



**National Reined Cow Horse Association  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
9 AM - November 12 , 2009**

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I. Call to Order

Lyn Anderson, President  
Howard Erenberg, Vice President  
Carol Rose, Secretary  
Dave Archer, Treasurer  
Kathy Gould, Exec. Committee  
Paul Bailey  
Marilyn Peters  
Darren Miller  
Jay McLaughlin  
John Ward  
Sandy Collier (by phone)  
Sam Rose (proxy to Darren Miller)  
Dan Roeser (proxy to Darren Miller)  
Jon Roeser, Absent (no proxy)  
Guests: Melissa Nation, Cheryl Magoteaux, Chris Potter

II. Approval of Minutes from August 25, 2009 meeting

**Motion:** Dave Archer made a motion to approve the minutes; Marilyn Peters seconded.  
Passed

III. Committee Reports

a. Executive Committee Report - Howard Erenberg

1. Melissa Nation gave the financial report for 2009. Based on current figures, NRCHA will lose approximately \$60,000 this year

2. 2010 Budget - Howard Erenberg outlined budget suggestions figuring a 5% reduction in entries for 2010. Key notes were to reduce added money by \$55,000 and to change the judges at events other than the Snaffle Bit Futurity to a 3-judge system instead of a 5-judge system, eliminate judges assistant.

Much discussion about 5-judge system vs. 3-judge system.

**Motion:** Motion by Paul Bailey and seconded by Dave Archer to eliminate horse show judges at Snaffle Bit Futurity and eliminate the judge's assistant position. Passed

Continued discussion regarding this.

**Motion:** Motion by Paul Bailey to go to a 3-judge system at the Celebration of Champions, the Stakes and the Derby. Seconded by Dave Archer.

**Motion:** Motion rescinded by Paul Bailey.

Discussion on how to count the scores.

**Motion:** Paul Bailey made a motion that if the NRCHA uses a three judges system all scores count.

John Ward seconded.

7 For  
4 Against  
Passed

**Motion:** Motion by Paul Bailey to go to a 3-judge system at the Fort Dodge Animal Health Celebration of Champions, the Stakes and the Derby. Seconded by Dave Archer.

9 For  
3 Opposed  
Passed

**Motion:** Motion by Dave Archer to take \$55,000 (\$5k at Celebration of Champions, \$10k each at NRCHA Derby, Hackamore Classic, and \$20k from Snaffle Bit Futurity) away from added money for 2010. Kathy Gould seconded.

8 for  
4 opposed  
Passed

**Motion:** Motion by Dave Archer to accept the 2010 budget as presented by Executive Committee. Marilyn Peters seconded.

8 for  
5 opposed  
Passed

### 3. Event Payouts

- b. Sponsor Committee Report - Carol Rose said Target Constructors/Dave Archer will continue their NRCHA sponsorship for 2010.

Silver Legacy is remodeling all guest rooms and spa suites. Plus they have lowered weekend rates. Street Vibrations rate is lowered from \$199 to \$179. Also daily rate is \$79. The NRCHA Hall of Fame Banquet will remain at Silver Legacy.

She noted that the Doc Bar Room - Sponsor-Partner Lounge was a hit.

- c. Non Pro Committee - Paul Bailey said he'd gotten multiple requests for go-round payouts in the amateur and to consider raising the entry fee for the amateur division.

**Motion:** Paul Bailey made motion to raise Amateur entry fee to \$1000, pay \$3,000 to the go-rounds (\$1,000 per go-round). Seconded by Dave Archer.

Passed.

It was discussed to have additional buckles for the Amateur division so it would be buckles to the top ten instead of top five. If someone wants to make a 3-year commitment we can add from there. Paul said he held a meeting of Non Pros at Snaffle Bit Futurity. All decisions of board were reviewed and discussed and the elimination of the Non Pro Two-Rein was the only big issue of what was done. He said the consensus of the Non Pros was that they wanted the event back even if it was a jackpot. Much discussion.

**Motion:** Paul Bailey made a motion to hold an unapproved jackpot Non Pro Two-Rein class at the NRCHA Stakes, Hackamore Classic, Derby and Snaffle Bit Futurity. Seconded by Dave Archer.

Passed.

- d. Youth Committee - Paul Bailey said that at the Youth meeting at Snaffle Bit Futurity the youth committee decided to meet monthly by conference call. First meeting was October 17. They started to outline some activities for Celebration of Champions.  
Kathy Ferrante has contacted Paul because of Youth wanting sponsors; see letter below:

***Hello Cheryl:***

***Today I spoke with Carol Rose about sponsorships for the youth. Both Carol and I discussed that it would be in the best interest for the youth riders to have sponsors. We talked about this last year when Kimmy was showing for the national championship. However, the decision was that if a youth had a sponsor it would jeopardize their non pro status. Both Carol and I agreed that if a rider is under the age of 18 and does not show in the non pro, it would be acceptable for the youth rider to have a sponsor (Similar to rodeo).***

***Carol asked me to send you an email so that it could be discussed at your next board meeting. Please contact me with any questions you may have.***

***Thank you,***

***Kathie Ferrante***

***805 386-4777, 805 276-4892***

***Ferrante Ranch***

Some discussion and it was decided that this will be discussed at San Angelo meeting.

- e. Rules Committee –Kathy Gould

1. Rules Review

**Motion:** Motion by Carol Rose to add this verbiage to 2.1.2

This applies to endorsement logos. Logos on award apparel or logos from/for personally owned entities are allowed. Seconded by Kathy.

Passed.

**Motion:** Marilyn Peters made a motion to remove 9.9 as it reads in current rulebook; then renumber, then add 9.9 verbiage to just after first sentence in 10.1.2.2. Seconded by Jay McLaughlin.

Passed

**Motion:** Motion by Paul Bailey and seconded by Marilyn Peters to approve the following:

No Score - not eligible for placing or points but will count as an entry in the class

Zero Score - eligible for placing or points and will count as an entry in the class.

Non Entry - not eligible for placing or points and will not count as an entry in the class.

Passed.

**Motion:** Motion by Darren Miller and seconded by Jay McLaughlin to approve the following:

A horse quitting a cow is defined as when a horse refuses to stop or turn around with a cow.

Passed

2. Question of who gets earnings credited to their lifetime earnings when a substitute rider finishes a multi-phase event was raised by Dan Roeser

There was discussion on this and it was the feeling of the board that it should be in the rulebook, clarifying that it is the last rider. Will bring back for rulebook for next year.

- f. NRCHA Futurity Horse Sale - Sandy Collier

***Review of Horse Sale***

Handout of topics for discussion and information

-Sale X-Ray Repository - to be tweaked for next year and brought back out -

- Also tweak re liabilities
- Should be spelled out in contract that management is not auctioneer, and should not have a sale within one month of ours
- bid-board should be above auctioneer and visible from both sides
- the sale management company should have a vet to inspect horse for obvious blemishes, problems
- Cheryl to talk to Patty Tiberg re QHN helping with photos
- tags for yearlings
- schedule horses for cattle pens
- set account so purchaser can buy feed and shavings
- sellers and or agent should be a member in good standings. And in case of agent, the agent should sign for financial responsibility
- check or visa for charges

There was discussion re back-alley sales and discussion on online bidding - consensus was no

**Motion:** A motion was made by Carol Rose if we go with an auction company to go with Professional Auction Services for next year based on contract items summarized in meetings. It was seconded by Kathy Gould.

For 8

Against 1

Passed

Mike Jennings Report  
2009 NRCHA Snaffle Bit Futurity Sales  
Submitted by Mike Jennings, **Professional Auction Services, Inc.**

#### Sale Results

	2009 Actual	2009 High Projection	2008 Actual
Gross Sales	\$2,102,000.00	\$1,951,535.00	\$2,555,350.00
Average Price	\$7,992.40	\$8,031.00	\$8,873.00
Total Horses	367	345	385
Horses Sold	263	243	288
Horses Not Sold	71	76	70
Outs	30	26	27
Percentage Sold	78%	76%	80%

Classic Yearling & Broodmare Sale	2009 Actual	2008 Actual
Gross Sales	\$322,500.00	\$320,800.00
Average Price	\$4,010.00	\$4,456.00
Total Horses	103	96
Horses Sold	79	72
Horses Not Sold	19	16
Outs	5	12
Percentage Sold	81%	82%

High Seller - \$24,500.00 – Hip #20 – Katies Lil Cat  
Seller: Sally Nakasawa, AZ; Buyer: Bill Tointon, CO

#### Select Yearling & Broodmare Sale

	2009 Actual	2008 Actual
Gross Sales	\$761,800.00	\$717,050.00

Average Price	\$9,290.00	\$8,242.00
Total Horses	114	114
Horses Sold	82	87
Horses Not Sold	23	23
Outs	9	4
Percentage Sold	78%	79%

High Seller - \$65,000.00 – Hip #127 – Lilly Dual

Seller: Heritage Performance Horses, FL; Buyer: James C Brown, FL

<b>Select 2 Year-Old Sale</b>	2009 Actual	2008 Actual
Gross Sales	\$747,700.00	\$717,050.00
Average Price	\$10,242.00	\$13,174.00
Total Horses	102	108
Horses Sold	73	78
Horses Not Sold	19	22
Outs	10	8
Percentage Sold	79%	78%

High Seller - \$80,000.00 – Hip #295 – Wright On Time

Seller: Carol Rose, Agent for Richard M. Bell, TX; Buyer: Barbara Hasting, CA

<b>Performance Horse Sale</b>	2009 Actual	2008 Actual
Gross Sales	\$270,000.00	\$489,900.00
Average Price	\$9,310.00	\$9,606.00
Total Horses	48	67
Horses Sold	29	51
Horses Not Sold	10	9
Outs	9	7
Percentage Sold	74%	85%

High Seller - \$28,500.00 – Hip #351 – Wright On TC

Seller: Brenda Hannan, WA; Buyer: Jack Hunter, CO

The Performance Horse Sale included the Futurity Finalist Supplement with 3 entries.

#### Sale Manager note

The market at the 2009 NRCHA Snaffle Bit Futurity Sales performed better than most other markets in the equine industry. In the last year, many horse auctions across all disciplines have seen reductions of 20% to 40% in number of entries, gross sales and average price.

#### Repository and 24-Hour Soundness Condition

The Repository and 24 Hour Soundness Condition accomplished the goal of avoiding problems like the one encountered in 2008. I am not aware of any disputes over soundness after the Futurity. Some of the horses scratched from the sales were pulled due to issues detected when radiographs were taken. One yearling was returned to the seller due to OCD lesions detected when the repository radiographs were reviewed after the horse was sold. Two of the 2 Year-Old Sale entries were returned to the sellers after veterinary inspections, which revealed radiographic soundness issues.

The NRCHA Board should consider the recommendation that the repository records be closed after a horse is sold. Closing the repository will help avoid buyers trying to turn horses down after the sale by finding something they don't like on the radiographs. However, consideration should also be given to requirements of the seller to disclose, such as in the case of the yearling with the OCD lesions.

Buyers will need to be educated more about the responsibility to view radiographs before bidding. I heard that some buyers considered that if the horse had radiographs, then they must be clean and there was not a need to view before bidding.

More specific language should be considered for the 24-hour soundness clause because of the broad interpretations of the word “soundness.” Dr. Joe Carter said he would offer suggestions to develop the language.

#### Fees and Commissions

The Board should consider making the commission structure more uniform for all of the sales. One option is to charge the same commission for horses sold in all of the sales. A 9% fee could be considered since approximately half of the sale price of horses in 2009 was under the 8% fee and about half under the 10% fee. A 10 % fee could be considered, particularly since that is the fee currently charged for two sales. For reference, we charge commission fees of 9% for the AQHA World Show Sale and the Congress and commission of 10% for all of our other auctions. The No Sale, or Buy-back, fees should be uniform for all of the sales. The Board may consider 5% of the final bid for No Sales. I would recommend putting a cap on the amount of the No Sale fee. We have put a cap of \$1,000 on No Sale fees for the major sales we produce. In this economy, people are more concerned about the liability for high cost if they don’t get their horse sold. High No Sale fees can be a deter some potential sellers from consigning. They feel like they are being penalized for not selling. When I have had to negotiate to get high quality horses, the primary concern of sellers is the No Sale cost. There were 5 horses that had a No Sale commission of \$1,000 or more this year. A cap would not affect many horses and may encourage more people to try better horses.

#### Pre-sales or “Alley Trading”

At many auctions a seller is allowed to sell their horse before it goes through the sale ring. There was one pre-sale this year.

#### Pre-sale Policy Options

Whatever is done, make the wording clear. Options include:

- a) Allowing pre-sales and stipulate that no sale commission will be charged on any amount above the purchase price if not re-sold. Any maximum would apply to the no sale amount.
- b) Allowing pre-sales, but do not allow the horse to go through the sale ring.
- c) A penalty could be charged for a pre-sale.
- d) If a pre-sold horse goes through the sale ring, the new owner will be announced as the current owner.

#### Sale Previews

I understand there are considerations to change the schedule next year.

Holding the 2 year-old preview on the day before they sell would allow buyers more time to select and examine these horses. There have been suggestions to do the 2 year-old preview in the Rodeo Arena since there is more seating, with better visibility. Plans will need to be made for more using horses to help in the preview. We need to ask trainers if they want, or need, help while working cattle in the sale ring.

More than 15 horses participated in the Bridle Horse Preview. It seemed to be well received by both buyers and sellers and should remain a part of the schedule.

#### Photography

In 2008, a photographer was paid a fee of \$1,500, plus expenses to shoot only the sale. The plan to have Primo come back to do the shots at the end of the sales, or the next morning before the sale, was more cost effective and did not slow the sales down. However, we did not consider that the participants would not be available due to show conflicts. Composite pictures will be used for the High Sellers from the 2 Year-Old and Performance Sales.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Jennings, President

Professional Auction Services, Inc.

Lyn,

*I have attached the Sale Results for DHS from the NRCHA Sale in Reno. I think the first year was a great success, just hearing the comments from everyone but I wanted to run the numbers as well, and you can see from the numbers the horses that were on the DHS system had a higher selling average in all four sales (I only ran the numbers of the horses that actually sold, we had A LOT of other REALLY high selling horses that did not sell and their numbers are not included in these averages).*

*Also I was happily surprised at the number of hits on the DHS site, we have been doing the online portion of the NRHA sale for the last 4 year and the numbers from the first year with you guys are about what we had last year with NRHA. It will be interesting to watch the numbers in the years to come!! We will be leaving these videos up for the next year to allow promotion throughout the year at other sales we attend, to allow owners who had horses that did not sell the ability to easily show video to prospective buyers, and trainers and owners have told us they like to go back to the following year and look at the quality of horses that got into the select sale to see where their horses need to be for the sale.*

*Thanks again for having us at the sale, we enjoyed working with you guys and being out in Reno.*

*Mitzi Martin  
11014 Harney St  
Omaha NE 68154  
402.517.6777*

Some discussion on these items above. Sale Committee is to organize all the feedback and go forward.

- g. Nomination Committee - Kathy Gould reported that running for 2010 - Paul Bailey, Jay McLaughlin, Howard Erenberg, Carol Rose, Lyn Anderson, Ramona Koch, Sam Rose, Darren Miller, Marilyn Peters  
**Motion:** Motion to approve nominees by Carol Rose, seconded by Dave Archer.  
Passed.
- h. Stock horse News Committee - Kathy Gould explained that this committee was planning to have a Judges Column in *Stock Horse News*. Kathy to talk with Dan Roeser, as head of judges committee, to see if he wanted to get together with Bill Enk on this, or if SHN Committee could go ahead and liaison directly with Bill. Cheryl Magoteaux asked the Board members to support the association's official publication.
- i. Affiliate Committee - Marilyn Peters noted that there will be an Affiliate meeting 30 minutes after World's Greatest Herd Work on Wednesday of Celebration of Champions. She also noted she had been working on having reined cow horse work at the All American Quarter Horse Congress.

#### IV. New Business

- a. Futurity Review - Chris Potter

#### 2009 NRCHA Snaffle Bit Futurity

#### Comments and Recommendations:

- **Open Finals Awards Presentation** – without the spotlights and a new announcer that did not fully understand the presentation, the champion's presentation was poorly executed. We have investigated bringing some of the lights back and visited with Howard regarding the budget for this item. We will also meet with the announcer to make sure that the presentations are understood.
- **Hay & Shavings** – working with a group of 13 volunteers presented some problems in information and procedures getting to everyone that worked. In the future I would recommend having one person that is there for the full event and also a person that would be able to man the camper during some of the high traffic move in nights.
- **Facility limitations** – we all know these and are dealing with them.
- **Parking at the College** – again this did not work out as well as it should have although discussion in advance with the facility took place it was not handled as agreed. We filled the designated area very quickly and then waited to hear if more space was going to be released. This never happened and we were forced to try and arrange them in the North lot as best as possible. For the future we need to have the confirmations on what areas are going to be available and what possibilities for overflow will exist.
- **Practice cattle** – the Sunday practice was well attended, but with the costs of the practice cattle many people did not want to re-work these cattle and did not allow for us to recover the cost of these fresh cattle. We need to look at the pricing of the practice pens both fresh cattle and reworks/re-reworks.
- **Practice pen shape** – last year we had round pens, this year we had squares that we ended up putting panels up in several corners. There was some conversation as to what worked better. If possible could we get a consensus on what shape and size we would like to use for 2010.
- **Sale** – I think many things went right with the sale. We will work with the committee to make sure that there is more communication prior to the event.
- **6<sup>th</sup> Chair** – we placed the 6<sup>th</sup> chair position in the mote. It did cost us approximately \$100 and did not seem to be utilized. Bill Enk said that he is too busy during this event to really deal with 6<sup>th</sup> chair judges. Do we need to maintain this practice for the SBF? Consensus was that this could be done in the stands if needed.
- **Scheduling** – I heard from several people that they liked the schedule. I did not hear anyone during the event that had problems with it. There did not seem to be the mass departure following the Open fence work that had been thought to be a possibility.
- **Cattle** – With the increase of a few pens and the scheduling of cattle in and out it did not seem like the cattle were as crowded as past years.

**Motion: Motion to charge \$65 for the priority herd work practice and \$45 for reruns at NRCHA events - made by Darren Miller and seconded by Marilyn Peters.**

Passed

#### **FUTURITY COMMENTS FROM OTHERS**

**FROM CAROL & DOUG WILLIAMSON**

Hi Cheryl

We wanted to send our compliments regarding several things at the SBF. The Doc Bar Room was great. I only got the chance to visit a couple of times, but the food was terrific and the hospitality was great as well. Also, we were impressed with the festivities during the finals performance. We thought it was a great idea to introduce the owners of the finalist entries (unfortunately we didn't have any owners out there haha). We appreciate our owners and realize that their loyalty and support of our industry allows us to lead this great life we love. We thought your idea of putting the owners in the spotlight as well as the riders was the perfect way of expressing the importance of our owners. As usual, the office staff was pleasant and helpful during the entire show. Last of all, the Hall of Fame Banquet was a great evening and enjoyed by all.

Thanks again,  
Carol & Doug Williamson

**ANNIE LAMBERT**

31888 Blue Heron Lane • Springville, CA 93265



Dear NRCHA,

I wanted to thank you for the honor of being the recipient of your first Media Award. Circumstances dictated that I was not able to be in Reno to accept, which I deeply regret.

The C.R. Morrison bronze is just beautiful and something I will always treasure. It was a real shock to receive it and it is certainly appreciated! It is a piece of art that actually caused me to clean up my usually untidy desk to make a special place for it to sit.

I love the reined cow horse industry, even though it might be politically incorrect to have a bias toward a particular type of performance horse...just can't help loving the versatility of the cow horse game. I'm sure the reiners and cutting horse folks can forgive me!

Many thanks again,



Annie Lambert

## COMMENTS FROM SANDY COLLIER - RESPONSE FROM CHERYL MAGOTEAUX

### **Review Comments from Futurity - Sandy Collier Raffle Colt and hat drawing need to be at a more prestigious time (maybe right before fence work starts?)**

*We have traditionally put them at the end of the show for two reasons - mostly to fill the time while they are verifying last scores and printing out placings. Also, we sell a ton of colt tickets between the last viewing and the "cutoff" and then have that last set to collect tickets and get into hopper.*

**Heard complaints about scores not coming up on scoreboard until after the next horse completed its go. I think it's ok to hold for really big scores, but not sure why we changed policy for all scores**

*We have been told to hold the scores that because of crowd reaction - not just to very high scores but to scores lower than what the crowd expected. It's hard to gauge crowd reaction and it's just as disconcerting for riders and judges to hear boos or ahhs as it is to hear cheers. Then it comes down as to what justifies a "high score" - one that takes the lead only? above a certain number?*

**Bridle and Hackamore finals needs a bit of spicing up**

*A suggestion would be to dress the Bridle and Hackamore Finals up with more bells and whistles - if we continue to have it at the same time. If it changes for next year we need to create its identity based on its place in the schedule.*

**The finals awards ceremony was pretty flat without lights and music. I really think it's important that we make it a big deal to win our event?**

*Although scripted, our announcer apparently got excited and didn't read the script --- about bringing people back in and lining them up, announcing the winner last, etc. The music was also there for him along with the directions ---- he got confused.*

*The difference was the lights. In the past we've used Michael Lippman's people, who (our half) ended up being over \$3500. That was eliminated from the budget for this year's event. We have found a cheaper spotlight source and strongly recommend that we use them for next year.*

**DISCUSSION OF SCHEDULES FOR 2010 SNAFFLE BIT FUTURITY**

discussion of pellets - not sure about being able to sell so they are just concerned if that's going to upset us if we don't have pellets there. Board says we are ok with shavings alone.

Cheryl to visit with John House regarding Reno contract and Vivian Saylor regarding Paso contract. Try for 5% more reduction and concessions for non-fulfillment at Reno, 10% elsewhere.

b. NRCHA Membership Comparison - Cheryl Magoteaux

2008 = 3109

2009 = 2884

Show report - update on shows for 2009

255 sets of results reported so far (16 shows outstanding)

257 sets of results for all of 2008

107 Shows held in 2008 (originally 118 scheduled, 11 were cancelled)

113 Shows held in 2009 (116 Shows scheduled in 2009-3 cancelled)

d. NRCHA Professionals - Todd Crawford - 1 pm

Todd represented the NRCHA Professionals which had met at the Snaffle Bit Futurity. He thought meeting set a lot of things straight - like decisions that were made here and why the board made them. He thought it was a good opportunity to communicate with the professionals.

He said he was also amazed that there were so many people willing to do things for the Reined Cow Horse Association and maybe this is a group we haven't tapped yet that wants to be involved.

He discussed ways to grow snaffle bit futurity - best way is to increase number of Intermediate and Limited Open Riders. One way was to increase the payout to them. Possible ways would be to do away with slot payments - a lot of people still wanted to do that - maybe consider slot payment be one fee and the regular another fee.

Horse sale incentive - one idea was to take money we provide for high placing horse and give that to intermediate open purse. Discussion that budget was already having \$25K more in Intermediate.

3 judges instead of 5 to save money was OK with the group.

Discussion of Limited Age Event Eligibility criteria - the professionals would like all earnings counted for Limited Age Event criteria. Todd and John Ward noted that this was a consensus.

Cattle and Limited Age Event committee - Todd said that the biggest thing that came out was that they felt we should open up the cattle contract for bid and see if we can't find a better cattle deal. Lyn said bring us back some options. Who has the availability and the cattle to fulfill? We're open to bids.

They felt there should be a trainer-cattle or limited age event committee. John McCarty and Barney Skelton have volunteered. Lyn Anderson said for the group to give the Board four names for committee members. At San Angelo Board Meeting, the Board could create a sub committee of the show committee.

Schedule for SBF for next year - somehow run open futurity into later in week rather than ending it so early - hold people over; change schedule to start rein work first. Current working schedule is being sent to Todd Crawford.

Modification of Open Snaffle Bit Futurity Finals to make for more of a spectator event  
Lope from gate, not do as many circles; not drag as much - drag after 12 like prelims.  
moat around arena to save time in tear-down, etc. 8 foot wall behind cattle.

Suggestion of not haul in and out during finals or as much and to not announce fence scores until riders come back into the arena and line up. Board was in agreement.

Promotion of major events - booth – at AQHA World Show - Zane Davis said he'd try to get an exhibition at NFR. Want to promote at events .

At this point there will be informal recognition of Professionals Committee in 2010 with plan to put on next fall's ballot for a by-law change for 2011 was discussed.

**Motion:** Motion by Kathy Gould - to change 9.11. to "Unofficial scores may be announced."  
Seconded by Marilyn Peters.  
Passed

e. Letter from Gayle Makin

<sagerider@verizon.net>  
Sat, Oct 24, 2009 at 1:13 PM

*For the associations I have included on the distribution list, I have a suggestion I would like to put forth. On your stallion auction web sites it would be really nice if you listed the "HERDA" status of the stallion. This is a serious genetic defect, and one that is easily overlooked in the heat of bidding on the stallion services. One of your auctions has a stallion listed that is herda N/P. When I went to the stallion's web site, I found no mention of the Herda carrier status. It was only after I contacted the stallion owner that I found he was a carrier. For owner's with carrier mares, overlooking this can be a very heavy burden. Herda is a serious issue and the industry could help prevent Herda affliction by putting in the effort to inform the participants. I encourage you to take a more active part in making sure the Herda status of your offerings is readily available to potential buyers.*

Carol Rose noted that Western Bloodstock doesn't mention anywhere besides their repository. She doesn't think we can go against the rest of the industry. Board agreed. Office is to write her a letter letting her know.

f. Slidin Guide Approval request - Cheryl Magoteaux

10/14/09 11:59:28 AM 512-326-1755 P. 1



## Slidin' Guide

NRHA & NRCHA Reining Pattern Cards

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Ms. Cheryl Magoteaux  
NRCHA  
13181 US Highway 177  
Byars, OK 74631

October 14, 2009

VIA: Mail and Fax: 580-759-3999

RE: Renewal of permission to reprint NRCHA patterns on "Slidin' Guide" cards for year 2010.

Dear Ms. Magoteaux:

Per our agreement of September, 2006, here is my annual request for renewal of permission to reprint the eleven NRCHA patterns on my "Slidin' Guide" cards for the year 2010. All five stipulations of prior years will again be followed for 2010:

1. "Patterns reprinted with permission from National Reined Cow Horse Association" printed on cards.
2. Must file in writing an annual request for permission to reprint NRCHA patterns on an annual basis.
3. A notation of the altered pattern description words is also stated on the card package, along with the wording "*The contents of the Cards are the sole responsibility of Slidin' Guide*" printed on the cards.
4. Remain NRCHA member in good standing.
5. Send a free set of each year's cards to NRCHA for their use/proof of performance.

Please advise if there are any changes to any of the patterns for the year 2010, so that I can upgrade the cards if necessary and also send my customers any replacement cards if needed for 2010. (My 2010 handbook has yet to arrive for me to check for changes.)

You may reach me with e-mail at [haylie@slidinguide.com](mailto:haylie@slidinguide.com) or by phone at 512-326-1755. I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Haylie McCort, NRCHA Member # 7079

Board approved.

**Motion:** Motion was made to add additional \$25,000 to the Intermediate Open snaffle bit futurity purse if sponsor funds are secured by time to put on the entry form. The winner would receive \$30K and sponsor would have naming rights, and seconded by Paul Bailey.  
Passed.

**Motion:** Motion was made by Darren Miller to raise the cost of slots by \$200 seconded by Jay McLaughlin. First slot payment due for March 1. passed

g. SHOT and National Versatility Ranch Horse Eligibility - Carol Rose voiced concern concerned that riders from these associations would lose their eligibility in NRCHA. Refer to Rules and Non Pro Committee. Clarified for the board that they can go in Non Pro Limited, not \$5K Non Pro Limited.

h. Equine Piroplasmosis Disease - possibility of quarantine for some states and/or countries and its effect on World Show Entries

Dear Board of Directors – NRCHA,

We are writing to you today for two reasons, the first one being a problem which is presenting itself to the Canadian members of the NRCHA and secondly to inform the NRCHA of the potential possibility of a number of entries not attending the World Show this year.

Recently it has come to our attention that any horses travelling from Canada to the World Show may experience a problem returning to Canada after having been in Texas. Reports of Vesicular Stomatitis and Piroplasmosis in Texas have led the Canadian Food Inspection Agency, (CFIA - Federal Agency) to refuse re-entry into Canada after horses have been in Texas and this is leaving us in a very nervous state of anticipating problems returning. Last week a number of horses that attended the Appaloosa World Show in Fort Worth were turned back at our boarder and are now in quarantine in Montana. We contacted the CFIA to determine what our options are and they reported to us that:

1. No horses will be granted re-entry in Canada as long as there are any active cases in Texas
2. After quarantine (21 days) all horses must be physically inspected by Federal vets (both in the US and at the Canadian border) and if they find any clinical signs there is a possibility that the horse will never be allowed re-entry
3. In the event that the ban for re-entry is discontinued when we are prepared to leave for Texas, our horses can leave however if a case is reported when we are in Texas then no horses will be granted re-entry without the quarantine.
4. Currently they are just recommending no travel into Texas

So my reason for writing to you is to ask for your advice and to see if there is anything that the NRCHA can do to make our decisions easier for us. As you know in the past, Canada has been well represented at the World Show and many of us are looking forward to attending again this year. At last year's World Show Canada had horses entered in the Derby, every horse show class, with the exception of the youth and two Worlds Greatest horses. Out of these entries the Canadian horses claimed one World Championship, a top ten World's Greatest and several top ten finalists. Several of us have discussed this situation and currently are nervously sitting on the fence as to enter or not. Not only do we not want to get into a situation where at the last minute we lose all of our entry fees but it will be a considerable added expense and stress to have horses housed in Montana or wherever.

One suggestion that we would like to put past you, might be to allow the Canadian horses to enter with the agreement that in the event the re-entry ban is in effect you would refund all of our entry fees. We are not sure if this is possible because we realize that you have office fees and draws which include our entries but it is the only solution we can currently come up with. If you have any additional information on the health status of Texas or can offer us any other solutions we would appreciate your advice.

We are looking forward to attending the World Show, however we also have to be realistic as to the problems this will cause us all if we chose to attend. Thank you very much for your time and we look forward to any suggestions or advice you may have.

Sincerely, Roxanne and Doug Sapergia

It was the consensus of the board that horses in locations effected by a quarantine will be allowed to enter late with no penalty; up to two days before with no late fee. They will be put on draw as late entries for all San Angelo events.

i. Bad check - per instance or per check? - Cheryl Magoteaux said that she and the office needed clarification per our rules penalties if two bad checks at the same event counted as one incident or two.

Board agree that would count as one instance

j. Announcement of Battle in the Saddle - World's Greatest Shootout -

Cheryl Magoteaux met this week with AQHA - Ex. Vice President Don Treadway and AQHA Senior Director of Marketing Tom Persechino - regarding an event that the Oklahoma State Fair Park is planning for July 6-July 10 that will be run by AQHA. The event - called Battle in the Saddle - features reining, working cow horse, roping, cutting and ranch horse competition and is open to all breeds.

Cheryl wanted find a way to give prominence to reined cow horses and NRCHA at this event and her thought was that all the events they were featuring made up NRCHA All Around Competition. The concept was that each association (with the exception of the NRCHA) designate two team members. In other words, the NCHA would have a team, USEF Reining would have a team, the roping association would have a team, etc. Those ten team members would compete in the "World's Greatest Shoot-out".

During the days of competition, a special Shoot-out section would be held, while each of the respective events were going on - for herd, rein and steer stopping.

Then on Friday evening, the culmination of the competition would be the cow work for the World's Greatest Shoot-out - and the announcement of the winner. Each team would be furnished colored shirts - with big letters across the back - NCHA, USEF, etc.

The winner will earn bragging rights and a new traveling trophy that would go to the association he or she represents. The winning individual will win an entry into the World's Greatest Horseman.

Everyone was already getting creative with ideas for fun things - side bets between the Executive Directors - officers of the associations, etc. Special promotions, etc.

The Battle in the Saddle will be announced, generally, this week.

The World's Greatest Shoot-out should be announced during an AQHA Reception during the NCHA Futurity - by representatives of the NRCHA.

This is great positioning and publicity for the NRCHA and the World's Greatest. Plus the highlight of the week - and event would feature an event that is unique to our association. Cheryl Magoteaux also secured a verbal commitment from AQHA to include NRCHA approved classes in next year's event, along with the AQHA Working Cow Horse classes currently included. More details will be provided later

k. World Equine Online Horse Shows - this organization contacted NRCHA on behalf of Gene Lecroix and Al Dunning. Exec. Committee said to get a written proposal and we'll consider at next meeting.

l. Proposal for Cow Trac - Lyn Anderson said Al Dunning contacted before Futurity and wanted us to buy a Cow Trac and now they've come with a proposal. Carol Rose is to investigate and see if she can work out something with him or another company.

m. Lyn said we would save more money at Hackamore Classic by having no practice pen and no spectacular at Hackamore Classic. Leave as bridle sweepstakes instead of Spectacular.

**Motion:** Marilyn moved we eliminate herd work practice at Hackamore classic and this was seconded by Sandy Collier.

Passed.

n. Kathy Gould noted that NCAA athletes have a conflict with winning too much money and still retaining their status and said we're working at clarifying something on that.

## V. Old Business

a. Humane Rules/Policy - Cheryl Magoteaux noted that the Board had approved the Humane / controlled substance items for the rulebook. She said she had been contacted by the American Horse Council to have NRCHA endorse the National Welfare Code of Practice. (Below)

### National Welfare Code of Practice Endorsed

A national Welfare Code of Practice has been endorsed by the American Association of Equine Practitioners, the American Quarter Horse Association, the Kentucky Thoroughbred Association, the National Thoroughbred Racing Association, the U.S. Equestrian Federation and the U.S. Trotting Association. The Welfare Code of Practice, drafted by the American Horse Council, outlines in generic terms what it means for an organization to be committed to the responsible breeding, training, care, use, enjoyment, transport and retirement of horses.

"We hope that as many organizations as possible will endorse it to show that the industry as a whole is committed to the welfare and safety of the horse," said AHC President Jay Hickey. "We know that the safety and welfare of our horses is very important to us. We hope that this code will be another indication to others that the horse community takes its responsibilities to our horses very seriously."

Many associations have undertaken studies, reviews, and initiatives that indicate their commitment to the welfare of their horses. Representatives from numerous national organizations provided an update on their welfare activities at the AHC's National Issues Forum last summer. That forum is available for on-demand viewing on [www.horsetv.com](http://www.horsetv.com). It is important to share these efforts with the horse community so everyone can educate themselves on the best welfare practices throughout the sport. This generic code is simply a continuation of that effort.

The AHC's Welfare Code of Practice is not intended to replace or pre-empt those activities or any rules and regulations specific to a segment of the industry. Rather it is hoped that the endorsement of a broad, more generic Welfare Code of Practice by as many organizations as possible will be another indication to the public, the media, federal and state officials and the horse community that the horse industry "Puts the Horse First."

"We fully support the AHC Welfare Code of Practice and encourage everyone associated with the horse to abide by its principles," said Alex Waldrop, President and CEO of the National Thoroughbred Racing Association. "It is important that the horse industry as a whole, regardless of breed or discipline, affirms its individual and collective commitment to horse welfare and safety. It is equally important that the industry communicate with one voice on this important issue and the AHC is the right vehicle for doing so."

"This Code of Practice stands to unite the equestrian community in its commitment to protect, honor, and ensure the safety and well-being of the horse which is the core of our sport," noted

John Long, CEO, United States Equestrian Federation, the National Governing Body of Equestrian Sport.

The AHC Welfare Code of Practice will also provide a guide for equine organizations that are formalizing a welfare philosophy and policy for their respective organizations. “The American Horse Council Welfare Code of Practice provides a standard for the horse industry and equine organizations to evaluate their individual welfare policies and initiatives. It clearly states the principles necessary to achieve a level of stewardship for the horse that always puts the welfare of the horse first,” said Dr. Jerry Black, past-President of the AAEP and Chair of the AHC’s Animal Welfare Committee.

“I would strongly encourage all equine-related organizations to join us in signing the code of practice demonstrating their commitment to continuously ensuring the safety and welfare of our horses,” said Don Treadway, Executive Vice President, American Quarter Horse Association. “By agreeing to a code of practice, we send a clear message to the public that we are committed to ensuring our horses are treated with compassion, dignity and respect.”

“We hope that as the Code is reviewed more organizations will endorse it. Our goal is to have as many associations as possible sign on,” said Hickey.

The AHC Welfare Code of Practice follows.

Welfare Code of Practice American Horse Council

Introduction

American society has grown away from its agrarian roots of only a few generations ago. The horse, which was once a staple of American agriculture and general transportation, is now used primarily for breeding, competition, sport, recreation and entertainment, although there are still many horses used for work on farms and ranches, and in urban areas and exhibitions.

The horse industry is committed to the safety, health, care and welfare of all horses and to always “Put the Horse First.”

We address equine welfare and responsible care (1) by supporting a uniform Code of Practice regarding the responsible breeding, training, competing, care, use, enjoyment, health, transportation, and retirement of horses; and (2) by initiating communication with the public, the media, federal and state officials and within the horse community regarding these issues.

Our Commitment to all Horses and the Horse Industry

The organizations listed below are committed to the principle that the welfare and safety of the horse is the guiding principle in the decision-making process for all owners, service providers, organizations, events and activities.

WE ARE COMMITTED to the dignity, humane care, health, safety and welfare of horses in all our activities and care. These are our highest priorities. We are the stewards of our horses and must be firm in the standards and practices that guide us. Our first principle is:

The welfare, safety and stewardship of the horse is the guiding principle in the decision-making process for all segments for the horse industry.

WE ARE COMMITTED to promoting responsible breeding practices and to produce better horses, not just more horses.

WE ARE COMMITTED to responsible training techniques. All training should be done with the maturation and ability of the horse considered. Horses should be prepared for competition with proper training and conditioning methods. Excessive disciplining methods, whether in stables, training areas, or during competition, will not be tolerated.

WE ARE COMMITTED to educating owners, trainers, veterinarians, competitors, exhibitors and recreational riders to ensure that they know and respect their horse's abilities and limits, and their own, so as to not push the horse or themselves beyond their ability level.

WE ARE COMMITTED to making all competitions fair and ensuring all competitors an equal opportunity to succeed. Performance-enhancing drugs, practices or equipment have no place in competitions or exhibitions. Effective drug testing by accredited laboratories is essential to the safety and welfare of our horses and the public support of competitions, with appropriate penalties levied for violations. The welfare of the horse must take precedence over the demands or expectations of owners, breeders, trainers, sellers, buyers, organizers, sponsors, officials, or spectators.

WE ARE COMMITTED to the welfare of the horse as paramount during competition. The horse industry should invest in the infrastructure, environment and facilities to provide a safe environment for all horses in all activities, whether breeding, competing, or simply riding. Any facilities that house horses should be committed to the appropriate care and treatment of all horses while in their facility, and should be designed with the environment and the intended use of the horse in mind.

WE ARE COMMITTED to minimizing injuries to horses during training, competition, use, or work. Whenever possible injury data should be collected, documented and reported to the governing body of the competition or any other injury database for analysis in order to ensure a safer environment.

WE ARE COMMITTED to the continual review, evaluation and improvement of all rules, regulations, policies and practices in all equine activities, based on science (where indicated). When warranted, they should be refined or changed. This includes existing practices to ensure they are not being perceived as acceptable, particularly if new research has called them into question.

WE ARE COMMITTED to providing continuing education on all activities involving horses and eliminate inhumane practices as well as strengthening sanctions for non-compliance.

WE ARE COMMITTED to educating all people who own or work with horses to ensure they are knowledgeable in the proper husbandry, care, and handling of horses. Each horse should be observed frequently to ensure that they are healthy. In consultation with a veterinarian, all such individuals should develop a sound health care program, appropriate to the facilities, environment and needs of the horses.

WE ARE COMMITTED to providing an environment in which anyone aware of equine cruelty or neglect is willing to report it to the proper local, state or federal authorities. Should an incident occur at an event it should be reported to judges, stewards, responsible authorities or the sanctioning organization.

WE ARE COMMITTED to improving the health and welfare of horses through scientific research, collaboration, advocacy and the development of appropriate rules. The industry should continue to support and work with the many individuals, universities, veterinarians and foundations doing and funding equine health and welfare research in order to reduce injuries and improve health.

WE ARE COMMITTED to horse owners and caretakers ensuring horses in their care are current on vaccinations and following best practices to minimize infection and disease. When a disease outbreak occurs horse owners and events must act quickly and responsibly, monitor the horses, report the outbreak to, and cooperate with, veterinarians, authorities, facility management and all stakeholders to bring a rapid resolution to the outbreak.

WE ARE COMMITTED to ensuring that our horses will have an opportunity to transition to additional careers, uses or activities as the need arises. When necessary, owners and veterinarians may have to consider end-of-life decisions. The welfare, safety and dignity of the horse must continue to be the guiding principle in deciding how and when to provide a humane death.

WE ARE COMMITTED to being transparent about our activities in order to ensure the public, the media, federal, state and local officials and the various segments of the horse community understand what we do, why we do it, and support it.

Board is to review this and approve at the January meeting.

b. Cheryl Magoteaux noted that NRCHA Stakes - Idaho Horse Park - paid partial (half) sponsorship after Dan Roeser talked to them.

c. NRCHA Snaffle Bit Futurity Vendors

**Comments Regarding Trade Show Vendors:**

It's getting more and more expensive for vendors. After discussion with Norma Fox and with some vendors, we recommend the following.

Set up on Thursday and Friday, open Saturday.

We have to do the advertising again for getting locals to come by - also live remote was effective. Also, having events like the basketball out front that we had in 2008 as it brought people through. Also having clinics like the one Les Vogt put on in that area were helpful. Maybe we could have several of those there with different people who could educate and advertise their product as well. Maybe a saddle maker on how to fit a saddle etc.

We need to talk to facility and get a food vendor to have lemonade or snacks down to that area during the week? Vendors were frustrated as they couldn't leave their booths to go into the main bldg to get food and drinks and some were not in good enough shape to manage the steps anyway. Board approved this approach.

Next NRCHA Board of Directors meeting will be held in San Angelo. Thursday 28th of January.

VI. **Motion:** Motion to adjourn by Marilyn Peters; seconded by Jay McLaughlin.  
Adjourned.