



National Reined Cow Horse Association

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

June 14, 2009

Vineyard Room

Courtyard by Marriott

I. Call to Order by President Lyn Anderson at 12:30 pm

Present were:

Lyn Anderson, President

Howard Erenberg, Vice President

Carol Rose, Secretary

Dave Archer, Treasurer

Kathy Gould, Ex. Committee

Jon Roeser, Ex. Committee

Sam Rose

Dan Roeser

Darren Miller

Jay McLaughlin

Paul Bailey

Marilyn Peters

Sandy Collier

John Ward

Russell Dilday, absent

Cheryl Magoteaux, Guest

Chris Potter, Guest (from 4 pm)

II. Approval of Minutes from May 19, 2009 meeting

Motion was made to approve the minutes as written by Marilyn Peters and seconded by Jon Roeser. Motion Passed.

III. Committee Reports

- a. Executive Committee Report - Dave Archer reported that an Request for Proposals had been sent out for NRCHA Store Management. The Executive Committee recommendation was to enter into a NRCHA Store/Logo Merchandise contract with Ron Bidnick.

Motion: Carol Rose made a motion to hire Ron Bidnick to manage the NRCHA store, as proposed. Paul Bailey seconded. Motion Passed.

- b. Sponsor Committee Report - Carol Rose announced that Markel Insurance Company is the NRCHA's newest Corporate Partner and the presenter of the Snaffle Bit Futurity sale. As part of the partnership, at each of the four sales, there will be a \$500 Markel Bonus given away to the winner of a random drawing of all the buyers on that day. Markel also provides fall of the hammer insurance for 24 hours for each horse sold.

- c. Non Pro Committee - Paul Bailey said the recommendation from his committee is that the cap be raised to \$10,000 for the Amateur division. Discussion - he is to bring this written in rule form to August rules meeting.

The committee also recommended initiating a Non Pro declaration. The committee proposed a Non Pro declaration. After discussion it was decided that a revised Declaration will be brought back for the rules meeting.

There was a lot of discussion about what NRCHA Non Pro rules are and how they are different from the NRHA and NCHA pertaining to what is allowed and not and allowing Non Pros to have their image used and testimonials used as long as they don't receive remuneration.

- d. Youth Committee - Paul Bailey said Youth will have a mechanical bull ride at Bubba's Barbecue on Thursday night after the Sponsor Appreciation reception at the Derby. Other activities were discussed.
- e. Rules Committee –Kathy Gould presented the following rewording and renumbering for ties.

7.3 Ties

7.3.1 In NRCHA Managed LAE with or without finals, in the case of a tie for first place, the following process shall be used to determine the winner:

7.3.1.1 1st: First place shall be determined by the highest cow work score in finals or cow work go-round score in LAE without finals. If a tie remains then;

7.3.1.2 2nd: Work off between tied competitors, cow work only. If a tie remains then;

7.3.1.3 3rd: The high preliminary total score will determine the winner. If a tie still exists then;

7.3.1.4 4th: The contestants will be declared co-champions and a coin will be flipped for prizes.

7.3.2: In other NRCHA Approved LAE, with or without finals in the case of a tie for first place, the following process will be used;

7.3.2.1: First place shall be determined by the highest cow work score. If a tie still exists then;

7.3.2.2: For events with preliminaries – the high preliminary total score will be used. If a tie still exists or if there were not preliminaries then;

7.3.2.3: Work off between tied competitors, cow work only, or if mutually agreed upon a coin may be flipped to declare division winner and the contestants will be declared Co-Champions and a coin will be flipped for the prizes. (If they do not agree the exhibitor who does not want to runoff will forfeit first place to the other.)

7.3.3: In NRCHA Approved horse shows, in the case of a tie for first place the following process will be used;

7.3.3.1: First place shall be determined by the highest cow work score. If a tie still exists then;

7.3.3.2- For events with preliminaries – the high preliminary total score will be used. If a tie still exists or if there were not preliminaries then;

7.3.3.3: A work off between tied competitors, cow work only, or if mutually agreed upon a coin may be flipped to declare the class winner. If they do not agree the exhibitor who does not want to runoff will forfeit first place to the other.

Then re-number current 7.3 and 7.4

Point system to 7.4

Year end awards to 7.5

Motion was made by Marilyn Peters and seconded by Jon Roeser to approve the renumbering and re-wording above for 7.2.1 and 7.3 for 2010 pertaining to ties as written above. Motion Passed.

PAYOUT CHANGES

LAE

10.1.2.2 The number of horses taken to the finals is determined by the table in Section 10.5. When the number of horses taken to the finals is determined by a percentage, rounding up may occur when the percentage is .5 or above. Example: If 30% of the total entries equal 25.5, then 26 horses shall go to the finals. If 30% of the total entries equal 25.4, then 25 horses shall go to the finals. If there is a tie for the last qualifying place to advance to the finals, tied horses shall go to the finals. **THE PAYOUT WILL BE ADJUSTED ACCORDING TO THE NUMBER OF HORSES IN THE FINALS but the total payout will not change. Ex. IF THERE ARE 22 HORSES TAKEN TO THE FINALS WITH TIES, ALL 22 WILL BE FIGURED IN THE PAYOUT. IF THERE ARE 27, ALL 27 WILL BE FIGURED IN THE PAYOUT which will be reworked but the amount will stay the same.**

Motion was made by Dan Roeser and seconded by Sandy Collier to approve the Payout Changes for NRCHA Limited Age events for 2010 as written above. *(Note: a disclaimer will be posted as the payout is posted that the payout will be adjusted if ties cause more horses to qualify for the finals and the payout will be reposted)*. Motion Passed.

Motion was made by Sandy Collier and seconded by Marilyn to change the World's Greatest Horseman payout policy for 2010 to be consistent with the above policy. Motion Passed.

Kathy Gould presented, along with Marilyn Peters, a discussion of a policy starting June 1st, that there will be no shows approved less than 30 days prior without extenuating circumstances. Any show with less than 60 days approval would forfeit the show approval fee. Then they would like that to become a rule for next year.

Motion was made by Marilyn Peters and seconded by Kathy Gould that beginning June 1st, there will be no shows approved less than 30 days prior without extenuating

circumstanced. Any show with less than 60 days approval will forfeit the show approval fee.
Motion Passed.

Motion by Dan Roeser and seconded by Paul Bailey to allow Amateurs to substitute horses at the Snaffle Bit Futurity in 2010 without a vet release by paying the substitution fee equal to that of the slot entry substitution fee. Motion Passed.

There was discussion of entry missing his or her turn in draw and whether it should be allowed in unusual circumstances. Board took no action.

- e. NRCHA Futurity Sale - There was discussion on using an automated system for sale previews where horse shoppers could look at a screen, select an entry and then view the horse. The option of using this service was discussed. Sandy Collier is to get more information and send to the board.

Sandy Collier said Don Buttrey had made some suggestions regarding the incentive purse - he felt the consignor should get a share of the purse instead of the owner getting it all. Majority of board felt they didn't want to change this.

Sandy said that Don Buttrey also felt that pass out is \$550 up to a \$20,000 horse, then after it is 6% so that a \$20,000 pass out is \$500, but a \$20,050 horse is over \$1200. He thought it should be \$550 plus 6% for any amount over \$20,000.

No action.

Sandy noted that the Futurity Sale sift is Monday, June 15.

- f. Ethics Committee - Howard Erenberg said the next item was judge Benny Guitron's protest of Dan Roeser's behavior at the Hermiston, Oregon show, May 15-17. Howard noted that Dan Roeser had requested that the hearing would be at this meeting so the situation could be resolved. There was much discussion.

Motion was made by Sam Rose to accept the Ethics Committee recommendation of having Dan Roeser write a letter of apology to the Judge and the Show Management. This was seconded by Darren Miller. Motion Passed.

Motion: Marilyn Peters made a motion to clarify in rulebook a policy that a show representative cannot be a member of show management. The motion seconded by Sam Rose and passed.

Kathy Gould (Rules Committee) is to come back with wording on this to prevent all show employees from being Show Representative at the same show. Dave Duquette is to be written a letter letting him know that the Show Manager should not serve as the Show Rep at the same show.

- g. Affiliate Committee Reports - Marilyn Peters noted that regarding the Southeast Reined Cow Horse Affiliate; when you enter the Texas Classic, you have to join but there is some concern that they are not in compliance with all NRCHA requirements for affiliates. Board felt there should be a letter written to Joe Cunningham asking him to give a list of officers. .

IV. New Business

a. There was discussion of a letter from Dave Allen regarding sponsorships - specifically a sponsorship for the NRCHA Stakes which he said they didn't agree to. Board will write a letter of response to Dave Allen. The Board created a policy no longer charge finance charge on unpaid sponsorships without making a telephone call first.

V. Old Business

a. Vaquero Award and Stock Horse Man of the Year Award Discussion

b. Staffing for NRCHA Events - Cheryl Magoteaux and Howard Erenberg are to work on a formula for equity for staff rooming.

c. Sam Rose noted that he met with the AQHA Humane Committee and he and Cheryl Magoteaux will come up with some verbiage for the rulebook for animal welfare to be considered at the rules meeting for next year.

He also noted that at San Angelo, we could have drug testing at the World Show for a minimal amount- testing one horse per class would cost less than \$3,000. He asked if we could think about this and for the world show to be held in January, 2011. The AAEP group is working on a white sheet for this of what therapeutic drugs would be allowed.

Cheryl and Sam are going to work on this and bring back for the next meeting.

d. Discussion of Snaffle Bit Futurity Schedule for 2010. The schedule was discussed pertaining to the weekends and loss of ticket revenues. Howard Erenberg and Kathy Gould are to work on prospective schedules.

Meeting will be in August 4th - preferably at Vegas. Location to be announced.

VI. **Motion** was made to adjourn at 5:27 by Jay McLaughlin and seconded by Sam Rose Adjourned.