

**Northeast Reining Horse Association, Board of Directors Meeting
Conference Call
Friday, January 29, 2010**

Board Members in Attendance: Dirk Winkelhake, Karen Black Clark, Michelle Robertson, Candy Conway, Michele Whitney, Geri Wasylak, Cathy Nevitt, Sheli Senecal, Dan Whitney, Kristin McKeon

Board Members in Absence: George Riden, Dennis Tito, Jennifer Johnson

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by NERHA President, Dirk Winkelhake, at 6:06 pm.
- II. **Approval of Minutes:** Candy Conway made a motion to accept the meeting minutes of 1/09/10 with an amendment to section V, sub-category F to show that Dan Whitney is the show manager for the October, 2010 show in Oneco. Karen Black-Clark 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 –**
 - A. **Topsfield Show Schedules** – Topsfield management contacted Karen Black-Clark to let her know that we would not be getting the show grounds for the weekend of April 30th as requested. Topsfield has a standing show that they were going to bump for us; however that show decided to add another day to their venue and therefore took priority over us. The May and July dates for Topsfield are now confirmed. The Board would like also to set a meeting with the Topsfield management to discuss cost issues and other items. The goal would be to have the next board meeting there.

Candy will contact Falls Creek to see if they still have their April dates available. If available we would change the April show venue to April 16, 17 & 18th. There are issues that need to be addressed for dragging costs and the judges that had confirmed for Topsfield will need to be contacted to see if they are available on the new dates. Although these dates conflict with other shows, we felt it necessary to provide a show in April for our members. The change in dates will require a change to the Show Approvals and Affiliate Application.

Although Topsfield has made several improvements; new 100 x 300 outdoor ring and footing, the general consensus is it may be best to have the first show at Oneco since members do not know about these improvements.

- B. **Show Proforma's** – In an effort to keep costs to a minimum and maximize our return on investment, several ideas were discussed to help reduce our operating expenses. The following is a list of approved changes for the 2010 show season.
 - Increase the class fee by \$5 for the Ladies & Gents
 - NERHA will no longer provide exhibitor parties, instead we will have pot lucks
 - Higher stall fees will be charged for non-members
 - The cost of shavings will remain at \$7.00 a bag
 - Dan Whitney has offered to purchase a drag and provide it to the association in lieu of sponsorship money; this will greatly reduce our drag costs at shows.

- C. Show Judges & Representatives – Candy is continuing to work on costs for show judges. All judges must be **CONTRACTED** by the Show Secretary or Manager but cannot be contracted by a person that may also be an exhibitor. Cathy Nevitt will send the contracts for all shows except the Classic. Michele Whitney will send contracts for the Classic.

Show Representatives identified for each show are NOT exhibitors and therefore do not pose a conflict when working with the judges. The following was decided;

- Spring Spin – Dan Whitney
- Summer Prelude – Kristen McKeon
- Independence Classic – Michele Whitney
- Super Slide-In – Kristin McKeon
- Reiner's Rendezvous – Dan Whitney
- Falls Creek Slide – Kristin McKeon

- D. Show Plaque's and Trophy's – Sheli will put a notice on the website reminding people that we are looking for donated trophies and plaques. Michele Whitney will provide all the plaques needed for the Super Slide-In.

V. **New Business** –

- A. Open Board Positions – Kristen McKeon is interested in filling the Scribes & Gate position on the Board. Michelle Robertson made the motion to elect Kristin to the Board; Michele Whitney seconded the motion. Board voted unanimously to elect Kristin McKeon to the position of Scribes & Gate Director effectively immediately.
- B. Sponsorships – Michelle Robertson asked the Board to vote on how Banner sponsorships should be allocated. The recommendation is that sponsor money from the sale of Banner should be allocated across all shows since the Banners are hung at each show. Michelle Robertson made a motion to accept the recommendation; Michele Whitney seconded. Sponsorship money from the sale of Banners will be allocated across all shows.
- C. Show Vendor's – Michelle Robertson will contact the embroiderer and the food vendors for the Topsfield shows. If any show manger would like help contacting vendors for their shows, Michelle Robertson will be happy to help.
- D. Photo Gallery – Sheli Senecal recommended that candid photo's be taken at our shows so pictures can be posted on our website's photo gallery. Dirk thought that a youth member could be in charge of this. Kristin volunteered to donate a digital camera for this.
- E. Show Photographers – Candy reported that Dieter Wahr would like to be considered to provide photography at some of our shows. Karen had already contacted a photographer for the Independence Classic and will report back for that show. Waltenberry is scheduled to cover the Super Slide In. Other show managers will be provided with Dieter's information.

VI. **Next Meeting Date** – Dirk will contact the Board by email to set up the next meeting date.

- VII. **Adjournment** – Motion was made by Candy Conway to adjourn; Karen Black-Clark seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.