

**Northeast Reining Horse Association, Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Falls Creek Farm, Oneco, CT**  
**Saturday, October 17, 2009**

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

**Board Members in Absence:** Lois Gaetz, Carrie Austin, Dennis Tito, Barry Sanborn, Judy Galipeau, George Riden

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by NERHA President Candy Conway at 7:20 pm.

I. **Opening Remarks** (Candy Conway) – Candy opened the meeting with a welcome and thanks to all. She outlined the agenda, how the meeting would progress and election information.

- Agenda
- September Meeting Minutes Approval
- Treasury Report
- Chair Reports
- General Business
- Election of Officers

As noted on the agenda, voting will be for a President, Vice President, Treasurer and a Secretary. In accordance with NERHA by-laws, we will also be accepting nominations for any of the officer positions from the floor. There are also four open Board positions, with the potential for two additional slots depending on the outcome of the Officer elections. Any current Board members that are elected as Officer will be resigning their Board position upon assuming their Officer role.

II. **Approval of Minutes:** Michele Whitney made a motion to accept the Board of Director's Meeting Minutes of 9/16/09, Michelle Robertson 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, and considers this information confidential. If you are a member and would like more information, please contact the NERHA Treasurer.

IV. **Report of Executive Committee –**

- A. **President** (Candy Conway) – Candy recapped highlights from each of this year's shows and from the Northeast Affiliate Finals. She thanked all sponsors, members and volunteers for their support of the NERHA during the year.
- B. **Sponsorships** (Dirk Winkelhake) – Thank you to all of our 2009 sponsors. Special mention was made to our Platinum sponsors of Bill & Martha Hollister, The Hodges and Whitney Trucking. Total sponsorship provided this year was \$23,000.
- C. **Youth** (Michelle Whitney) – This year's group of youth, although young, have been great to work with and very helpful. This year has been more informal and that seems to work. The fundraiser this year helped to sponsor added money in classes, the derby and will pay for a year end gift for each youth. Some of the fund raisers were the basket raffle, chuck-a-duck, Pro-Am class and kids games (just to name a few). The hospitality along with the bottled water were a huge hit.

D. **Website/Tailgate** (Sheli Senecal) – The new website for the NERHA will go live the first week of November. Thank you to everyone that has provided feedback and support though the process, it will be well worth it. The Tailgate (the online newsletter) has been very well received. The association uses Constant Contact as our vendor and the system is very quick and easy to use. One goal for 2010 will be to clean up the email addresses that we currently have stored for distribution.

V. **General Business –**

A. **Annual Banquet** – The NERHA annual banquet will be held on Saturday, January 9, 2010 at the Holiday Inn, Boxborough MA. Details to follow check the NERHA website.

B. **NERHA Dues & Magazine** – The recommendation was made not to increase the dues for 2010. There was also a discussion as to whether or not the Magazine was tied to the dues (you get the Magazine as part of your membership). Since it is not in the by-laws it was agreed that changes to the Magazine (number of issues, fee etc) can be made without making changes to the dues. Sheli Senecal made a motion to accept, Dirk Winkelhake seconded the motion. No dues increase for 2010 accepted.

VI. **Election of Officers -**

A. **Presidential Voting (ballet voting)** – Candidates were;

- Dirk Winkelhake – 19 votes
- Karen Black-Clark – 6 votes

B. **Vice-President Voting** – Candidates were;

- Amy Hollowell
- Karen Black-Clark (nominated from the floor by Dirk Winkelhake) – majority vote

C. **Treasurer Voting** – Candidates were;

- Michele Whitney – 8 votes
- Michelle Robertson (nominated from the floor by Steven Boon) – 13 votes

D. **Secretary Voting** – Candidate was;

- Sheli Senecal – unopposed

VII. **Election of Board Members -**

- Show Secretary – Cathy Nevitt, unopposed
- Magazine – no nominations, this position is currently vacant
- Clinics – no nominations, this position is currently vacant

VIII. **2010 Meeting Dates** – Dirk Winkelhake will put together a meeting schedule for 2010 and send it to the board. Once finalized it will be posted on the website.

IX. **Adjournment** – Motion was made by Steven Boon, Karen Black-Clark seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm