

**Northeast Reining Horse Association, Board of Directors Meeting
Conference Call
Tuesday, April 6, 2010**

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

Board Members in Absence: Dennis Tito, Jennifer Johnson, Karen Black-Clark

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by NERHA President, Dirk Winkelhake, at 7:05 pm.
- II. **Approval of Minutes:** Michele Robertson made a motion to accept the meeting minutes of March 7, 2010. Michele Whitney 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. **The Spring Spin –**
 - A. Stall Reservations & Entries (Cathy Nevitt) – There are currently 85 stalls reserved; we’ve received 34 online registrations that equate into 141 class entries. Generally we get more as we get closer to the show date.
 - B. Volunteers (Kristin McKeon) – We have no volunteers signed up at this time. We’ll need to get drag volunteers, scribes and gate keepers.
 - C. Farrier (Dirk Whinkelhake) – Chip Rankin will be our farrier for this show. He will be available on Friday at the show and on call for the weekend.
 - D. Vendors (Michelle Robertson) – Clayton, Xtreme Stitch and The Gifted Pony will be our vendors. We do not have a photographer confirmed at this time.
 - E. Miscellaneous – The insurance has been paid for this show.
- V. **Topsfield Show Management Meeting** – Dirk, Dan and Karen will setup a meeting with Topsfield management to see if we can negotiate reduce pricing on the grounds and dragging fees.
- VI. **Summer Prelude** (Michelle Robertson) – The contract is signed; Clayton and Xtreme Stitch are all confirmed as vendors and Karen Black has asked Wanda Pothier –Hill to attend as the photographer, but we do not have confirmation of this yet. The show schedule is set; insurance is paid and while we will not be sponsoring an exhibitor’s party, we encourage everyone to bring items for a pot luck supper. We have a food vendor confirmed and the flights/hotels are booked for the judges.
- VII. **Sponsorships** (Jennifer Johnson) – No report available. Via email Jen let the Board know that she was having a hard time getting sponsorships. Banners were in good shape but we only had 2 division sponsors. The sponsorship drive had been announced; have to see what that does.
- VIII. **Newsletter** (Michele Whitney) – The cost of the newsletter must be break even or we will not be able to continue to produce it. Ideas have been to put the newsletter online or create pdf formats. At this time the newsletter is on hold.

- IX. **Plaques, Ribbons & Buckles for Non-Approved Classes** (Dirk Winkelhake) – In an effort to contain costs the Board had decided at the March, 2010 meeting that no plaques would be provided for non-approved classes this year with the exception of Green Reiner.

A motion was put forth that in addition to no plaques this year, ribbons will only be awarded in Green Reiner and Youth classes (1st-10th place). Ribbons will not be given in any other class. The motion was made by Cathy Nevitt and seconded by Michele Whitney. Motion approved.

In addition a motion was made that there will be no year-end award buckles for Ladies, Gents, Adult Ltd Non-Pro or Green Horse. The motion was made by Michele Whitney and seconded by Dan Whitney. Motion approved.

The following are changes for the 2010 NERHA show season;

- Plaques for non-approved classes will only be awarded for Green Reiner. No plaques for Ladies, Gents, Adult Ltd Non-Pro or Green Horse classes will be given this year.
- There will be no year-end award buckles for Ladies, Gents, Adult Ltd Non-Pro or Green Horse.
- Ribbons will only be awarded in Green Reiner and Youth classes (1st-10th place). Ribbons will not be given in any other class.

- X. **Next Meeting Date** – General meeting Saturday, April 17, 2010 at Oneco, CT. Time TBD.

- XI. **Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at 8:58 pm.