

**Northeast Reining Horse Association, Board of Directors Meeting  
Holiday Inn, Boxborough, MA  
Saturday, January 9, 2010**

**Board Members in Attendance:** Dirk Winkelhake, Karen Black Clark, Michelle Robertson, Candy Conway, Michele Whitney, Geri Wasylak, Cathy Nevitt, Jennifer Johnson, Dan Whitney,

**Board Members in Absence:** Sheli Senecal, George Riden, Dennis Tito

**Guest in Attendance:** Jayne Mount, Show Manager for Summer Prelude

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by NERHA President, Dirk Winkelhake, at 1:35 pm.
- II. **Approval of Minutes:** Michelle Robertson made a motion to accept the meeting minutes of 12/13/09. Cathy Nevitt seconded the motion. Minutes were approved.
- III. **Financial & Budget Report** (Michelle Robertson) – The NERHA Board of Directors receives and reviews detailed financial reports monthly and at all Board Meetings; this information is considered confidential. If you are a member and would like more information, please contact the NERHA Treasurer.
- IV. **Old Business** – no old business was reviewed.
- V. **New Business** –
  - A. Carol Murphy (Dirk Winkelhake) – Dirk reported that Carol Murphy had suffered a serious stroke a few days earlier. Michelle Robertson noted that there was an immediate need for the care of Carol's 7 horses. Karen Clark offered free stalls in her barn and barn help for the short term. Michelle Whitney made a motion to donate \$1,000 to the Murphy family to cover the costs to care for Carol's horses until the family could make alternative arrangements. Michelle Robertson seconded. The donation was approved. Michelle Robertson will deliver to Carol's husband, along with the offer of stalls and care on Sunday. The Board also agreed to take up a collection at the Banquet to be included with the NERHA donation.
  - B. Topsfield Show Schedules – All three shows will be 2 slate shows. Recommended order of classes on Friday will be Green Horse (4 hours), Green Reiner (2.5 hours) and Ladies/Gents (4.5 hours) and Open (2 hours) for a total of approximately 13 hours, excluding breaks and drags between classes. Recommended order of go on Saturday will be Green Reiner (2.5 hours), Youth (2 hours), Short Stirrup (.5 hours), Novice Horse (2 hours), Rookie (2.5 hours), Non Pro (3 hours), Open (2 hours) for a total of approximately 14.5 hours excluding breaks and drags between classes. Recommended order of go on Sunday will be Youth (2 hours), Short Stirrup (.5 hours), Novice Horse (2 hours), Rookie (2.5 hours), Non Pro (3 hours) for a total of approximately 10 hours excluding breaks and drags between classes. For the Topsfield shows with extra events (Freestyle and Pro Am), the Saturday Open class will most likely be moved to Sunday. Due to the long days, a decision was made to start classes each day at 7 AM.
  - C. Topsfield Show Patterns and Added Money – Patterns and added money for each slate of classes for the first 3 shows were decided. Each class will have one walk-in and one run-in per show, and duplicate patterns were avoided for the same classes.
  - D. Topsfield Judges – A list of preferred judges for each of the first 3 shows was developed, with an attempt to save travel costs and minimize judges' fees. Candy agreed to contact judges on the list for availability.

- E. Topsfield Show Approvals – Each show manager completed the show approval forms for the first 3 Topsfield shows and provided them to Michelle Robertson to send in to NRHA to meet the 90 day deadline for each show.
  - F. NoHo and Oneco Show Managers – Michele Whitney agreed to be Show Manager for the Super Slide In, Jen Johnson agreed to manage the September Oneco show, and Dan Whitney agreed to manage the October show in Oneco.
  - G. Open Board Positions – We still have two open Board positions. Interested members will be approached during the Banquet to fill vacancies.
- VI. **Next Meeting Date** – Dirk will contact Board by email to set up the next meeting date.
- VII. **Adjournment** – Motion was made by Cathy Nevitt, Jen Johnson seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 5:04 pm.