



NATIONAL REINING HORSE ASSOCIATION
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, August 18, 2026
10:00 AM Central Time
Zoom

Approved: August 20, 2026

Present: Mike Hancock, Casey Hinton, John Tague, Karen Shedlauskas, Andrea Stillo, Ed “Hoot” Bricker, Tom McCutcheon, Margaret Fuchs, Michael Davis, Matt Murphy, Kylie Warn, Rick Clark, Bundy Lane, Jenny Ricotta, Andre De Bellefeuille, Jose Soto Soberanes, Maik Batman, Pam Watson

Absent: Travis Chapman, Rudi Kronsteiner, Joao Marcos De Arruda Pires

Staff: Billy Smith, Alisson Antunez, Patti Carter, Lauren Dushay, Angie Honeywell, Samantha Oldfield, Liz Kelsey, Christa Morris-Stone, John Foy, Krissy Colbath

Call to Order:

President Mike Hancock called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM Central Time. A quorum was established.

Agenda Item #1: Consolidated Approval of 2026 Judges School Participants through 2028 – Patti Carter

Motion to approve worldwide NRHA judging privileges through 2028 for 68 individuals, including initial privileges for 17 judges, and renewed privileges for 51 recertifying judges, based upon their successful completion of applicable education and testing requirements and the recommendation of the NRHA Judges Advisory Committee.

Vote: Andrea Stilo moved to approve the motion, and Matt Murphy seconded. The motion passed unanimously.



Agenda Item #2: Approved Judge Applicants Mexico Restricted Status

Notion to approve restricted judging status for judge applicants who passed in 2026, with such restricted status to be granted pursuant to NRHA policy for two-year terms as applicable. Beginning with applicants seeking approval in 2028 and beyond the restricted judge status opportunity for Mexico will end.

Vote: Ed Bricker moved to approve the motion, and Jose Soto Soberanes seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #3: 2026 Steward Applicant Seminary – Mexico

Motion to approve listed persons as NRHA Stewards approval pending completion of required mentoring.

Vote: Ed Bricker moved to approve the motion, and Andrea Stillo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #4-A: 2027 ARC & NAAC Conditions

Motion to approve the 2027 Affiliate Regional Championships and North American Affiliate Championship conditions, the only revision from the 2026 conditions – “Zeros or no scores do not place,” under the participation=based qualifying criteria.

Vote: Matt Murphy moved to approve the motion, and Margaret Fuchs-seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #4-B: 2027 6666 NRHA Derby presented by Markel Conditions

Motion to approve the 2027 666 NRHA Derby presented by Markel Conditions, incorporating only the updated Four-Year-Old Stakes provisions and the previously approved nomination requirement.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #4-C: 2027 6666 NRHA Derby presented by Markel Schedule

Motion to approve the 2027 6666 NRHA Derby presented by Markel Schedule with no significant changes from the 2026 schedule, other than the removal of the North American Affiliate Championships (NAAC) classes and routine updates to event dates.

Vote: The motion tabled.



Agenda Item #4-D: 2027 Foals R Us NRHA Futurity & Adequan NAAC Conditions

Motion to approve the 2027 Foals R Us NRHA Futurity & Adequan NAAC Conditions with no changes from the 2026 Conditions other than routine updates to event dates and added money amounts.

Vote: Maik Bartmann moved to approve the motion, and Andrea Stillo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #5: Fees Policy Updates

Motion to approve the recommended changes to the 2027 NRHA Dues & Fees Policy (12-08-33), as listed.

Vote: Margaret Fuchs moved to approve the motion, and Casey Hinton seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #6: Elections by Acclamation & Election Update

Motion to approve the following candidates by acclamation for two-year terms starting January 1, 2027.

Vote: Karen Shedlauskas moved to approve the motion, and Andrea Stillo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #7: 2027 Proposed NRHA Worldwide Eligibility Policy

Motion to approve the 2027 proposed NRHA Worldwide Eligibility Policy.

Vote: Jenny Ricotta moved to approve the motion, and Casey Hinton seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #8: Restricted Regional NRHA Eligibility Policies

Motion to approve the 2027 NRHA Restricted Regional Eligibility Policies, incorporating the applicable date updates for the Mexican and Israeli policies, and amendments to the European and Oceania policies.

Motion Amended to approve policies as presented striking the factor up in European policy.

Vote: Karen Shedlauskas moved to approve the motion, and Andrea Stillo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.



Agenda Item #9: European Medication Program

Motion to approve amendments to the NRHA Medications Policy for the European region.

Motion put to vote. Two- thirds in favor needed to pass.

Vote: Two Thirds voted to deny motion. Motion did not pass.

Informational Items:

- 1.** Medications Update
- 2.** Potosi Sin Limites International Reining Cup Event Review
- 3.** HPA Update
- 4.** Progress Reports from Advisory Committees

Meeting adjourned at 11:46 AM Central Time