



National Reined Cow Horse Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Reno, NV
August 25, 2016

- I. Call to Order by Todd Bergen, President 8:05am CST
 - a. Present:
 - i. Paul Bailey, Vice President
 - ii. Diane Edwards
 - iii. Jimmy Stickler
 - iv. Todd Crawford
 - v. Trey Neal
 - vi. Jay Winborn, Executive Director
 - vii. Kelley Hartranft
 - b. Via Phone:
 - i. Sandy Collier, Secretary
 - ii. Amanda Gardiner
 - iii. Brad Barkemeyer
 - iv. Jake Telford
 - v. Jim Lane
 - c. Via Proxy:
 - i. Dr. Joe Carter – Todd Crawford
 - d. Not Present
 - i. Dave Allen
 - ii. Dan Roeser
 - iii. Jon Roeser
 - iv. Ted Robinson
- II. Approval of minutes from last meeting.
 - a. Paul Bailey moved to accept the minutes from the prior meeting. Diane Edwards seconded.
 - b. MOTION PASSED, none opposed
- III. Committee Reports
 - a. NRCHA foundation – no report
- IV. Old Business
 - a. Derby – Paul presented the Derby financials were in. Budgeted loss was \$31,000. Actual loss was only \$17,355 which was almost exactly the same as last year. Costs were up, entries were flat, stalls were down from 471 to 442. but sponsorships were up

which offset the cost increases and revenue losses. The board discussed the 2017 show and the impact of the facility renovation on the show. They are moving the grand stands, creating a large covered span, removing 2 of the permanent stall barns. Jay set a meeting with the director while we were there in June. But when he showed up to meet the director, no one was there and the offices were locked. The existing contract is expired. Jay will contact the facility and attempt to negotiate a new 3-year contract.

- b. Year End Financial Projections – Paul suggested that even with the Paso loss and the budgeted Futurity loss the association is on track to net \$46,000 at year end.
 - c. Futurity Schedule – entries for the Hackamore classic are up significantly from last year. This has negatively impacted the end times on the existing schedule. Currently, the 2nd Monday of the show is scheduled to be finished approximately 2am. Changing / adjusting the schedule was discussed. It was suggested that the Non Pro Hackamore class be moved to Tuesday. There was some concern that the Non Pros might have scheduled their trip to Reno around the existing schedule and possibly have scheduled flights out on that Tuesday since the schedule shows them ending on Monday. It was then suggested that the Open Hackamore class be moved to after the Non Pro and split into two days and shift 1 or 2 sets of futurity Cow work to Wednesday since the Open Bridle block is light.
 - d. Futurity – One minute clock implementation. The judges committee would like to see a one minute clock implemented this year during the herd work at the futurity. It was discussed that there has been an increased delay in between open riders walking into the herd. It was discussed and agreed that instead of implementing this big of a change in Reno, the futurity could be used as a ‘study’ to determine the how many times the situation actually occurs. The judges will have a quick riders meeting at 7:30am by the judges’ stand on the first day of herd work to remind exhibitors to be timely.
 - e. Bronzes / Spam - Scam Email – were not discussed.
- V. New Business
- a. High School Rodeo Scholarships – Jay informed the board that there are several scholarships being offered to High School Rodeo youth from NRHA for \$2500. Todd Crawford moved that NRCHA match NRHA and give \$2500 in a scholarship for the High School Rodeo youth. Paul Bailey seconded.
 - i. MOTION PASSED – none opposed
 - b. Office Lease – Jay informed the board that the current office building has a new landlord. He has stopped by the office and informed Jay that he wants to increase the rent by \$600 a month. Jay suggested that the board might consider moving the office to Fort Worth in the future. The Stockyards are being renovated and there is a possibility that NRCHA could share office space with APHA. In the meantime, he will go back to the landlord with a counteroffer which includes reduced monetary increase and improvements to the building such as bathroom renovation, hole repair and cosmetic enhancements.
 - c. Fort Worth Study – Jay reported that Angie highland has been engaged to do an economic impact study in Reno this year. He also suggested that the board consider redoing a full economic impact study for the World Show in Fort Worth and apply it to the 2017 SBF. Cost will be approximately \$5,000.

- i. MOTION PASSED – none opposed
- d. 2017 Show Dates
 - i. World Show – [REDACTED]
February 10 – 18, 2017. Move in February 9.
 - ii. Stakes – March 26 – April 1, 2017. Move in March 24.
 - iii. Derby – [REDACTED] June 12 –
Sunday June 18. Move in June 10.
 - iv. Futurity – October 1 – October 14. Move in TBD.

VI. Rules

- a. Grade Horses – The board reviewed the previously proposed competition license language for Grade Horses. Paul Bailey moved the Grade Horse proposal be adopted. Trey Neal seconded.
 - i. MOTION PASSED – none opposed
- b. Draw Position Adjustment – the current language designates an automatic score of 0 if an entry works in any other position than drawn. The board discussed the situation where multiple pens are running and an exhibitor might be required to be in both pens at the same time. It was agreed that show management should designate a priority pen and in the event that one of the pens is an LAE, that should be the priority pen. It was agreed that staff will draft language to allow an exhibitor to move to the end of the draw in the situation where they are required to be in two places at once. Responsibility will be on the exhibitor to notify the back gate / bit check show staff prior to the conflict.
 - i. STAFF WILL draft language
- c. Youth / Non Pro – The board further discussed the ability of Youth to show in Non Pro Classes. There was discussion that perhaps the confusion would best be eliminated by not allowing the youth to also have Non Pro status. That idea was discussed but not furthered. The board reiterated that youth can wear patches and accept sponsorships and products but are specifically not allowed to wear them during any non pro classes. High School Rodeo is also allowed to wear patches.
 - i. RULE CHANGE to 2.2 “For NRCHA Youth only classes and National High School Rodeo Functions”
 - ii. STAFF will incorporate new verbiage
 - iii. 2.2.1 A Youth showing in any Non Pro Division must abide by all Non Pro rules and have a NP designation on his/her membership card.
- d. Non Pro Limited Earnings – Staff questioned how earnings are calculated for the Non Pro Limited division. 5K and 1K rules both say “lifetime earnings” and does not specifically call out omission of Youth earnings as other Non Pro classes do.
 - i. STAFF WILL draft language that calls out “lifetime” as base for NPL earnings
- e. Step Up Boxing / Driving Class – should it be included in the rule book? After discussion the class will not be included in the rule book yet. We should consider finding a new name for the class.
 - i. NO CHANGE required
- f. Boxing Rules regarding lost cow – the board discussed changing the boxing rules to allow an exhibitor that loses a cow to the other end of the arena be allowed to continue

boxing at the other end instead of requiring a return to the initial end. There was concern that control would be an issue.

- i. NO CHANGE to existing scoring system
- g. 6 Year Old Non Pro / Non Pro Limited Snaffle – the board discussed the change to the Derby rules that allowed Non Pro Limited exhibitors to show a 6 year old horse in a Derby, but not in a Hackamore. So far this year, across all premier events and affiliate shows, only 61 unique horses took advantage of the rule. World show – 4 horses out of 15 entries / Stakes – 0 out of 15 entries / Derby – 1 out of 14 entries / Affiliates 10 out of 62 entries. The Non Pro Committee requested that this rule be expanded to allow it in all of the Non Pro Aged Event divisions. Hackamore was specifically excluded because of the extensive rules revisions required to allow it. There was discussion of removing the exclusion altogether. Paul Bailey moved to keep the rule as is for another year. Todd Crawford seconded
 - i. NO CHANGE to existing rule
- h. Two Rein Spectacular / Focus on Bridle Events – Trey’s opinion is that the organization has lost its focus on creating finished bridle horses. He’d like to see an event with the bridle only and get back to the Open Bridle as the big event. Seeing that the two rein is part of that process there was a definite feeling that support of the Two Rein should be encouraged, including a Separate Spectacular for Open / Non Pro at premiere events or at a minimum increase the added money available in the Horse Show classes.
 - i. STAFF will propose 2017 schedule changes that incorporate
- i. Intermediate Open Horse Show classification – Paul Bailey moved to add a new Horse Show Division Intermediate Open as a two-year provisional class. Jimmy Stickler seconded.
 - i. MOTION PASSED – STAFF will research earning limits, make recommendations and draft language.
- j. Youth showing stallions – The board discussed the current rule that bars youth from showing a stallion in a youth class, but does allow a youth to show a stallion in a Non Pro or Open class. Various organizations allow and others do not allow. It is a question of control and safety. It was discussed that the sex of a horse doesn’t automatically make it unruly. Paul Bailey moved to revise rule 2.2 to say “Show management may bar youth from exhibiting a stallion in youth classes.” Instead of “For safety reasons, Youth are not allowed to show stallions in Youth classes.” Todd Crawford seconded.
 - i. MOTION PASSED – Staff will adjust language
- k. Level 1 returned to stand alone class – After the Derby, the single entry fee payout structure has been questioned. Jerry Peters has done some research on possible changes but it will require a large time investment to come up with possible scenarios. Paul indicated Jerry was willing to spend the time but only if the board was willing to review and make changes. Jake Telford agreed to work with Jerry and follow up.
 - i. FOLLOW UP scenarios to be presented
- l. Patterns – Jake Telford suggested that he is restricted in the patterns he can pick for premiere events because of the side of the arenas on which the judges sit. If we eliminate the words “facing toward” or “facing away” from the judge any lope in pattern can be used for any arena. There was discussion that simply removing the words

wouldn't work because of the possibility people would lope in on the wrong lead and go the wrong way. Sandy Collier moved that existing lope in patterns be modified to reflect either Left or Right and create a second version for the opposite direction. Jake Telford seconded. Discussion continued around the motion. After additional discussion the patterns could be modified to remove the words – as entering on the wrong lead would require a counter canter.

- i. STAFF will adjust text and images for the patterns
- m. High School Rodeo Updates – There are items on the NHSRA score cards that could use updated. Off pattern scoring is currently automatic 50, suggestion to change to 20 point penalty for incorrect maneuver. Turn tail is automatic 50, average turn box, etc. There was also discussion regarding the times of the year where the printed rules do not match actual rules (August 1 – November 16) and they also adjust / create rules at their midwinter meeting – which individual states may or may not immediately implement, so there might be at least 2 sets of rules in place at any given time and the printed versions in our rulebook may not be correct. It was suggested that the rules be removed. But after additional discussion, finding a current set of NHSRA rules is rather difficult and they should remain in our rule book. Additional rule clarification for 3.7 Two Rein Equipment
 - i. JIMMY STICKLER will come back with proposed revisions to the score card
 - ii. NHSRA rules will NOT be removed from the rulebook.
 - iii. STAFF will adjust text of rule 3.7 “events with the exception of horse sales and National High School Rodeo events.”
- n. 10.1.2.3 LAE Refunds – there was a question regarding refunds on an LAE entry in which the horse died. There was additional discussion about allowing refunds after the postmark but before the draw. In the case of a deceased horse, the entire amount will be refunded. In the case of a withdraw, the appropriate retainage will be kept and the rest returned. After the draw, no refunds
 - i. STAFF will draft language to reflect the change
- o. 2.1.1 Collegiate entries – Non Pro status should not be affected when school pays their entry fees and fulfill the proposed Intercollegiate Non Pro Program Guidelines.
 - i. STAFF will draft language to reflect the change
- p. 2.1.10 – Add ability to get paid for an internship when they follow the Internship Program Guidelines.
 - i. STAFF will draft language to reflect the change
- q. 3.8 section:
 - i. 750 Rule – “A rider will be ineligible upon reaching the earnings threshold in any combination of officially published NRCHA earnings and/or other from any other association.”
- r. 3.8.4 - \$1k remove the word “NOT” – allows 1K to run concurrent.
 - i. STAFF will draft language to reflect the change
- s. 4.14 – World Show Equipment requirements:
 - ii. Non Pro Limited riders may show a 6 year-old in snaffle if they qualified the prior year in a snaffle but not a hackamore.
 - iii. Horses may show in the Two Rein if they qualified the prior year in the Two Rein
 - iv. Example AQHA snaffle bit qualified – then CofC down the fence.

- v. STAFF will draft language to reflect the change
- t. 4.2 (Region list updates)
 - vi. Northeast – add Canadian Provinces of Ontario and Quebec, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland and Labrador
 - vii. Canadian – Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, British Columbia
- u. 4.9 AQHA World Show finalists in the junior horse may show in a Bridle at the NRCHA C of C
 - i. STAFF will draft language to reflect the change
- v. 10.1.2.9 – “All finalists will be assessed a finals fee”. Is no longer valid. (adjust T/C for all events – no Non Pro no finals fees)
 - i. STAFF will remove the rule
- w. 10.4.5 Novice Horse Earnings: “A horse will be ineligible upon reaching the earnings threshold, when results are officially published by NRCHA on the website.”
 - i. STAFF will draft language to reflect the change
- x. 10.4.6 – add “and novice”
 - i. STAFF will draft language to reflect the change
- y. 12.1.16 – add the word “Event”. It specially says class/division. Do we let them cancel 2 weeks out? The board discussed it and no change will be made. They can cancel, but approval fee will not be returned.
 - i. STAFF will draft language to reflect the change
- b. World Show Leased Horses – AQHA has a program where amateur exhibitors that qualify outside of the continental United States may lease a horse from the states and compete at the World Show on that horse. The board discussed implementing a similar program for foreign qualifiers – not Canada.
 - i. AQHA program investigation and then STAFF will write proposed rulebook language and program rules
- z. Youth Qualifying – the board discussed removing the limitation on world show youth qualifying.
 - i. STAFF will draft language adjusting rule 4.3 to allow all qualified youth
 - ii. STAFF will draft language adjusting rule 4.8.1 to remove the ½ point qualification for youth classes
- aa. Cosmetic:
 - i. Map – redraw so that Ontario and Quebec are part of NE Region
 - ii. 3.8.3.1 – bold headers
 - iii. 3.8.4 – bold header
 - iv. 10.5.1 – fix the way the lines are drawn for the LAE Payouts
 - v. 10.6.2.5 – Bold “NON PRO”
 - vi. Judge’s card updates – hold change pending judge’s committee determinations
- bb. Illegal Equipment – add picture of the ball bearing bit
 - i. STAFF will find picture and include

VII. Executive Session

- a. Todd Crawford moved to convene the Executive Session, Paul Bailey seconded.
 - i. The board moved into Executive Session.
- b. Todd Crawford moved to close the Executive Session, , Paul Bailey seconded.
 - i. The board closed the Executive Session.

VIII. Next Meeting

- a. The board discussed review and adoption of rule changes after the Futurity. Allowing for printing time, all changes need to be in place no later than October 17. Next meeting is a teleconference on October 11.
- b. Next physical meeting will be in OKC November 3-4 over two days.

IX. Adjourn

- a. Jimmy Stickler moved to adjourn the meeting. Todd Crawford seconded.
- b. MOTION PASSED – none opposed
- c. Meeting adjourned