



NATIONAL REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
February 1, 2026  
1:00 PM Central Time  
In Person and via Zoom Call

*Approved: 02.10.26*

Present in person:

NRHA Executive Committee Members: President Mike Hancock, Vice President Casey Hinton, Director at Large Ed Bricker, Director at Large Tom McCutcheon, Director at Large Karen Shedlauskas, Director at Large Andrea Stillo, Director at Large John Tague

NRHA Board of Directors: Maik Bartmann, Travis Chapmann, Rick Clark, Mike Davis, Andrea De Bellefeuille, Margaret Fuchs, Matt Murphy, Jenny Ricotta, Andrea Stillo, Jose Soto Soberanes, Kylie Warn

Present via Zoom

NRHA Board of Directors members: Rick Clark, Rudi Kronsteiner, Bundy Lane, Joao Marcos, Pam Watson

Staff present in person:

Billy Smith, Commissioner, Christa Morris Stone, Assistant Commissioner; John Foy Chief Financial Officer, Liz Kelsey, Sr. Director of Medications and Compliance; Lindsey Leach, Sr. Coordinator of Administration and Compliance. Leslie Baker: RHF Executive Director, Angie Honeywell: Sr. Director of ReinerSuite & Sale, Lauren Waymire; Manager of Affiliates & Events

Staff present via Zoom: none

Call to Order

President Hancock called the meeting to order at 1: 07 pm. Central Time.

A quorum was established.



## Agenda Item #1: Election Procedures

**Motion:** Staff recommend approving the attached 2026 Election Procedures to begin member and affiliate communications. To approve the 2026 NRHA Election Procedures.

**Motion:** Seconded

**Vote:** Motion carried.

## Agenda Item #2: 2026 NRHA Standing Committees for Approval

**Motion:** To approve committee members as presented for the applicable terms.

Highlighted members are appointed for the term listed. If a member is being reappointed to a second term, it is denoted as such.

### Compensation Committee

*The Compensation Committee shall be comprised of three (3) members of the Executive Committee of the Association.*

Casey Hinton (Chair)	2025-2026
Ed Bricker	2026 (reappointed)
Karen Shedlauskas	2026-2027

### Finance/Audit Committee

*The Finance/Audit Committee shall be comprised of no less than three and no more than six members. Three members shall be Board of Director members and up to three additional members, who possess financial or accounting background, may be appointed from within or outside the board, but shall be NRHA members in good standing*

Bundy Lane (Chair)	2025-2026
Kevin Truax	2026-2027 Reappoint
Rob Curtis	2026-2027
Casey Hinton	2025-2026



John Tague 2025-2026  
Vaughn Zimmerman 2025-2026  
Mike Hancock Ex-Officio

### Nominating/Governance Committee

*The Nominating/Governance Committee shall be comprised of no less than three and no more than five members of the Board of Directors. The President, with approval of the Board of Directors, shall appoint the chair and members of this committee. No member of the Executive Committee may serve on or be an ex-officio member of this committee.*

Travis Chapman (Chair) 2025-2026  
Bundy Lane 2025-2026

Jenny Ricotta 2026

Margaret Fuchs 2026-2027

Andre De Bellefeuille 2026

Motion: Seconded

Motion: Passed.

### Agenda Item #3: 2026 6666 NRHA Derby presented by Markel

Motion: To approve the 2026 6666 NRHA Derby® presented by Markel schedule as presented.

Motion: Seconded

Vote: Motion carried

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### Agenda Item #4 : 2025 NAAC Substitution Amendments Due to Postponement

Motion: To approve the 2025 NAAC Substitution Amendments Due to Postponement as presented:

- 1) A qualified Non-Pro, Youth or Rookie rider may substitute a horse for the Adequan® NAAC class(es) if the qualified horse is deceased or has been sold.



- a) In the instance that a horse has been sold, a transfer must be completed with NRHA no later than the entry deadline for the class(es).
  - b) If a horse is deceased, NRHA must be notified in writing so the horse may be noted as “Deceased” on its NRHA record.
  - c) If the rider does not enter a substituted horse, the stall deposit will be refunded (per the 2025 Adequan® North American Affiliate Program Conditions, 3. “In the event of the veterinarian certified death of a qualified horse, the stall deposit will be refunded.”).
  - d) A substitution fee of \$50 will be charged for any substitution made. Payment must be submitted to the NRHA Events office no later than the entry deadline for the class(es).
  - e) For Adequan® NAAC Novice Horse Non-Pro Level 1, 2 and 3 classes, a qualified Non-Pro, Youth or Rookie rider only may substitute a horse that was eligible for the same class in 2025.
- 2) For Mexico region qualifiers
- a) Due to APHIS–USDA regulations restricting the importation of horses from Mexico, qualified members may compete in the class(es) for which they originally qualified.
  - b) If the originally qualified horse cannot be imported, the member may substitute another horse for a fee of \$500 per horse. All other eligibility requirements for the substituted horse must be met. Non-Pro and Youth riders must complete an NRHA lease to meet the ownership requirements of their class(es). This must be completed by the entry deadline for the class(es).

**Motion:** To approve the 2025 NAAC Substitution Amendments Due to Postponement as presented.

**Vote:** Motion was not carried due to lack of a second.

**Motion:** To amend original motion to the following:

**Amended Motion:**

To move point 2 For Adequan® NAAC Novice Horse Non Pro Level 1, 2 and 3 classes, a qualified Non Pro, Youth or Rookie rider only may substitute a horse that was eligible for the same class in 2025.

To be grouped under the same point 1.



- A qualified Non Pro, Youth or Rookie rider may substitute a horse for the Adequan® NAAC class(es) if the qualified horse is deceased or has been sold.
- In the instance that a horse has been sold, a transfer must be completed with NRHA no later than the entry deadline for the class(es).
- For Adequan® NAAC Novice Horse Non Pro Level 1, 2 and 3 classes, a qualified Non Pro, Youth or Rookie rider only may substitute a horse that was eligible for the same class in 2025.
- If a horse is deceased, NRHA must be notified in writing so the horse may be noted as “Deceased” on its NRHA record.
- If the rider does not enter a substituted horse, the stall deposit will be refunded (per the 2025 Adequan® North American Affiliate Program Conditions, 3. “In the event of the veterinarian certified death of a qualified horse, the stall deposit will be refunded.”).
- A substitution fee of \$50 will be charged for any substitution made. Payment must be submitted to the NRHA Events office no later than the entry deadline for the class(es).
- Also amended under point 2. For Mexico region qualifiers
- Due to APHIS–USDA regulations restricting the importation of horses from Mexico, qualified members may compete in the class(es) for which they originally qualified.
- If the originally qualified horse cannot be imported, the member may substitute another horse for a fee of \$50 per horse. All other eligibility requirements for the substituted horse must be met. Non-Pro and Youth riders must complete an NRHA lease to meet the ownership requirements of their class(es). This must be completed by the entry deadline for the class(es).

Motion to accept the above amended motion: Motion Made

Motion: Seconded

Vote: Amended Motion carried

#### Agenda Item #5 : 2026 ARC Hosts

Motion: To approve the following Affiliate Regional Championship hosts and 2026 dates.

- **East Central:** Tennessee Reining Horse Association / 2026 – 2027 / Miller Coliseum– Murfreesboro, Tennessee / August 12-16, 2026
- **Northeast:** Eastern Pennsylvania Reining Horse Association / 2026-2028 / Dream Park – Logan Township, New Jersey / September 10-13, 2026



- **Southeast:** Florida Reining Horse Association / Jacksonville Equine Center – Jacksonville, Florida / September 10-13, 2026
- **Mountain:** Rocky Mountain Reining Horse Association / The Ranch - Loveland, Colorado / September 23-27, 2026
- **Northwest:** Great Western Reining Horse Association / 2026-2030 / Idaho Horse Park – Nampa, Idaho / October 3-10, 2026
- **North Central:** Central Plains Reining Horse Association / Sandhills Global Event Center – Lincoln, Nebraska / October 9-11, 2026
- **Mexico:** ANECR / Centro Ecuestre Cadereyta – Cadereyta, Nuevo León / October 30- November 1, 2026

Motion: Seconded

Vote: Motion carried.

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#### Agenda Item #6 : Affiliate Regional Championships Host Selection Process

Motion: To approve revising the ARC host selection process as follows:

- If only one affiliate submits a bid for a region and meets all RFP requirements, that affiliate is automatically approved as the ARC host.
- If the only bid received for a region is from a new affiliate, or an affiliate that has not previously hosted the ARC, the affiliate may apply for a contract of up to two (2) years. Any additional terms beyond the first two years will be reviewed for approval by the Affiliate Advisory Committee and the NRHA Board of Directors.
- If multiple bids are received for a region, the existing process will remain.

Motion: Seconded

Vote: Motion carried.

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Meeting adjourned: 3:14 PM Central