



- I. Called to order by Boyd Rice, President at 8:02 AM PST
  - a. Present
    - i. Boyd Rice, President
    - ii. Paul Bailey, Vice President
    - iii. Trey Neal, Treasurer
    - iv. Todd Crawford, Secretary
    - v. Diane Edwards
    - vi. Dan Roeser
    - vii. Jake Telford
    - viii. Beverly Servi
    - ix. Lance Johnston
    - x. Ben Baldus
    - xi. Cayley Wilson
    - xii. Dr. Joe Carter
    - xiii. Corey Cushing
    - xiv. Todd Bergen
    - xv. Jon Roeser
    - xvi. Jay McLaughlin
  - b. Not Present
    - i. Amanda Gardiner
  - c. Special Guest(s)
    - i. Emily Konkel, Executive Director
    - ii. Tina McCleary
- II. Approval of Minutes presented by Boyd Rice
  - a. February 9, 2023
    - i. Dr. Joe Carter moved to approved the minutes; Trey Neal seconded. MOTION PASSED, none opposed.
- III. Committee Reports
  - a. Executive Committee / Finance
    - i. There was no report from the Executive Committee / Finance.
  - b. Affiliate
    - i. There was no report from the Affiliate Committee.

- c. Animal Welfare
  - i. There was no report from the Animal Welfare Committee.
- d. Ethics
  - i. There was no report from the Ethics Committee.
- e. Hall of Fame
  - i. Emily Konkel reports that we will be auctioning off an original Shannon Lawlor painting at the Hall of Fame banquet to benefit the youth. We are looking into an auction company. Recommendations were made to check with Mark Michaels at PHC or the same company that does the online Stallion Auction.
- f. Horse Sale
  - i. Todd Crawford reports about the possibility of having a Rope Horse Sale in conjunction with the NRCHA Snaffle Bit Futurity® Sale. Jeremy Barwick, Western Bloodstock owner, said we would need a minimum of 75 rope horses.
- g. Judges
  - i. Lance Johnston reports that there will be a Judges' Committee Meeting on Tuesday, March 28 following the show. Some topics to be covered are judge ethics, steer stopping, continued judge education, two-point penalty marker, adding more patterns, Box Drive judging.
- h. Non Pro
  - i. Diane Edwards reports that the Non Pro Committee would like to change the \$750 rule to go in affect at the end of the year, rather than throughout the year
  - ii. Edwards reports that the NP Committee has interest in changing the Select age from 55 to 50.
  - iii. Edwards reports that the NP Committee would like to try a Select Box Drive division at the Western Derby as a Cat 2 class.
  - iv. Edwards reports that the NP Committee would like to rename the World's Greatest Non Pro. Board discussion. Dan Roeser makes a motion to accept the name World's Greatest Non Pro. Corey Cushing seconded. MOTION PASSED, none opposed.
  - v. Edwards reports on the reports on the results from the NP survey that was emailed out. They received 997 surveys back. Non Pros are not in favor of sponsorships. 54% of Non Pros did not agree with lopers being paid and holding Non Pro Status.
  - vi. Edwards reports that there is a request from the NP Committee to get arena banners for NPs that have earned over 500K in earnings.
- i. Owners
  - i. There was no report from the Owners Committee.
- j. Professionals
  - i. Cayley Wilson reports that there was not a Professionals Meeting held at the Celebration of Champions, however, there will be one held at the Stallion Stakes.
  - ii. Wilson reports that there is continued conversation about the spacing on draws.
  - iii. Wilson reports that the Professionals Committee would like to run only 10 horses

per set.

iv. Wilson reports that there have been questions about a pre-futurity at the Eastern Derby, but we will not be holding one.

k. Rules

i. Tina McCleary presents the following rule changes:

- NRCHA 4 (McCleary)
  - The board does not make a change to this rule.
- NRCHA 11 (McCleary)
  - The board request verbiage for the next meeting.
- NRCHA 11 or 12 (McCleary)
  - The board agrees that the affiliates can charge for memberships and asks for verbiage for the next meeting.
- NRCHA 12.1.9 (McCleary)
  - Dan Roeser makes a motion to change from radius to miles driven. Todd Bergen seconded. MOTION PASSED, none opposed.
- Scratch Entry Retainage (McCleary)
  - The board agrees to change the retainage from 20% to 30% and asks for verbiage for the next meeting.
- Suspension of Kaleigh King (Konkel)
  - The board agrees to keep the suspension in place per the NRCHA rulebook.
- Matthew Kimes – refund request (Konkel)
  - Paul Bailey makes a motion that we charge the cattle fee only. Trey Neal seconded. MOTION PASSED, none opposed.

l. Show

i. Incentives (Konkel/Crawford)

- The board requests that Konkel/Crawford continue to develop the incentive idea.

ii. How to count money won from sanctioned events (Crawford)

- Todd Crawford makes motion to change eligibility earnings from Category 2 events to count towards lifetime earnings only but NOT eligibility earnings. Jake Telford seconded. MOTION PASSED, none opposed.

iii. NRCHA Circuit Program (Konkel)

- The board embraces the idea of the Circuit Program and asks staff to move forward.

iv. Future dates on Stallion Stakes (Konkel)

- Konkel discusses the future dates of the NRCHA Stallion Stakes. Board agrees to move back 1 week in 2024, and 2 weeks in 2025 and 2026.

- m. Sponsorship / Marketing
    - i. There was no report from the Sponsorship / Marketing Committee.
  - n. Strategic / Long Range Planning
    - i. There was no report from the Strategic or Long Range Planning Committee.
  - o. Youth
    - i. Todd Crawford reports that he met with Accounting Manager, Kasydi Valentine, about transferring money from the NRCHYA account to the NRCHAF Scholarship account in the amount of \$27,000 for youth scholarships.
    - ii. Dan Roeser brings up the conversation about requiring insurance for Youth Clinics. Discussion from the board on who should be required to hold the insurance. NRCHA should not hold insurance for clinics that are not hosted by NRCHA.
- IV. Old Business
- a. Foundation
    - i. Todd Crawford brings up the conversation about needing a chairman of the NRCHA Foundation.
    - ii. Paul Bailey brings up the topic of finding an attorney to update foundation By Laws.
  - b. Executive Director search (Bailey)
    - i. The board has voted to promote Emily Konkel to Executive Director.
  - c. Director of Sponsorship and Outreach search
    - i. Paul Bailey reports that the NRCHA Office continues to search for the Director of Sponsorship and outreach.
- V. New Business
- a. Website (Servi)
    - i. The board has discussion regarding nrchadata.com in relation to the NRCHA website.
  - b. Selling NRCHA land to the city of Pilot Point (Konkel)
    - i. The board agrees to continue negotiation for the land sale.
- VI. Adjournment
- a. Motion made by Trey Neal to adjourn at 11:27. Seconded by Ben Baldus.