



National Reined Cow Horse Association

Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

Conference Call

Tuesday, May 13, 2008

I. Call to Order by Lyn Anderson, President

Howard Erenberg, Vice President

Carol Rose, Secretary

Dave Archer

Rick Drayer

Jon Roeser

John Hyde

Kathy Gould

Marilyn Peters

Jake Gorrell

Russell Dilday

Sam Rose

Jay McLaughlin

John Ward

Dan Roeser

Ken Wold

Guests Cheryl Magoteaux, Chris Potter

II. Approval of Minutes from March 24, 2008 Board of Directors meeting

Russell Dilday said he wanted it noted that he had said, or meant to say, "NRCHA is a Non Profit organization and most of the financials are public record anyway."

Changes to minutes: Change spelling from Seiland to Selland

Kathy Gould moved that the minutes be accepted as amended. Second by Marilyn Peters.

Passed, with Carol opposing and Russell abstaining

III. Committee Reports

- a. Executive Committee - Howard Erenberg reviewed the Hackamore Classic and NRCHA Stakes entries for the past years.

NRCHA Hackamore Classic Entry Comparison

Hackamore Classic	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Open Classic	30	29	37	51	59
Int Open Classic	12	14	9	22	30
Ltd Open Classic	7	6	8	8	12
Non Pro Classic	14	19	14	15	24

Int Non Pro Classic	10	15	8	9	17
Amt Classic	14	13	8	10	9
Classic Total	87	96	84	115	151
Horse Show					
Open Bridle	16	13	11	16	14
Ltd Open Bridle	8	7	3	6	11
Open Hackamore	12	19	14	17	19
Ltd Open Hackamore	8	7	7	7	7
Non Pro Bridle	18	15	16	24	24
Nov Non Pro Bridle	18	16	9	15	14
Non Pro Hackamore	16	13	14	9	11
Open Two Rein	9	7	9	14	20
Non Pro Two Rein	n/a	n/a	2	8	8
Youth Bridle	3	1	2	2	2
Youth Limited	0	0	5	4	9
Non Pro Limited	15	21	22	20	21
NPL Provisional					8
Horse Show Total	123	119	114	142	168
TOTAL SHOW ENTRIES	210	215	198	257	319

NRCHA Stakes Entry Comparison

Stakes	2004		2005	2006	2007	2008
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Open Stakes	15	17	76	85	110	96
Intermediate Open Stakes	5	9	39	33	46	43
Limited Open Stakes	6	6	3	15	14	14
Non Pro Stakes	10	7	28	27	25	31
Intermediate Non Pro Stakes	8	15	18	18	17	15
Amateur Stakes		17	14	22	13	11
	44	71				
Stakes Total	115	178	200	225	210	
Horse Show						
Open Bridle	24	20	17	11	18	
Ltd Open Bridle	12	8	9	2	4	
Open Hackamore	4	10	9	9	13	

Ltd Open Hackamore	2	4	5	5	6
Non Pro Bridle	18	16	11	20	18
Nov Non Pro Bridle	18	12	7	10	10
Non Pro Hackamore	7	6	6	4	3
Open Two Rein	13	6	10	12	10
Non Pro Two Rein	n/a	n/a	3	4	5
Youth Bridle	3	3	2	3	6
Youth Limited	0	0	6	1	1
\$5K Non Pro Limited	11	10	7	6	11
Non Pro Limited (Prov)					1
Horse Show Total	112	95	92	87	105
TOTAL SHOW ENTRIES	227	273	292	312	315

Cattle cost was down, sponsors were up and stallion subscriptions were up at the stakes. Dan Roeser was commended by the Board for getting the sponsors and for pushing for the stallion subscription program.

Hackamore Classic – there was discussion about adding a day to the show, and whether it was possible to run the show without the extra day.

Chris Potter will check the weekend before the currently scheduled 2009 show, dates of which are May 1-3, to ask for Thursday and to also change to the weekend before the set show date so that it would not conflict with the Rancho Vistadores trail ride.

Code of Conduct Circulated to Board of Directors will be sent back for revision and circulated before next board meeting. The issue was tabled until the next meeting.

- b. Sponsor Committee - Carol Rose noted that there was nothing to report, except that 2009 will be the last year of the NRCHA's receiving money from Jack & Phoebe Cooke. Other than the Cookes, the Paso Robles Community raised only \$32,000 the second year. San Juan Ranch decided to do the breakfast, and the Hearsts became a Breeder Sponsor, so the only two local sponsors are Dewars and Paso Robles Inn.
- c. Ethics Committee - Howard Erenberg said David Phillips will let the board know by June 1 if he is will attend the next board meeting.
- d. Non Pro Committee - Dave Archer said the Non Pro committee went over the surveys handed out at the last meeting, and their consensus is they want to add another mid-level bridle class. The committee will contact as many Non Pros as possible by phone and if they get a consensus they'll bring to the board.

Russell Dilday said one survey said they were concerned about internal security. It was noted that all the show management had been sent a letter urging them to take precautions with this information. There was some discussion about taking the social security numbers off the NRCHA Premier Show entry forms.

- e. Marketing Committee - Jake Gorrell said he got a good response from reading bios during the Bridle Spectacular at the Hackamore Classic, and he will try to put together bios for Non Pro and Open Bridle Spectacular during the Derby.

He said he talked to Kathy and Shonna of the City of Paso Robles, who liked the Celebrity/Sponsor idea. Five three-man teams (one person do herd, rein boxing and each will have a trainer that is a coach). Teams would consist of one Corporate Partner, one local dignitary, and one press person, and the contest would be Saturday before the Bridle Spectacular. It will be preceded the night before with a Calcutta.

The Paso Robles Events Center-Sponsored Barbecue on Friday will be the site for drawing teams and drawing trainers. And Carol Rose noted that Debbie Churchill from Cinch, James Henderson from Nutrena, Chrissy Shepherd, Wayne Hodges were already committed to participate.

Cheryl Magoteaux noted that Roger Brown had gotten the original contact with the City of Paso Robles and had passed on that contact to Jake and the board expressed its appreciation to Roger.

- f. Sale Committee - Sam Rose said no report at this time; but does have a confirmation for web casting.
- g. Judges Committee - Dan Roeser said he'd had a couple of committee meetings since the last board meeting - one in Idaho and one in Paso Robles at the Hackamore classic.

He noted that topics of discussion included where on the Snaffle Bit to measure one inch in – the committee felt it should be measured from the ring on the Snaffle Bit. If the rule was clarified, it would not go into effect until 2009.

A time limit on boxing in the Limited classes was discussed. Bill Enk had said that a 45 second limit would work. Carol Rose wondered if it might be possible to include inexpensive stop watches in the show manager's package.

Kathy Gould said if we make that decision we need to make it visible on web site and in Stock Horse News in advance for next year.

Dan Roeser said the next item was the committee thought would be very helpful would be making a rule that with X amount of added money shows would be required to video the show. He said the committee felt that would give them a little backup when they get a protest on a judge. After discussion, most seemed to think \$5,000 added would be the cut-off.

Bill Enk wanted overtime for judges discussed. It was noted that it may be better to just raise daily pay to \$550, because some days they do not work 10 hours. This is just concerning NRCHA Produced events.

Jake Gorrell said management might look at how to keep time under ten hours, and it was noted that this is done, but show entries sometimes exceed expectations. It was decided to ask Bill Enk to continue to keep up with this and address it later.

- h. Rules Committee - Kathy Gould addressed these issues (underlined) and offered the following options. (Discussion noted below after issues)

Not listing NP riders in the LAE top 30 open riders list and to consider another way to show they are ineligible for the Intermediate Open.

As per the rule book- Intermediate Open is- *open to any rider who is not on the top 30 Open rider listing; based on Open ~~and Non-Pro~~ money won in the past three years at any NRCHA approved Limited Age Events and is not on the top 12 Non Pro rider listings; based on ~~Open and Non Pro~~ money won in the past three years at any NRCHA approved Limited Age Events.*

Dave Archer made a motion to have a list with top thirty Open riders on the Top 30 riders list, and whichever Non Pros are on the top twelve Non Pro list would not be eligible for the Intermediate Open. Jake Gorrell seconded.
Passed.

#Rule 12.1.14-

Leave at the 1.5x for 2009 and look into it again if it seems to be getting abused.

Other option is to go back to what was last year; problem with that seems to be with the Non Pro Limited and Youth classes. That seems awkward. So the committee felt the best idea was leave as it is and look into it again if it seems to be a problem. Board agreed.

#Rule 20.2.5-

End markers for rein work shall be placed a minimum of 50 - 60 feet from end of the arena. This is a slight clarification because it says at least 50-60 feet. And this would correct that. Jay McLaughlin made the motion to make this change and it was seconded by Russell Dilday
Passed.

#Rule 3.5.2-

Add except Youth Bridle, Non Pro Limited and Youth Limited classes- to make same as Novice Non Pro.
Limited Open Bridle does not say this as it does in the Non Pro Bridle.
The committee suggested to make it like #Rule 3.4.4 to make consistent.
Motion was made to do this by Carol Rose and seconded by Marilyn Peters.
Passed.

It was discussed to make a section in the rulebook for a Non Pro “casebook.”
The board felt this was a good idea but wanted to develop it further; Dave Archer and Carrie Warren to look at how much space this would take.

Proposed by-law changes - highlighted - were addressed:

Article 1 section 2

Section 2. The purpose of the NRCHA is to improve the quality of the western reined stock horse: to perpetuate the early Spanish traditions of highly trained and well reined working cow horses; to promote exhibits and cow horse events and contests in expositions and shows: to promote the training of reined cow horses and to promote interest in reined working cow horses among the younger horsemen of this nation and the world: to use and encourage the use of standard rules for holding and judging contests of the reined working cow horse.

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

Article 3 Section 3.

Fifty (50) or more voting members of this Association shall constitute a quorum at any meeting.

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

Article 5 Section 2

Section 2. The Board of Directors of this Association shall consist of eleven (11) members in good standing elected by the general membership for a two-year term. The President may recommend and the Board shall approve the appointment of up to four (4) additional members to the Board of Directors, who will serve a one (1) year term and will sit as voting members of the Board of Directors. In addition to the 4 appointees, the President may/but is not required to, appoint additional board members to insure that each region with over 250 members 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, since it is not ballot based. The President of the NRCH Foundation shall also sit as a non-voting member on the NRCHA Board of Directors and Executive Committee.

Number of members will be the number of members at the end of the show year of the preceding year.

Lyn Anderson noted that this would add up to 2 board members. She explained that there were two schools of thought.

A - that this would result in an unwieldy board because of size.

B - She said she thought it should say president WILL appoint instead of just may. She thought either-or even though some people were afraid of board being too large. Much discussion – tabled until next meeting.

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 of an organization which either has affiliates or is affiliated with an organization using in its name the words "Reined Cow Horse" as defined in Article 1 section 2 and which is not affiliated with the Association.

Also discussion about age and felony conviction as concerning being on board. It was decided to table the issue of being a board member of a competing organization until next meeting along with the convicted felon rule.

There was much discussion about meeting and discussing a solution with the NSHA. It was decided to have Sam Rose, Dan Roeser, Jay McLaughlin and John Ward on the committee to meet with NSHA. Since John Ward had gotten off the call, it was noted that if John didn't want to meet that Tanna Dilday could step up.

Lyn Anderson appointed Dan Roeser as Chairman of the committee.

Article 9 Section 2

Section 2. No less than ninety (90) days prior to the annual meeting each year, the general membership shall be given official notice that:

a. Any member in good standing in the Association may request and receive a nomination form, said form will be prescribed by the Board of Directors and shall contain any criteria which have been specified by the Board. 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) Absence of any felony convictions on record.

Waiting on this, per above.

Article 10 section 2- rewording

Section 2. ~~The Bylaws may also be changed or amended by giving notice to the members of the Association by mail of the proposed changes which the Board of Directors has passed upon, which changes shall be effective fifteen (15) days after they have been published, unless, prior to that time, the NRCHA Management has received objections in writing signed by at least fifty (50) members in good standing of this Association as to all or any portion of said changes. Said objections shall be in the form provided in the notice.~~

The Bylaws may also be changed or amended by giving notice to the members of the Association by mail of the proposed changes which the Board of Directors has passed and which changes shall go into effect beginning with the following show year. Unless, within fifteen (15) days after they have been published, the NRCHA Management has received objections in writing signed by at least one hundred (100) members in good standing of this Association as to all or any portion of said changes. Said objections shall be in the form provided in the notice.

Article 10, section 2

Motion was made to pass the above with a change to fifteen business days by Dave Archer and Marilyn Peters seconding.

Passed.

IV. New Business

- a. Set up task force to get feel for reception on Non Pro Limited and Youth Limited Time Limits - Jay McLaughlin said, "I think Dan already hit it; he wants 45 seconds." Jay is to research more and bring back information.
- b. Not requiring Limited Open riders to enter the Open at the Snaffle Bit. Some discussion about this. The board will consider at next meeting.
- c. Letters to Board of Directors collected by Jake Gorrell - Jake Gorrell received letters from members to give to the Board.
- d. Request for NRCHA Mailing List – It was decided to leave it as is.
- e. Letter from Russell Dilday – Discussed.
- f. Monthly NRCHA E-Newsletter --- Lyn said it was likely time to utilize this tool to get out and we'll start to implement. Board agreed.

- g. Jay McLaughlin would like to put gelding incentive back into futurity. Used to do in NCHA a lot. When they changed to having two horses at futurity one had to be gelding but now either way. Consensus was that this was a good idea to have a gelding incentive and Jay is to rough this out.

V. Old Business

- a. Change the appointees voting for Board Officers - Russell Dilday

Per Article V, Section 2, "Russell would like this interpretation changed to say that the definition of outgoing board members includes appointees from the previous year so they will be ineligible to vote for Board Officers". Russell said he would send something in for the rules committee on this.

Per minutes from NRCHA Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, February 11, 2002
Picadilly Inn, Fresno, CA

2)Election. In accordance with the By-Laws, new Board Members are eligible to vote and the outgoing Board Members do not have voting rights, for election of officers. The 2001 appointees will vote for officers for 2002. The new appointees will take office at the next Board Meeting, February 16, 2002.

There was discussion of \$2 Million sire award and Russell Dilday is to get this done.

*Note: Next meeting will be at Paso Robles at John & Brenda Stephenson's Office
June 15, 2008 start Executive Committee meeting at 8 am and Board of Directors meeting at 9.*

- VI. Adjourn. The motion to adjourn was made by Kathy Gould and seconded by Jay McLaughlin
- VII. Adjourned. 11:55 pm cst