



National Reined Cow Horse Association  
Board of Directors  
Via Teleconference  
November 1, 2017

- I. Call to Order by Todd Bergen, President at 7:03pm CST
  - a. Via Teleconference:
    - i. Todd Bergen, President
    - ii. Paul Bailey, Vice President
    - iii. Sandy Collier, Secretary
    - iv. Trey Neal, Treasurer
    - v. Todd Crawford
    - vi. Dr. Joe Carter
    - vii. Amanda Gardiner
    - viii. Diane Edwards
    - ix. Jim Lane
    - x. Jake Telford
    - xi. Dave Allen
    - xii. Frank Prisco
    - xiii. Jay Winborn, Executive Director
    - xiv. Kelley Hartranft
  - b. Via Proxy
    - i. Dan Roeser – Jake Telford Proxy
    - ii. Jon Roeser – Jake Telford Proxy
  - c. Not present / on the call:
    - i. Brad Barkemeyer
    - ii. Jimmy Stickler
    - iii. Ted Robinson
- II. Approval of minutes from last meetings.
  - a. Jake Telford moved to accept the minutes from the prior meetings. Paul Bailey seconded.
  - b. MOTION PASSED, none opposed
- III. Financial Report
  - a. Paul Bailey reported that so far, the association is on track with 2017 budget numbers.
    - i. Snaffle Bit is still being reconciled. But he did report that the check from Western Bloodstock has been received and the check from the ARHF has also been received.

- b. The Budget meeting will be December 2 and 3 in OKC. Budget process on Saturday and full board meeting / budget review on Sunday.

IV. Committee Reports

a. Show Committee

i. 2018 Show Schedule

1. Celebration of Champions / Fort Worth, TX / February 9 – 17
2. Stakes / Las Vegas, NV / March 25 – 31
3. Snaffle Bit Futurity / Fort Worth, TX / original contract October 3 – 14. It was suggested that we need to push back SBF by one week and add 2 days. New dates proposed are October 7 – 20. There was much discussion regarding the push.
  - a. Idaho will be challenged based on possible weather if they push back one week. 2017 had good attendance. There isn't really a concern with the AQHA world show as many from that area do not attend.
  - b. Is there a concern with the AQHA world show being close, but Futurity horses don't normally attend AQHA.
  - c. There is no cost increase if we use the facility for 14 days instead of 12. The general consensus was to plan for 14 and rework the schedule. If it can be done in less and it makes sense, then we can always shorten the duration.
  - d. There was concern about the Amarillo show. It was suggested that it was not so well attended this year and it might make sense to have them move back 1 week to be before SBF so that people headed to Fort Worth might stop.
  - e. Paul Baily moved to change the 2018 Snaffle Bit Futurity dates to October 7 – 20. Jim Lane seconded.
    - i. MOTION PASSED – none opposed.
4. Derby / Paso Robles CA / June 10 – 17
  - a. Sandy Collier informed the board that she is now working for the Paso Robles Event Center as an Equestrian Liaison. Her job is to interface with equestrian organizations and try and keep them using the PREC so that they are not priced out of using the facility. She has negotiated the following deal:
    - i. Roll back to 2016 rental rates which include
      1. 340 permanent stalls / 125 portables @ \$60/stall
      2. RV Flat rate at [REDACTED]
    - ii. 5 year contract sign will waive the automatic 4% yearly increase for contracts less than 5 years
    - iii. New fees for Cattle Use and Sand Use [REDACTED]
  - b. The new rates would translate to about \$3K in savings for 2018 over 2017.

- c. The board discussed the new proposal. Dave Allen reminded the board that historically, NRCHA has not signed contracts longer than 3 years – just so that we don't get locked into a bad situation. The drawbacks of staying in Paso certainly are still there – only 1 arena that we can really use, travel cost to get staff, hotel cost for staff, cost of cattle, etc.
- d. Todd Crawford moved that the board should start negotiating a 3 year contract with the PREC that includes one additional show day. Amanda Gardiner seconded.
  - i. MOTION PASSED – none opposed

b. Nominating Committee

- i. Jake Telford reported that the nominating committee received 10 nomination forms. The nomination committee recommends that all 10 be listed on the ballot.
- ii. The board discussed the potential candidates. There was concern expressed at the reasoning behind several of the nominees.
- iii. Jake Telford moved that the board accept the recommendation of the nominating committee and place all 10 names on the ballot. Dave Allen seconded.
  - 1. MOTION PASSED – none opposed

V. Executive Session

- a. Dave Allen moved to convene the Executive Session, Trey Neal seconded.
  - i. The board moved into Executive Session.
- b. Dave Allen moved to close the Executive Session, Trey Neal seconded.
  - i. The board closed the Executive Session.

VI. Committee Reports (continued)

a. Sale Committee

- i. Todd Crawford gave a report of the SBF sale. Some things went well, others not quite as planned. Originally the Sale committee only wanted 170 consignments. Almost a month before the close of consignments, they already had the 170. There were several big NRCHA sponsors that had not yet consigned. So they kept accepting consignments until the published deadline. We ended up with 320 as the final number. There were several unforeseen complications that arose out of the increased numbers as well as different "Standard Operating Practices" used by Western Bloodstock (WB) during their other sales that we didn't even think to discuss. He informed the board that there has already been a 'postmortem' meeting where several changes / recommended changes were discussed for 2018.
  - 1. Add back the 2 year-old preview.
  - 2. Develop the possibility of a Breeder Select Sale in which ONLY NRCHA breeder sponsors can select a handful of yearlings that were bred by the Sponsor or sired by their stallions. Details will be worked out in the coming months.
  - 3. Webcast the sale.

4. Add a minimum 30-minute buffer between any Horse Show activity and the start or end of a sale.
  5. Improve the Radiograph repository.
  6. Stalls, once assigned, will not be moved. Any horse purchased will not be required to be relocated within 2 hours of purchase.
  7. Stalls will be open for the entire futurity, not just the day before the sale.
- ii. Incentive buy-in. Crawford also reported that we received \$37,000 in incentive buy-in money and an additional \$45,000 in Pass out fees that will fund the purse.
1. Incentive Enrollment
    - a. 2 Year Old \$8,000 (16 @ \$500)
    - b. Yearling – \$37,200 (92 @ \$400)
    - c. Weanling - \$400 (1 @ \$400)
  2. Pass Out Breakdown
    - a. \$3,000 from Broodmares (4)
    - b. \$3,000 from Performance Horses (4)
    - c. \$10,500 from 2 Year Old (14)
    - d. \$28,500 from Yearlings (38)
- b. Stallion Auction
- i. Staff reminded everyone that the Stallion Auction starts December 1 and we're looking for donations. Any help in getting donations would be appreciated.

#### VII. Old Business

- i. Snaffle Bit Futurity Feedback – various board members reported that they had received a variety of compliments / feedback on the show. Several people have posted on Facebook. Jay Winborn received an email from Millard Strong (past NRCHA president) conceding that even though he initially thought the move was bad, he agreed that watching the webcast proved it was a success. Todd Bergen reported that one of our owners who was strongly opposed came to him on finals night and admitted that he was wrong. Craig Huffines from AQHA mentioned the SBF / NRCHA in his weekly Executive Committee email. Matthews Cutting Horses has also promised more financial support – but they want to encourage participation in the bridle classes.

#### VIII. New Business

- a. Staff brought up a request to have a Youth Spectacular at both the Stakes and the Derby. It could run concurrent with their respective horse show classes. Todd Crawford suggested that the \$20,000 we received from the ARHF could be used to fund the added money. Todd Crawford moved that we add Youth Spectaculars to our 2018 premiere event schedule at both the Stakes and the Derby. Dr. Joe Carter seconded.
  - i. MOTION PASSED – none opposed
- b. Weanling Nomination program – Todd Crawford brought up the idea of a weanling nomination program similar to NRBC and NRHA. The program was discussed. He asked staff if it was possible to implement in 2018. Staff suggested we might be better served

developing the program, flushing out the details and doing a massive amount of marketing prior to any new program implementation.

- c. Level 1 Limited Open breakout. Todd Bergen questioned the inclusion of the people entered only in the L1LO in the regular futurity draw, even after the board has discussed that they would be separate in their own draw if not cross entered. Staff reported that the Rule Book needs to be updated in order to make that happen. Rules 10.4.1, 10.4.4 and 10.6.2.4 will need to be updated. They will make that change for the 2018 Rule book.
- IX. Todd Crawford moved to adjourn the meeting. Amanda Gardiner seconded.
- a. The meeting was adjourned.