



**NATIONAL REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
May 7, 2026, 9:00AM Central
Zoom**

Approved: May 19, 2026

Present: NRHA Executive Committee: Karen Shedlauskas, Mike Hancock, Andrea Stillo, Tom McCutcheon, Casey Hinton, Ed (“Hoot”) Bricker, John Tague

Guests: NA

Absent: NA

Staff: Billy Smith (Commissioner), Christa Morris-Stone (Assistant Commissioner), Alisson Antunez (Executive Assistant), John Foy (Chief Financial Officer), Patti Carter (Sr. Director of Education & Officials), Krissy Colbath (Director of Member & Show Services, Dept. Supervisor), Lauren Waymire (Manager of Affiliates & Events), Samantha Oldfield (Sr. Director of International Affairs & Development)

Conference Call: (if applicable list names)

Call to Order:

President Mike Hancock called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM Central Time.

A quorum was established.

Executive Session:

Regular Session:

Agenda Item #1: FYE 2027 NRHA Budget

Motion: To recommend as presented to the Board of Directors

Vote: Motion by Ed Bricker, seconded by John Tague, approved unanimously.

Agenda Item #2: NRHA Judge School Fee Increase

Motion: To approve the adjustment of NRHA Judge School fees effective January 1, 2027

Vote: Motion by Ed Bricker, seconded by Karen Shedlauskas, approved unanimously.

Agenda Item #3: Affiliate Initiatives

Motion: To recommend as presented to the Board of Directors for approval to implement both pilot programs: 1. A three-year Affiliate Catalyst Granting Program with performance-based and 1. A one-year AQHA-NRHA Reining Championship Series for the 2027 competition year including program funding, affiliate participation and post-season evaluation.

Vote: Motion by Ed Bricker, seconded by John Tague, approved unanimously.

Agenda Item #4: Non Pro Outreach Program

Motion: To approve the phased development of the NRHA Non Pro Outreach Program

Vote: Motion by Karen Shedlauskas, seconded by Tom Hutchins*, majority approved, one opposed

Agenda Item #5: European Medications Program

Motion to approve amendments for certain medications (revert back to 2025 Policy) to the NRHA Animal Welfare and Medications Policy for the European region, only.

Vote: Further information and analysis required, tabled Unanimously

Agenda Item #6: Category 6 Amendment Language

Motion to approve rule change that allows certain incentive/bonus program earning to count in official NRHA records under defined condition

Vote: Reconsider language, tabled Unanimously

Informational Items

Informational Item #1: Four-Year-Old Stakes

Informational Item #2: Committee Progress Reports: Judges Advisory, Non-Pro Committee, Medications Quarterly Report, Aged Events Committee, Affiliate Advisory Committee

Informational Item #3: Slider Bot Demonstration

Informational Item #4: ClipMyHorse Update

Meeting adjourned at 10:31 AM Central Time.

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