



National Reined Cow Horse Association

Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

Paso Robles, California

June 15, 2008

I. Call to Order

Lyn Anderson called the meeting to order.

Roll call:

Howard Erenberg, Vice President

Carol Rose, Secretary

Dave Archer, Treasurer

Jon Roeser

Rick Drayer

Jake Gorrell

John Ward

Russell Dilday

Sam Rose

Jay McLaughlin

Marilyn Peters

Kathy Gould

Dan Roeser proxy to Jon Roeser

Guest John Hyde, Cheryl Magoteaux, Chris Potter

II. Approval of Minutes from May, 2008 Board of Directors meeting

There was a great deal of discussion regarding the minutes.

Motion: A motion was made by Carol Rose that from this date forward board minutes include relevant items only and less “discussion”. The motion was seconded by Jay McLaughlin.

Jake Gorrell said the minutes read that he said “Outgoing members don’t have a vote” but what he said was “In the rulebook it states outgoing members don’t have a vote”.

Motion: A motion was made to approve the minutes as amended by Kathy Gould. Marilyn Peters seconded the motion. The motion passed with opposition by Russell Dilday.

III. Committee Reports

- a. Executive Committee - Howard Erenberg said that an Executive Committee session was held at 3 pm on the previous day, June 14 at the Paso Robles Events Center. John Ward and Ted Robinson appeared on behalf of the National Stock Horse Association. It was noted that at the last meeting, a committee had been assigned to meet with the NSHA representatives. Dan Roeser chaired the committee and had sent this recommendation to be read prior to the meeting with the NSHA Representatives.

“Two things need to happen for the NSHA and the NRCHA to establish a good working relationship.

1. The NSHA needs to become an affiliate partner of the NRCHA.
2. The NSHA needs to agree not to sanction any existing NRCHA shows unless those shows also remain NRCHA approved.”

Howard reported that, after discussion, John Ward and Ted Robinson agreed to come back to the NRCHA Board with specific suggestions by July 15 on how the NSHA could become an NRCHA affiliate.

Dave Archer gave the financial report, noting that NRCHA is \$62,254 better than budget for the first three events of the year. Marilyn Peters is to have discussion with SRCHA regarding settlement for World Show.

Motion: Carol Rose made a motion that NRCHA approve current banking practice of current Executive Committee and Management conducting banking business on behalf of the National Reined Cow Horse Association.

The motion was seconded by Marilyn Peters. Passed.

- b. Sponsor Committee - Carol Rose said there are fewer buckles to still be sold than ever before at this time. She said Amateur and Non Pros are harder to get filled and those are the ones left.

Kathy Gould, on behalf of Valley Cow Horse, and Lyn Anderson, regarding the buckle she donates, both said that Carol could switch their sponsorships to Non Pro if necessary. Carol noted that the Sponsor Committee has set levels of sponsorships and said that the committee welcomes sponsorships - but asked for anyone soliciting sponsorships to adhere to those programs and levels.

- c. Ethics Committee - Howard Erenberg reported that he had several conversations with David Phillips regarding the complaint by Judge Dana DeVice against David at the November Turkey Trot Show in Florida.

A similar situation with Ralph Hull was considered by the board as to what was done in that instance and it was decided this should be handled in the same manner.

Motion: A motion by Russell Dilday that David Phillips is to be put on one year probation, pay a \$500 fine, write letters of apology to judge and show management. Copies of letters and payment for the fine must be received by the NRCHA Office by July 30, 2008. Probation is to begin today (June 15) and extend until one year from the date the fine and letters are received by the NRCHA office.

The motion was seconded by Dave Archer
Passed

- d. Non Pro Committee - Dave Archer reported on an email about an ad using Anne Reynolds on the Silverlining web site that was in violation of Non Pro rules. Dave called the owner and this was removed - the owner confirmed that no money had changed hands and the Non Pro committee recommended no further action.

Per the third level Non Pro Bridle class, the Non Pro committee has prepared questionnaires to pass out at the NRCHA Derby plus committee members are to get responses from their regions and the Committee will review data and if warranted, bring this issue back to board.

One more note - It was mentioned that Anne Reynolds is giving a clinic in Idaho - not getting paid. In the past the Committee has not had a problem with that. There may be other instances where Non Pros give clinics.

- e. Marketing Committee - Jake Gorrell reported that Drag N Fly Ranch had sponsored the Snaffle Bit telecast on *Wide World of Horses* and there are still 8 ad spots left. So the possibility of breaking even or actually making money for the year on the television broadcasts still exists.

It was decided to explore using Lee Schneider to produce snaffle bit program as he will already be in Reno and that would be a savings as far as flying crew out there. It was also decided to go forward with planning to pursue the same two programs next year.

Jake reported that some of the participants for the Celebrity Cow Horse Challenge sponsored by Snaffle Bit Ranch will be coming to practice and that the response from the city is good with the major and sheriff slated to compete. They will draw for the teams on Friday night and do the Calcutta for charity. On Saturday, Hors d'oeuvres will be provided by NRCHA during wine tasting as the restaurants opted not to do that.

Sale Committee - Sam Rose said there were already 300+ entries plus more are still being opened and processed. He felt that the numbers and quality of the consignments should be good. He reported that Nancy Stober with the RFD-TV show of sale horses said that for every 10 horses that participate NRCHA will get a 15 second spot. These will air in September. It was noted by the board that she must contact everyone with a consigned horse.

Sam discussed a letter from Dave Solum - and said that for next year we'll consider using the Solum's pedigree service as it would save money - approximately \$2,000. Sam thought it might be a good idea for Solum to present a proposal to the board at the November meeting.

It was also discussed that this year, NRCHA will offer the opportunity to advertise in the sale catalog to consignors, owners of subscribed stallions and owners of NRCHA Auction Stallions. The ads will be sold for \$500 per ad. The consensus of the board was that this would be a way to help defray the cost of the catalog.

Motion: A motion was made by Jake Gorrell to sell ads to subscribed stallions, donated stallions, and consignors at \$500 per full page ad (selling full page ads only). Ads are to be solicited, received and billed through NRCHA office and then they will pass them on to the catalog designer. The motion was seconded by Russell Dilday and passed.

Sam also noted that the Futurity Sale Webcast will be sponsored by Crawford Stallion Station.

- f. Judges Committee - Dan Roeser was not available and as his proxy, Jon Roeser said he had no report.

Lyn Anderson noted that only thing Dan didn't bring up last time was that we talked about more patterns with only two circles on both sides and she said she thought they would talk about this at the upcoming Judges Committee meeting during the Derby. She said many people felt we needed to do that for horse show classes - for shows getting bigger and taking long - these would be faster patterns.

Discussion.

It was decided to have judges committee bring new patterns or changes to the next meeting.

- g. Rules Committee - Kathy Gould

Videotaping is required for any NRCHA Approved event with \$5000 or more in added money. Video shall be held by show management and available to the NRCHA office for a period of 90 days.

Motion: A motion was made by Kathy Gould moved to add the above - - - In addition it is strongly suggested that any NRCHA approved show have some form of official videographer throughout entire show because without that there is no documentation to augment discrepancies and/or protests concerning show or runs. The motion was seconded by Marilyn Peters and passed.

Separately, the rule committee is to come up with wording for what happens if you don't - fines, etc. on all issues.

Proposed bylaws - discussed last meeting - to be voted on at this meeting:

Article 1 section 2

Reined cow horse is synonymous with working cow horse or stock horse

Motion: A motion was made by Carol Rose to accept this rule as written.

Jay McLaughlin seconded the motion and motion passed.

Passed

Article 3 Section 3.

Change to 100 to reflect growth of association. (100 is less than 5% of the membership)

Motion - A motion was made by Carol Rose to change to 3% of the membership as of the end of the previous calendar

The motion was seconded Jay McLaughlin and passed with opposition by Russell Dilday.

Article 5 Section 2

In addition to the 4 appointees, the President is required to appoint additional board members to insure that each region with over 250 members (as of end of preceding show year) is represented by a member on the NRCHA Board of Directors. This will occur providing that there was a representative from said region on ballot and will be the person with the highest number

of votes from that region. In case of a tie, the president shall make the decision. This appointment, if made, will be a one-year term.

Discussion

Motion: A motion was made by Marilyn Peters to approve Article 5, Section 2 as written. The motion was seconded by Russell Dilday and passed.

Also Article 5 re-number sections to add in between sections 6 & 7

A Director’s term of service will be terminated immediately if the Director serves as an officer or director or has a financial interest in an organization which either has affiliates or is affiliated with an organization using in its name the words “reined cow horse,” “working cow horse” or “stock horse” and covers the same competitive areas as defined in Article 1 section 2 and which is not an NRCHA affiliate.

Board decided to send this rule back to rules committee for clarification

Article 9 Section 2

a. Any member in good standing in the Association may request and receive a Director nomination form.

The Director nomination Form shall contain an explanation of the eligibility requirements and commitments for service on the Board of Directors which shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- (i) Membership in the Association in good standing for a minimum of three years;
- (ii) Attainment of at least twenty-one years of age;
- (iii) Agreement to attend Directors’ meetings as set forth herein;
- (iv) Full disclosure of any felony convictions on record. The question will be Do you have any felony convictions? Do you qualify for surety bond?
- (v) Signing of the NRCHA Code of Conduct and Confidentiality Agreement
- (vi) Nomination form to note that any false information on form will be grounds for immediate dismissal from board.

Much discussion.

Adding to Article 9 second two, Director nomination form wording is to be changed to Full disclosure of any felony convictions on record, signing of NRCHA Code of Conduct and Confidentiality agreement. Additionally, a person submitting false information on the nomination form, if discovered, will be immediately be suspended from the ballot or later from the board.

Motion: A motion was made by Kathy Gould to accept the above rule. The motion was seconded by Rick Drayer and passed.

10 Limited Age Events (“LAE”)

For all intents and purposes in this rulebook, Limited Age Events shall include events for which only horses of a specified age are eligible. Futurities are for 3-year-olds only, Derbies are restricted to 4- and 5-year-olds, but may be held for 4-year-olds only, and also include but are not limited to the following NRCHA managed approved events: NRCHA Stakes, NRCHA Hackamore Classic, NRCHA Derby, and NRCHA Snaffle Bit Futurity. and Pre-Futurity.

Motion: A motion was made by Jay McLaughlin to accept the above rule clarification of Limited Age Events. The motion was seconded by Marilyn Peters and passed with opposition from John Ward, Russell Dilday and Jake Gorrell.

LUNCH BREAK

Return from lunch break 12:36

10.1 General Rules

These general rules shall apply to all approved and produced NRCHA LAE, unless specified otherwise

10.1.1 For all the NRCHA Premier events, produced by the NRCHA All fees and purses for LAE are subject to annual review and update and are subject to change. They may be either published in the *Stock Horse News* or may be mailed directly to the membership.

General rules for scoring and judging reined cow horse events as presented in this rulebook will apply to the Futurity and all NRCHA LAE where specific rules have not been implemented. Refer to the rules governing the individual Limited Age Events. In all Limited Age Events the same type of headgear (hackamore or snaffle) must be used throughout the event (herd, rein and cow work) on a horse once the competition has started. this is also to include the finals portion of the event

The following should be used as a guideline for Approved LAE, however affiliates or show management may change these rulings if it is in the best interest of their event. This is in regard to the 10.1 rulings only and does NOT include (10.1.5 and 10.1.10 will be renumbered per Chris Potter)

Motion: A motion was made by Carol Rose to approve this and to reorder.

It was noted that because of earlier end of the point year, all 2009 rules will be finalized at the next NRCHA Board Meeting.

After that, new rules will be put on the web site and published in *Stock Horse News* to let all the membership know that they will go into effect for 2009 show year.

Lyn asked also about clarifying the limited open Category I special events eligibility. She explained that it needs to make it clear that it follows lifetime earnings. For NRCHA Bridle Spectacular classes, eligibility is calculated by horse show eligibility.

- h. Affiliate Committee - Marilyn Peters discussed the rule against scheduling shows on the NRCHA Snaffle Bit Futurity dates, possibly having some sort of mileage or other criteria so that smaller affiliates can schedule shows during that time period if needed. She explained that we have had some east coast shows that fall during Snaffle Bit time and would not interfere with the Futurity - so she would like to put mileage requirement on that. **12.1.17 rule.**

Any show approved during NRCHA snaffle bit futurity must be further away from the Snaffle Bit Futurity site than 1500 miles and have no more than \$5,000 added and no approved shows can be held during Snaffle Bit Futurity Finals weekend.

Motion: A motion was made by Russell Dilday to change rule 13.1.17 as above. The Motion was seconded by Jay McLaughlin and passed.

Marilyn also reported that because of all letters from affiliates, we're going to explore how the Association can give better regional awards and have better regional involvement and affiliate involvement. Another thing would be to consider having some sort of NRCHA produced event further east - another derby.

Carol Rose noted that four years ago the association gave her a budget for national and regional awards and since the regions and national competition has grown the budget needs to be looked at again at the end of this year.

- i. *Stock Horse News* Committee - Kathy Gould discussed having an NRCHA Yearbook that would come out in November, with timely news of the Snaffle Bit Futurity and all the other shows of the year. She noted we didn't have an actual cost until we see what we could do but after discussion and keeping in mind a risk of about \$15,000, the Board agreed to do this. Suggestion was made of a special cover - maybe gold foil - something that would really stand out.
- j. Limited Age Event Committee - Jon Roeser/Chris Potter
Report on Derby Entries
Jon Roeser reported that 2008 Derby entries are up. Entry comparison up in Open and Non Pro - Amateur.

NRCHA Derby Entry Comparison

Class	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Open Derby	49	68	100	97	101
Int Open Derby	24	42	42	41	53
Ltd Open Derby	16	18	25	20	20
Non Pro Derby	33	31	27	32	34
Int Non Pro Derby	22	22	19	21	24
Amt Derby	28	23	20	12	12
	172	204	233	223	244
Open Bridle	18	18	18	23	19
Ltd Open Bridle	13	13	7	4	6
Open Hackamore	12	4	7	13	1
Ltd Open Hackamore	7	6	4	10	3
Non Pro Bridle	26	22	22	26	12
Nov Non Pro Bridle	29	13	12	19	8
Non Pro Hackamore	14	10	6	6	5
Open Two Rein	12	8	16	9	14
Non Pro Two Rein	n/a	n/a	4	7	5
Youth Bridle	5	3	6	5	5
Youth Limited	2	8	9	10	4
Non Pro Ltd Provisional	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	8
\$5K Non Pro Limited	27	24	25	25	22
	165	129	136	157	112
	337	333	369	380	356
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Jon Roeser also discussed that a herd settlers list for the Snaffle Bit Futurity will be posted at back gate, office, and judges stand. First person in each herd must select his herd settler from that list. An entry can't settle his or her own herd.

Chris Potter checked to see if day before was available for both current week and week prior for Hackamore Classic and said they were. The board made the decision to stay with the same dates because many people like to go on the trail ride on the next weekend; try to avoid additional day by speeding up drags by looking at two drags and two drivers. Dates for the show will be April 24-26, in 2009. It was decided to stay like we are in 2009.

It was further discussed that we could consider starting at 7 am or have bigger herds in the Non Pro Bridle Spectacular, or possibly have two practice pens. Limited Age Event Committee to consider and come up with a recommendation for this for next time.

Other Committee Reports as needed - Jake added that for the Derby Celebrity Cow Horse Competition more horses are needed for the volunteers to ride.

IV. New Business

a. Resignation of Ken Wold

Lyn Anderson noted this resignation had been received and accepted from Ken Wold. Sam Rose was the next vote getter in the last election and will take over Wold's term.

b. Letter from Tully Wiedman re-Non Pro Limited Class. He wanted clarification on Non Pro Limited Provisional class, and asked that it be accepted as is so exhibitors can go to World Show.

There was no action taken on this letter. Dave Archer is to call Tully Wiedman.

c. Letter from David & Phillip Solum – They bid for the pedigree research job, and asked to have ad in sale catalog.

This was discussed earlier in the board meeting; ads will be sold in the Sale catalog. Jay McLaughlin is to talk to David Solum and tell him the board will meet with him for next year at November Board meeting.

d) Suggestion of limiting number of entries per rider at NRCHA Limited Age Events - Jay McLaughlin was approached in Pueblo by a Non Pro with a suggestion of limiting the number of entries in Limited Age events; Open riders would only ride designated number of horses and this person thought this would increase the number of Intermediate and Limited entries. The Board felt that something like this would be a huge change and should be researched as to how many riders brought multiple horses and how many horses. It was suggested to explore the option of one entry fee making riders eligible for every class, as well. Jay McLaughlin is to do research on these ideas and report back to the board.

e) Member letters: Various letters from members were discussed involving co-approved shows.

V. Old Business

- a. Terry Malarkey is suspended and has been assessed \$1500 in fines for the total of offenses (3 checks) plus reinstatement until paid up... then will be on cash basis. Office is to notify Terry and all secretaries. NRCHA will cover the difference in the payouts already made, then collect from Terry Malarky.
- b. Update on CHSA Charitable Trust - Cheryl Magoteaux reported that the funds in the Charitable Trust can be disbursed through our NRCHA Youth Scholarship program.
- c. Youth Association Update - Cheryl Magoteaux updated on NRCHYA. She noted the Bylaws have been given to the Rules Committee for review and to be voted on at next meeting. A hoop shoot is planned for the Derby and a two-on-two tournament will be a fund raiser for the youth at the Snaffle Bit Futurity. The first youth elections will take place at the NRCHA World Show in Jan/Feb.
- d. Lyn Anderson noted for old business; "As a matter of record - Russell - the letter that you said in the last board meeting that you would not send off - went out two days after last board meeting. I want it as a matter of record that you said you wouldn't send it out, but did."

Next meeting (August) was discussed. Several board members noted that since this would have to be an in-person meeting, they would like to fly somewhere where it was inexpensive to fly in. There was some talk about doing this in Las Vegas as rates are cheaper to fly to there. Jon Roeser is to check on possibly getting a good room rate for Board Members from South Point and let the board know. Reno was another option - possibly get special pricing from Peppermill or Silver Legacy for rooms, but it is more expensive to fly into Reno.

Motion: A motion to adjourn was made by Rick Drayer and seconded by Jay McLaughlin
Adjourned 2:33