



Board of Directors – MEETING MINS
Will Rogers Suite – Fort Worth, TX
February 14, 2025

- I. Board meeting called to order by Boyd Rice, President at 9:07 AM.
 - a. Present
 - i. Boyd Rice, President
 - ii. Paul Bailey, Vice President
 - iii. Trey Neal, Treasurer
 - iv. Todd Crawford, Secretary
 - v. Corey Cushing, Executive Committee
 - vi. Todd Bergen, Executive Committee
 - vii. Ben Baldus, Executive Committee
 - viii. Lance Johnston
 - ix. Jay McLaughlin
 - x. Diane Edwards
 - xi. Jake Telford
 - xii. Dan Roeser
 - xiii. Cayley Wilson
 - b. Via phone
 - i. Beverly Servi
 - c. Absent
 - i. Dr. Joe Carter, Executive Committee
 - ii. Jon Roeser
 - d. Guests
 - i. Emily Konkel, Executive Director
 - ii. Genni Ellis, NRCHA Attorney
 - iii. Josh Valdez, Director of the American Performance Horseman
 - iv. Tina McCleary, Director of Shows
 - v. Tara Carter, Director of Programs
- II. Approval of Minutes
 - a. January 3, 2025
 - i. Corey Cushing moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Ben Baldus. Motion PASSED, none opposed.
- III. Action Between Meetings
 - a. February 3, 2025 – Stallion Stakes Schedule
- IV. WGH Steers
 - a. The Board agreed to have a steer stopping practice at the Celebration of Champions on Sunday, February 23 one hour after the completion of classes for the day. Each WGH entry will have the opportunity to rope two steers with a breakaway only.
- V. WGH Trademark – Genni Ellis
- VI. TAPH Qualifying 2026 (J.Valdez)
- VII. Nominating Committee Report
 - a. 2025 Election Results
 - i. Election results were presented by Emily Konkel, Executive Director. The Ripley Doorn results indicated that Jake Telford, Dan Roeser, Lance Johnston and Paul Bailey were elected to the Board for a three-year term.

- b. Presidential Election
 - i. Beverly Servi nominated Boyd Rice for the office of President, Boyd denied. Todd Bergen nominated Paul Bailey for the office of President, seconded by Todd Crawford. Trey Neal makes a motion that nominations cease and Paul Bailey is elected by acclamation, seconded by Jay McLaughlin. MOTION PASSED, none opposed.
- c. Presidential Appointments (up to 4)
 - i. Paul Bailey appointed Ben Baldus, Cayley Wilson and Dr. Joe Carter to the Board of Directors. He requested that he leave one appointment open until the next Board meeting.
 - ii. Paul Bailey informs the board that Beverly Servi will be appointed to the Board of Directors based on NRCHA Article V, Section 2.
 - 1. Trey Neal moved to approve the Presidential appointments; Jay McLaughlin seconded. MOTION PASSED, none opposed.
- d. Officer Elections (Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary)
 - i. Paul Bailey opened the floor for nominations.
 - 1. Todd Crawford nominated Trey Neal for Vice President; seconded by Jay McLaughlin. MOTION PASSED, none opposed.
 - 2. Paul Bailey requested to leave the position of Treasurer open until the next Board meeting.
 - 3. Boyd Rice nominated Ben Baldus for Secretary; seconded by Todd Crawford. MOTION PASSED, none opposed.
- e. Executive Committee / Committee Chair Appointments
 - i. Paul Bailey would like to come back and make final appointments at the next Board Meeting.
 - ii. Paul Bailey made the following committee chair appointments:
 - 1. Affiliates – Jay McLaughlin
 - 2. Animal Welfare – Dr. Joe Carter
 - 3. Ethics – Trey Neal
 - 4. Executive – Trey Neal
 - 5. Hall of Fame – Dan Roeser
 - 6. Horse Sale – Todd Crawford
 - 7. Judges – Lance Johnston
 - 8. Nominating – To be appointed later in the year
 - 9. Foundation – Chelsea Edsall
 - 10. Non Pro – Diane Edwards
 - 11. Professionals – Cayley Wilson
 - 12. Rules – Dan Roeser
 - 13. Stallion Program – Tara Carter
 - 14. Youth – Sarah Clymer
 - 15. Long Range Planning – Emily Konkel
 - iii. Trey Neal makes a motion to accept the appointments; seconded by Jay McLaughlin. MOTION PASSED, none opposed.
- f. Board Member Orientation (Policy / Conflict of Interest / NDA)

VIII. Committee Reports

- a. Executive Committee / Finance
 - i. Paul Bailey reports that our added money at NRCHA Premier Events has increased by \$416,760 from 2024 to 2025. We now have a total of 2.5 million dollars in added money at NRCHA Premier Events.
 - ii. The NRCHA Office in Pilot Point, TX closes on July 1. We have the opportunity to

- stay in the office until October 1.
 - iii. The NRCHA Office in Weatherford, TX has been inhabited by the employees living in that area.
 - iv. Paul Bailey, Trey Neal and Emily Konkel will be meeting with an architect to consider Phase 1 and Phase 2 build outs.
 - b. Affiliate
 - i. Jay McLaughlin reports that after thorough review of applications, the Affiliate Committee would like to recommend Alberta RCHA as the 2024 NRCHA Affiliate of the Year, with Idaho RCHA as reserve.
 - c. Animal Welfare
 - i. HPA Updates
 - 1. Paul Bailey reports that NRCHA hired lobbyist firm with other associations to keep monitor laws relative to the horse industry in Washington, DC.
 - d. Ethics
 - i. Official Protest re [REDACTED]
 - 1. Trey Neal with write a letter to [REDACTED] and continue to investigate.
 - e. Hall of Fame
 - i. Dan Roeser reports that we are ready for the event in Las Vegas this year. He will meet with Callie Boevers to being researching candidates for upcoming years.
 - f. Horse Sale
 - i. Todd Crawford reports that he has talked to Western Bloodstock and the sale will move to the Sheep and Swine Barns in 2025.
 - g. Judges
 - i. Lance Johnston reports that Bill Enk will not be at CofC due to illness. Darren Miller is replacing Bill as head judges monitor at the CofC. The next Judges Committee meeting will be held at the Stallion Stakes.
 - h. Strategic / Long Range Planning
 - i. Emily Konkel presents the board with a Long Range Planning Meeting with Mary Byars.
 - i. Non Pro
 - i. Silver Seniors Class – The Derby (Edwards)
 - 1. Diane Edwards proposed a Silver Seniors class at The Derby with an age set at 65.
 - 2. The board would like to see further research on the number of entries and revisit at the Stallion Stakes.
 - ii. NPBX Finals – SBF (Edwards)
 - 1. The board would like to wait until 2026 to consider a full finals.
 - iii. NP Application – Lisa Kittle (Edwards)
 - 1. Diane Edwards makes a motion to approve Lisa Kittle’s non pro status; seconded by Boyd Rice. MOTION PASSED, none opposed.
 - j. Owners
 - i. Emily Konkel reports that there will be an Owner’s social at the Celebration of Champions.
 - k. Professionals
 - i. Cayley Wilson reports that there will be a Professionals Meeting on Wednesday at the Celebration of Champions.
 - l. Rules
 - i. SHTX – NRCHA 4.9.3 (Konkel on behalf of Meek)
 - 1. Boyd Rice makes a motion to accept the change, seconded by Ben Baldus. MOTION PASSED, none opposed.

- I. Show
 - i. Northern Alberta RCHA – NRCHA 12.1.17 (Konkel)
 - 1. Boyd Rice makes a motion to approve the request, seconded by Corey Cushing. MOTION PASSED, none opposed.
 - ii. Refund Request (Konkel on behalf of [REDACTED])
 - 1. The board denied this request.
 - iii. WGH steers / WGYH steers (Rice / Bergen)
 - 1. Boyd Rice reports that slower steers and needed for the WGYH. He has contracted James Watson to bring slower steers.
 - iv. WGH Finals Cow Work Draw (Konkel)
 - 1. The board denied this request.
 - v. Same day draw position (Baldus)
 - 1. Ben Baldus makes a motion to try the same day draw position at the Stallion Stakes; seconded by Todd Crawford. MOTION PASSED, none opposed.
 - vi. NRCHA Stallion Stakes finalists – 25 to 30 if entries exceed 300 in Open (Rice)
 - 1. Todd Bergen makes a motion to increase the finalists in the Open at the Stallion Stakes; seconded by Ben Baldus. MOTION PASSED, none opposed.
 - vii. SBF entry platform
 - 1. Tina McCleary presents the SBF entry platform. Trey Neal makes a motion to accept the changes; seconded by Ben Baldus. MOTION PASSED, none opposed.
 - viii. SBF Schedule
 - 1. Tina McCleary presents the 2025 SBF schedule. All changes must be submitted to her by Tuesday, Feb 18.
 - ix. Derby Schedule (McCleary)
 - 1. Tina McCleary presents the 2025 Derby schedule. All changes must be submitted to her by Tuesday, Feb 18.
- m. Sponsorship
 - i. Emily Konkel reports the sponsorship updates on behalf of Patty Tiberg.
- n. Incentive
 - i. Emily Konkel reports the Stallion Incentive updates on behalf of Patty Tiberg.
- o. Marketing
 - i. Emily Konkel reports the marketing updates on behalf of Callie Boevers.
- p. Youth
 - i. Todd Crawford reports that Katie Ray is now the Youth Advisor from the NRCHA office.

IX. Old Business

- a. BOD Headshots Needed
 - i. Paul Bailey
 - ii. Diane Edwards
 - iii. Jon Roeser
 - iv. Beverly Servi
 - v. Jake Telford
 - vi. Dan Roeser
 - vii. Trey Neal
 - viii. Dr. Joe Carter
- b. Internship Program
 - i. Tara Carter updated the Board and asked for feedback on the NRCHA Internship

Program.

- c. Mare Incentive
 - i. Beverly Servi updates the Board on the progression of the Mare Incentive program.
- X. New Business
 - a. Will Rogers Memorial Center Renovations
 - i. Emily Konkel updates the Board that the renovations have slowly started to begin and the Coliseum will be shut down mid-March.
 - b. Ancillary Events SBF 2025/2026
 - i. ARHFA
 - ii. Rodear Cow Dogs
 - c. Marathon Parking
 - d. Anna Morrison v. NRCHA – Update
 - e. Nampa, Idaho – RFP
 - f. Stallion Stakes Early Entry Refund – Extended until February 26
 - g. Award shipping costs
 - h. Next BOD meeting
 - i. Wednesday, April 2nd
- XI. Adjournment
 - a. Trey Neal makes a motion to adjourn at 2:39 PM; seconded by Todd Crawford. MOTION PASSED, none opposed.