.

Someone needs to do something. We all have good intentions but do not have the resources, time, or knowledge of how to actually "make it better" and in some way, somehow, get processing back in the equation right here in the United States.

The one group that we have found that is making a difference, keeping up with latest roadblocks, willing to give of their time and expertise, making the phone calls and actually going to Washington, D.C. is the United Horsemen's Front combined with it's companion lobbying group The United Organizations of the Horse.

They need our help. They need our support. They are truly trying to make a difference.

We have all heard it, seen it, and know it - the "other side" is extremely organized, well funded, and well lobbied.

We support the UHF/UOH. We encourage you to do the same.

There truly is strength in numbers and that is where the horse industry needs to come together. Here is our opportunity.

Thank you.

Per Dave's request, the board opted to ask to see their proposed legislation and wait to see what the AQHA does. The current difference between this group and AQHA is the transportation restrictions (no double decker trailers) for AQHA. UHF is no restrictions. AQHA has a study going on so the Board wanted to postpone. Their general accounting study is analyzing the cost effects of unwanted horses.

As an alliance partner, when AQHA endorses, we will. The board feels that the AQHA is so much better equipped to understand ramifications and the NRCHA board wants to follow their lead.

e. There was a request from a sale consignor to release papers that are currently being held for non-payment. Board consensus is to furnish copies of his papers so he can sell horses and when the association is paid to then release his original papers.

f. Expense of attending Board Meetings - Discussion of the cost involved in attending board meetings. The following meetings were set for 2010.

March 17	Conference Call	5PST	
May 19	Conference Call	5PST	
June 13	Paso Robles	Noon	
TBA:::::	Aug 23-24	Las Vegas	check schedule
	Oct.	conference call or face-to-face	
	November Meeting	TBA	

g. Running W Designs Proposal - Carol Rose/Cyndie Rush  
Cyndie Rush came to meeting to present a proposal to board regarding running the NRCHA store. The board took no action.

h. Clarify Rule 3.8.2 - Age rule for "fall back" in Non Pro Limited - Darren Miller

Note in non pro declaration put this question- have you ever gone down the fence 3 times in any discipline?

## VI. Old Business

a. Snaffle Bit Futurity Schedule was discussed. . Committee is to continue to tweak and get it sent out.

b. Cheryl Magoteaux noted that the contract with the NCHA for trading ad space and for them to supply the trophy for Snaffle Bit Futurity had been amended to include trade show space at NCHA shows when we want it.

c. Demonstrations - Seminars at shows - Cheryl Magoteaux asked people to give suggestions for seminars to have at Snaffle Bit Futurity trade show to draw people in and create traffic.

d. Dress code - Darren Miller said that at November meeting - it was discussed that at NRCHA events now the dress code reads western hat and long sleeve shirt in show arena. Darren to get with Lyn Anderson to get wording for an amended proposal.

VII. **Motion:** Lyn Anderson made a motion to Adjourn meeting and Marilyn Peters seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 5:06 pm.