

**Northeast Reining Horse Association, Board of Directors Meeting  
Meade Equestrian Center, Jaffrey NH  
Sunday, March 7, 2010**

**Board Members in Attendance:** Dirk Winkelhake, Karen Black Clark, Michele Whitney, Cathy Nevitt, Dan Whitney, Kristin McKeon, Sheli Senecal

**Board Members in Absence:** Michelle Robertson, Geri Wasylak, Dennis Tito, Jennifer Johnson, Candy Conway

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by NERHA President, Dirk Winkelhake, at 11:28 am.
- II. **Approval of Minutes:** Michele Whitney made a motion to accept the meeting minutes of 2/13/10. Cathy Nevitt seconded the motion; minutes were approved.
- III. **Financial & Budget Report:** 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. **Volunteers** – We have a very strong need for volunteers this show season.
  - Scribes
  - Gate Keepers
  - Judges Aides
  - Show Office Aides
  - Youth Parents
  - Setup & Breakdown Helpers
  - Stall & Camper Counter
  - Shaving Distribution
  - Grounds Helpers

In addition we will be capping the Announcer fee at \$150 per day plus the cost of a camper spot. Sheila Bean will be asked to announce at all the shows. She will also be asked to seek volunteers that would like to learn to announce so she has people in place to cover her when needed.

We will also be looking for ways of feeding the office staff and judges in a more cost efficient manner. This would be done with donations of food or going off the show venue grounds to get lower prices on food.

It was recommended that Kristin McKeon's title be changed from Director, Gates & Scribes to Director of Volunteers. This motion was made by Sheli Senecal; seconded by Michele Whitney. The vote was unanimous to accept this change.

- V. **The Independence Classic** - Candy sent the Board recommendations for the Classic's proforma in an email dated March 6, 2010. The Board reviewed those recommendations and agreed with them. In addition Karen will look into whether we can have paid warm-ups on Thursday or if we would be charged for the use of the arena.

Michele will be contacting Ken's Catering to find out the per person price of a BBQ. The Board felt that it is important to have an exhibitor party; however this will be a ticketed event. The cost is estimated to be \$10 or \$12 per person.

The following vendors have been confirmed for the following shows:

- Clayton – Spring Spin, Summer Prelude, Classic, Super Slide-In
- Kathy Burgos – Classic, Super Slide-In, Reiner's Rendezvous
- Lincoln Grill – Classic, Super Slide-In

- VI. **Show Farrier** – Mike Sanborn contacted Dirk about being the Farrier on site for our shows. He is available for all shows except the Spring Spin. Mike is asking for a camper spot at each show for his fee. The Board agreed with this offer and will look to find a Farrier for the first show.

This year in Northampton and Topsfield, the Farrier will **not** be located in the arena. A spot will be cleared in the red barn next to the arena in Northampton so he is in very close proximity to the arena. In Topsfield he will be located in the pavilion. At this time he must still be in the arena at Oneco as there is no other covered location that is available.

- VII. **Photographer** – Karen has been in contact with Wanda Pothier-Hill to be the photographer for all our small shows. Waltenberry will continue to be our photographer for the Classic and the photographer and videographer for the Slide-In.

- VIII. **Newsletter** – The cost of the first newsletter of 2010 was higher than expected. This was due to several issues; one-time setup fee, larger issues since there had not been a newsletter for some time, higher printing costs and an increase in postage rates.

The next issue should have reduced costs since we have increased our advertising fees, it will be a smaller newsletter, there will be no setup fee and Michele will contact Carrie Austin to see if we can use her vendor as her per page cost was less than what Michele was able to find.

The Board agreed that the Newsletter must be able to support itself as we cannot afford to allocate money to it.

Michele also recommended that we charge more for Classifieds in the Newsletter. Right now members get free online classified advertising that also get listed in the Newsletter. Non-members have to pay a small fee. Sheli recommended that we provide free online classified advertising for everyone and if they want their classified in the Newsletter they must pay \$25 which will run their classified for 4 consecutive newsletter issues.

- IX. **New Business** – The Board would like to put a document together of “Before You Show” for our exhibitors. This would provide information on NRHA rules, eligibility and NERHA rules and eligibilities. Kristin McKeon will work on putting this together.
- X. **Next Meeting Date** – Conference call on Tuesday, March 30, 2010 at 7:00 pm
- XI. **Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at 1:52 pm.