



# National Reined Cow Horse Association

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
March 24, 2008 – 2 pm central – Nampa, Idaho  
Idaho Horse Park

## I. Call to Order by NRCHA President Lyn Anderson

Howard Erenberg, Vice President

Carol Rose, Secretary-Treasurer

Jon Roeser

Rick Drayer

Kathy Gould

Sam Rose

John Ward

Dan Roeser

Jake Gorrell

Jay McLaughlin

Marilyn Peters

John Hyde by Conference Phone

Russell Dilday arrived later in meeting

Ken Wold Proxy to John Ward, if necessary - Ken arrived while meeting was still going on

Dave Archer Proxy to Howard Erenberg

## II. Approval of Minutes from February 14, 2008 Board of Directors meeting

## III. Committee Reports

- a) Executive Committee - Howard Erenberg announced that the NRCH Foundation has created Youth Scholarships - per below and passed out a copy to all board members.

### **Youth Affiliate Scholarships**

In an effort to encourage youth participation and to reward accomplishment throughout the reined cow horse industry, the National Reined Cow Horse Foundation has created the NRCH Foundation Affiliate Youth Scholarships.

Annually, at the conclusion of the NRCHA Show Year, the National Reined Cow Horse Foundation will award a \$500 Scholarship to each National Reined Cow Horse Association Affiliate Youth Bridle Champion and a \$250 Scholarship to each NRCHA Affiliate Youth Limited Champion in compliance with Youth Scholarship Program guidelines.

*The following are the terms and conditions for the National Reined Cow Horse Foundation Affiliate Youth Scholarships that will be awarded to the Youth Bridle Champion and to the Youth Limited Champion of each of the NRCHA's Affiliate Associations.*

To compete for the year end scholarships, youth participants must have competed in at least one-third of the NRCHA Approved Shows given by a Qualifying Affiliate during the show year.

A Qualifying Affiliate is an affiliate whose shows are exclusively approved by the NRCHA with no other local, regional, or national organization approving or utilizing the results of these shows for any reason without the NRCHA's prior approval.

No double judged, double pointed shows or two NRCHA shows on one day in the same location will be approved by the NRCHA.

Each contestant for the scholarship must be a member of the NRCHA in good standing as of the date of the competition for the scholarship.

Each Affiliate's Youth Bridle Champion and Youth Limited Champion shall be decided in accordance to the rules and regulations for points of the NRCHA Regional system. In the event of a tie for the Championship, the Championship scholarship money will be divided equally between the co-champions.

Scholarship winners can access the scholarship money by sending a written request to the Foundation (c/o NRCHA, 13181 US Highway 177, Byars, OK 74831) and must include either of the following from an accredited Junior College, College, University, or a State Accredited Post-High School Trade/Vocational School:

1. An official tuition notice (in which case monies will be paid directly on behalf of the winner to the institution)  
Or
2. Invoices and/or receipts paid in full for tuition or other educational expenses mandated by such institutions such as school boarding, books or other class materials as listed on a legitimate source such as a school curriculum or class syllabus (in which case monies will be repaid directly to purchaser such as winner or winner's parents).  
Or
3. Invoices and/or receipts paid in full for tuition or other educational expenses mandated by such institutions such as school boarding, books or other class materials as listed on a legitimate source such as a school curriculum or class syllabus (in which case monies will be repaid directly to purchaser such as winner or winner's parents).

The Foundation will distribute funds in a timely manner, but reserves the right to take up to 10 working days to review and verify written requests.

Scholarship winners accessing the money who are under the age of 18 years old must have their written request for the scholarship money co-signed by a parent or legal guardian.

Scholarship winners have until their 24<sup>th</sup> birthday to utilize the scholarship money or it is forfeited back to the general fund of the NRCHF.

Any and all decisions or interpretations regarding the above will be made by the NRCHF Board of Directors and be final and binding on the Scholarship Recipient.

The above rules are subject to change by the National Reined Cow Horse Foundation Board of Directors and will be published in *Stock Horse News*.

Vice President Erenberg also said that the NRCHA Executive Committee recommended the following Affiliate Sponsorship program to support the NRCHA Affiliates and passed out a copy to all board members.

#### Affiliate Sponsorships

In an effort to assist and support its NRCHA Affiliates, the National Reined Cow Horse presents the NRCHA Affiliate Sponsor Program.

Upon acceptance of the organization as an NRCHA affiliate, each affiliate will be eligible to receive a \$500 NRCHA Sponsorship to be used for awards or added money at NRCHA affiliate shows or in its year-end program.

*The following are the terms and conditions for the National Reined Cow Horse Association Affiliate Sponsorships that will be awarded to each eligible affiliate at the end of each year.*

A Qualifying Affiliate is an affiliate whose shows are exclusively approved by the NRCHA with no other local, regional, or national organization approving or utilizing the results of these shows for any reason without the NRCHA's prior approval.

No double judged, double pointed shows or two NRCHA shows on one day in the same location will be approved by the NRCHA.

Funds will be distributed by the NRCHA to its affiliates who meet the above requirements and put on at least 2 NRCHA approved shows per year - of which one must be Category 1 show.

The NRCHA will distribute applications for sponsorships at the end of the competition year and each affiliate must fill out and return the form attesting to the fact that it has met the requirements. NRCHA will distribute funds in a timely manner following the completion of the point year.

Any and all decisions or interpretations regarding the above will be made by the NRCHA Board of Directors and will be final and binding.

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Jake Gorrell moved to adapt the NRCHA Affiliate Sponsorship Program as outlined above and Kathy Gould seconded.

12 in favor, Dan Roeser opposed.

Passed

- b) Sponsor Committee - Carol Rose reported that she was sending out renewal letters for Snaffle Bit Futurity buckle sponsors and that she would like for each board member to come on board as a buckle sponsor.

- Carol also reported on other potential sponsorships.
- c) Non Pro Committee - Dave Archer reported that he had compiled a list of Non Pro concerns from his Non Pro Survey and those will be addressed at next meeting.
  - d) Marketing Committee - Jake Gorrell reported that Drag N Fly/Penny Knight had bought the sponsorship of the Snaffle Bit Futurity telecast on Wide World of Horses. Gorrell said he wanted to have a commentator - who would tell biographical information on horse and rider. He wants to try it in the Bridle Spectacular at the Hackamore Classic. He wants to do it in the herd during the walk-ins and in the rein work during the circles and in the cow work during the boxing. He would like to use Mark Matson to do it  
Agreed.
    - a. Sale Committee - Sam Rose reported that all entry forms are out. First two sales are up \$25 and the other two are up \$50, based on cattle and stalls.  
Sam said there will be a common draw instead of select sale horses going first. Then use regular draw so it keeps owners from drawing back to back.  
Priority for catalog order; if the horse is not there, roll on and they can work them in.  
Bridle horses will be previewed in the rodeo arena with a sign-up list.
  - e) Rules Committee - Kathy Gould said when a rule is pending she'd like to put it on the web and get feedback via email. Board agreed
  - f) Show Committee - EMT - it was agreed by the Board that even if we have to pay, the NRCHA should have EMTs at all events.
  - g) Proposed Youth Committee - Cheryl Magoteaux brought up the issue of the National Reined Cow Horse Youth Association, said that with the NRCH Foundation supporting funding for activities, the office was ready to go forward and initiate this organization and asked Rules Committee to put the NRCHYA bylaws into the 2009 rulebook  
The proposed Youth Committee will be Dave Allen, Loke Allen, Carol Metcalf, Carol Carr, Kathy Ferrante, Lissa Stewart, Rhonda Holmes or Rick Steed  
The office will provide a liaison - in house for creating logo, corresponding with youth, creating and running events and activities, in-house service, etc. Election nominations for Youth officers will be due by November 5; elections for officers at NRCHA World Championship show - kids to have visibility and activities at events and new officers to be introduced at the NRCHA Year-end Awards Banquet.

#### IV. New Business

- a) NRCHA in 2009- 60 year old association - Cheryl Magoteaux brought up that 2009 would be the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the NRCHA. Howard Erenberg suggested the 60<sup>th</sup> year logo should be put on everything including logo merchandise and John Ward suggested using it on buckles and medallions and everything for 2009. Magoteaux suggested the tag line, "Sixty years of Tradition." Board agreed.
- b) San Angelo Press Conference/Update - Cheryl Magoteaux/Sam Rose reported that they had gone to San Angelo on February 19 to attend the Press Conference announcing that the NRCHA Fort Dodge Animal Health Celebration of Champions was moving to San Angelo. Sam Rose said he had a discussion about the ground with the San Angelo people.. They wanted to improve ground anyway and he and Chris Potter and Jim Kiser will work with them on this.  
He noted that for herd work, the arena could be set up at one end and the practice pen at the other end and still have room for a warm-up area. The arena outside is 700 X 185. It was suggested to run steers in the other coliseum and also to have a steer stopping practice pen.
- c) California Youth Scholarship Money - John Hyde reported that NRCHA was contacted by California State Horseman's Association re money that had been given to the fund in the days before NRCHA had its own foundation. These funds - \$3,268 - had not been used and there were some strict guidelines on how we could use them.  
John proposed we use for Year-End Youth Scholarship and instruct them to pay on our behalf until the \$3268 is used.  
Agreement

- d) Howard said about two years ago Allen Moyer put together a Code of Conduct - now they've revamped that Code and that the Executive Committee will have a draft to the board by the next meeting.
- e) The Following policy was discussed:

An event approved by the NRCHA is exclusive to the NRCHA and cannot also be approved or sanctioned by an unaffiliated horse entity or association unless specific prior approval is obtained from the National Reined Cow Horse Association.

Jake Gorrell moved to adopt this as a policy for show approvals and Jay McLaughlin seconded. Passed.

Russell Dilday said that he did not agree with this decision but he would not talk against it even if it was not what he thought.

It was discussed that this policy would not be retroactive. If an Affiliate has held such events in 2008 prior to May 1, those events will not disqualify the Affiliate from the NRCHA Affiliate Youth Scholarship Program or from the NRCHA Affiliate Sponsorship Program and all will be notified by Certified Letter.

Beginning May 1, 2008, all Affiliates must be in compliance with the above policy for show approval and for eligibility for the NRCHA Affiliate Sponsorship and Affiliate Youth Scholarship programs.

The above was approved by the board; 12 voted in favor and Russell Dilday voted against. Passed.

- f) Letter from Brandon Staebler regarding being notified late that a Stakes Entry was not eligible.

Chris Potter said that steps had been put in place to prevent this and that a clerk missed it; however it was one of the checking steps that found this error prior to the draw.

- g) It was noted that Hall of Fame Committee should be added to the NRCHA bylaws. Also noted the Hall of Fame should recommend a Vaquero Award recipient each year.

## V. Old Business

- a) Copyright Recommendation - John Hyde said that a copyright symbol with the date and the wording below should be at the beginning of our rule book and at the bottom of the home page on our website and all printed materials we produce...and wherever else it is appropriate. Even without the written copyright, NRCHA already has established usage rights.

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Jake Gorrell moved to put this verbiage on all NRCHA printed materials and Marilyn Peters seconded. Passed.

- b) Dan Roeser made a motion that for NRCHA Approved Limited Age Events, when an event has intermediate open or intermediate non pro exhibitors who enter those divisions are also required to enter the Open or Non Pro, respectively..Carol Rose seconded. Passed.

From last meeting Jon Roeser asked about the top 30 list including Non Pro Riders. If looking at Non Pros making it the Open Top Thirty list that would increase the list of Top Thirty riders by seven people. It was also discussed that there could be an additional rule that said any Non Pro whose

earnings put them at a level above the 31<sup>st</sup> person in the Open list, would be ineligible for Intermediate Open competition. Tabled until June meeting.

- c) John Ward made a motion to have the NRCHA office set the World Show entry deadline and draw dates so that the draw can be done for the world show at the same time the draw is done for the Circle Y Derby and World's Greatest and to have a no refund after the draw policy and that the entry deadline will be no more than two weeks from the start of the show.  
Passed.

Carol Rose made a motion that World Show entries be allowed to enter with a \$100 late fee up to noon the day before the class and they would go to the places in the draw outlined by the NRCHA rulebook for late entries. Seconded by Kathy Gould.  
Passed.

Lyn Anderson brought up the question of running each world show class separately. There was much discussion of pros and cons and the board is to think about this and discuss. It was pointed out that the entries already have to run separately in the finals. It was also noted that 20 this year from each region instead of 15 will qualify.

Ken Wold said in NRCHA rules for judging the limited class , there should be a set or standardized limit for the time they work. Dan Roeser said that this is on the agenda for the Judges Committee meeting.

- d) \$2 Million Sire Award - Russell Dilday requested \$1500 for a special award and got approval from the board.

The next NRCHA Board Meeting will be May 13 - Tuesday 5 pm pacific via conference call..

- VI. Jake Gorrell moved to adjourn. Kathy Gould seconded.  
Adjourned.