



**NATIONAL REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
June 2, 2026, 10:00AM Central
Zoom**

Approved: June 6, 2026

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

Guests: Jeff Todd (Attorney)

Absent: NA

Staff: Billy Smith (Commissioner), Alisson Antunez (Executive Assistant), Patti Carter (Sr. Director of Education & Officials), Lauren Waymire (Manager of Affiliates & Events), Samantha Oldfield (Sr. Director of International Affairs & Development)

Call to Order:

President Mike Hancock called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM Central Time. A quorum was established.

Executive Session:

Regular Session: Meeting called to order at 11:01 AM Central Time

Agenda Item #1: Consideration of Category 6 Language Change (Updated)

Motion: To recommend the amended Category 6 language and advance to the Board of Directors for approval

Vote: Motion by Andrea Stillo, seconded by John Tague, approved unanimously.

Agenda Item #2: Event Approval Date Conflict

Motion: Motion to deny approval of The Homecoming Reining Series 3 in Columbiana, Ohio, scheduled for August 13–16, 2026, due to overlap with the East Central Affiliate Regional Championship within the same geographic region.

Motion Amended: To approve both shows in the same region.

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

Agenda Item #3: 2026 Steward Applicant Seminar – Mexico

Agenda Item #4: NRHA February Judges School

Agenda Item #5: NRHA April Judges School-Mexico Program

Agenda Item #6: NRHA May Judges School

Discussion: The Executive Committee requested to combine Agenda Items #3 through #6 into a single omnibus motion for efficiency.

Motion: Motion to recommend to the Board of Directors the approval of the steward and judges’ certifications and recertifications as presented in Agenda Items #3, #4, #5, and #6.

Vote: Motion by Ed “Hoot” Bricker, seconded by Andrea Stillo, approved unanimously

Informational Items

Informational Item #1: “6th Chair” Futurity Judge Experience Initiative

Informational Item #2: San Luis Potosi Event Update

Informational Item #3: Horse Protection Act Update – *Billy Smith*

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM Central Time.