

Winter Meetings
Board of Directors Meeting
Unapproved Minutes
Thursday, February 7, 2013

President Walker called the meeting to order at 4:00pm

Eddie Barrow gave the invocation.

Present were:

Chris Walker
Darlene Harris
Ed Heirs
Eddie Barrow
Fred McRoy
Jamie Lawrence
Jim Morris
Judy Jones
Kelly France
Mike Etheredge
Ronnie Hooker
Andy Roberts

Absent were:

Tim Toler (Mr. Toler joined the meeting on Friday)

Motion to excuse Tim Toler made by Jim Morris. Second by Darlene Harris, No objections, motion passed.

President Walker verified that everyone has received the minutes. Eddie Barrow made a motion to accept the minutes. Ronnie Hooker seconded the motion. No objections, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Chase Hurst presented the board with the 2012 Financials and 2013 Budget. A Board member made the motion to accept the 2012 financials Fred McRoy seconded the motion, no objections, motion passed. Ed Heirs made a motion to accept the 2013 Budget, Ronnie Hooker seconded the motion, No objections, motion passed. All present board members voted yes.

Old Business

Approval of committee members. Ed Heirs made the motion to accept, Eddie Barrow seconded, no objections, motion passed.

Arena Contract. A new 5 year contract was presented to the board by President Chris Walker, after some discussion it was decided to be voted on tomorrow allowing time for the contract to be reviewed by the board.

License A Judges for Spring Show. A motion was made by Ronnie Hooker to allow 1 single A judge to judge the Spring Celebration in conjunction with 2 AA or AAA judges. Jamie Lawrence seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken 7 NOs and 6 YESs, 1 Absent, the motion failed to pass.

RHBAA HIO MeLisa handed out packets concerning our own HIO, she stated that the application process is still in legal and is still pending approval.

Horse Show Committee

The committee has approved the Spring Show Bill and will distribute at Winter Meetings. MeLisa discussed the sponsorships alone with the benefits of Championship Circle packages.

Judges Committee

Mike Etheredge stated that issues with the judges should be taken up with him. Discussion followed about conduct of judges and members.

Personnel & Property

Fred McRoy -

Promotion & Membership

It was clarified that money was budgeted under chairman fees for Promotion & Membership. Discussion followed about issues with mandatory registration of horses and the affiliation fee. The Newsletter will now have horse advertisements. We now have a email address for the Newsletter called Offtherack@rackinghorse.com.

Rules & Enforcement

To be discussed next day.

Trail Field & Pleasure

Darlene Harris discussed the procedure of adding classes. Discussed issues with Park Pleasure not having enough classes.

Advisory Committee

Tonya Beaver – Nothing new to report.

Breeders Committee

Ronnie Hooker – Request a deadline for relicensing commissioners, used to be on application. We are streamlining the process and making it easier. Commissioners may apply for license by December 31st of each year. Then the application is approved at Winter Meetings.

Exhibitor Status Committee – Nothing new to report.

DQP Committee – Nothing new to report.

Jamie Lawrence made the motion to add Jim Morris to committee, Eddie Barrow seconded, no objections, motion passed.

New Business

Fred McRoy made the motion to change the polygraph rule. Kelly France Seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All present board members voted in favor.

December 17, 2012

Melisa Taylor

Manager & Director of Marketing

Racking Horse Breeders' Association of America

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Decatur, Alabama 35603

Melisa,

Being a member in good standing I (Lewis F. McRoy, Jr. 54265) request that the following be submitted to the Board of Directors at our Winter Meeting (February 2013) and be posted upon receiving the changes. Request that the Board of Directors vote on these changes at the Spring (April 2013) meeting.

Delete: Pg. 54 – Section 9.3 Judges Classification System

(C) To be eligible to judge the Spring and Fall Celebration, a judge must hold an “AA” or “AAA” license and must agree to submit to a polygraph test if requested. Such request may either random or part of a specific investigation. The determination for any request shall be made by a majority vote from the RHBAA President and Chairman of the Rules Enforcement, Judges, and Show Committee.

Add: Pg. 54- Section 9.3 Judges Classification System

(C) To be eligible to judge the Spring and Fall Celebration, a Judge must hold an "AA" or "AAA" license and must agree to submit to a polygraph test if requested. A polygraph test of all Judges for the Fall Celebration shall be mandatory and administered at a time between 24 hours prior to or 24 hours after the final performances, as designated by the President or Show Chairman. Other requests for testing may be random or part of a more specific investigation. The determination for any request other than the mandatory test shall be made by a majority vote from the RHBAA Chairman of the Rules Enforcement, Judges, and Show Committee.

Pg. 134- Section 18.2 Violation by Judges

(M) Failing a polygraph exam. Any Judge who may fail a polygraph exam either mandatory, random, or specific may request, at their own expense, one retest by the

same technician who performed the initial polygraph exam. This has to be done within 30 days of the original exam. Failure of such test or retest if requested is considered final and shall be a class E violation with penalties then determined by the Judges Committee.

Thank you,
Lewis F. McRoy, Jr.

(Recess)

Reconvene

Fred wanted to remind the board that the money for the Pro Trainers Hi-Point system was in the budget.

Andy Roberts states the Speed Association has requested the board consider the following information to determine a rules section for the Speed Division and a rule change for the padded speed horse.

Section 11.19 The Speed Racking Division

(a) Speed Racking Horses shall be shown in each of the three (3) gaits which are (1. Show Walk 2. Slow Rack 3. Fast Rack as defined in section 8.8 gaits.

(b) **The SHOW WALK** is a smooth, collected, slow and easy gait. It is a distinctive four-beat gait displaying both style and grace. The neck should be arched with the head and ears alert. The horse is alert and mounted well in the bridle. The Show Walk is a true rack in which the rider and his/her mount are at complete ease.

(c) **The SLOW RACK** is a relaxed four-beat gait with both style and action, neither a pace nor a trot. The neck should be arched with the head and ears alert. This gait should be straight and square and in form at all times. The Slow Rack is considered to be a true four-beat gait (very smooth). It is recognized as being the ultimate gait for this horse, in which ease of riding and comfort are paramount. There is no evidence of strain on the part of the horse or the rider, and the reins are held in two hands. Speed shall not be considered a factor in judging but a distinct difference from the show walk.

(d) **The FAST RACK** is in the same form as the slow rack, displaying style, speed and action. The neck should be arched with the head and ears alert. The fast rack is the time to shine faster than either of the other gaits, but at no time should the horse sacrifice form for speed.

(e) Speed Racking Horses shall be penalized for either “breaking gait” or excessive cutting of the curves.

(f) Tack and attire for this division shall be the same as tack and attire outlined in section 8.5 tack and attire.

(g) Shoeing for this division must comply with the USDA rules, referred to as the Horse Protection Act and must be in compliance with section 8.7 (b) (1-11).

(h) A padded speed racking horse must have a minimum of but not limited to 1 and ½

inches of pad between the shoe and the foot. Pads may be either flat pads or wedge pads. Weighted shoes shall be allowed.

Rule Change:

Section

8.7

SHOEING

DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of defining “Padded Speed Racking Horse” ” the following descriptions are offered: Shoeing must be in compliance with the USDA RULING AS OF JULY 1, 1989: Referred to as the Horse Protection Act. Shoeing must be in compliance with. Section 8.7 Division (B) (Point 1 thru 11) under SHOEING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR ALL OPEN SHOD DIVISIONS: A padded speed racking horse must also have a minimum of but not limited to one and a half inches of pad between the shoe and the foot. Pads may be construed as having flat pads or wedge pads. Weighted shoes are allowed.

Melisa Taylor presented the board with a policy and procedures booklet. Then she opened the floor for Q and A.

Judy Jones made an inquirer about lifetime back numbers. The board set a policy for Life time back numbers. If the owner of a lifetime back number does not pay their membership for a three (3) year period they lose the privilege of keeping the back number.

(Recess)

Reconvene

President Walker called the meeting to order.

Roll Call

Present were:

Andy Roberts

Chris Walker

Darlene Harris

Ed Hiers

Fred McRoy

Jamie Lawrence

Jim Morris

Judy Jones

Kelly France

Mike Etheredge

Tim Toler

Tonya Parsons-Beaver

Not Present;
Eddie Barrow
Ronnie Hooker

Fred McRoy made sure the polygraph rule was clarified.

Jim Morris made a motion of a shoe change to be posted.

Section 8.7 Shoeing Definitions and the USDA Ruling as of July 1, 1989: For the purpose of defining "Flat Shod" and "Open Shod" the following descriptions are offered:

Delete: Pg 42 A.5

A. SHOEING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR ALL FLAT SHOD
DIVISIONS

(5) In all classes designated as light shod, the shoe must not exceed $\frac{3}{8}$ of an inch in thickness, nor be wider than $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch. The caulk must not be any thicker than $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch.

Add: Pg 42 A.5

A. SHOEING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR ALL FLAT SHOD
DIVISIONS

(5) In all classes designated as light shod, the shoe must not exceed $\frac{1}{2}$ of an inch in thickness, nor be wider than 1 inch. The caulk must not be any thicker than 1 inch.

Fred McRoy seconds the motion. No objections, motion passed.

The Arena Contract:

Ed Hiers made a motion to give Chris Walker and Melisa Taylor the authority to go ahead and negotiate any improvement over the current contract which was presented February 7th. Jim Morris seconded the motion. No objections, motion passed.

The Speed Division motion was voted on to post for 45 days. Motion was made by Andy Roberts to post. Ed Hiers seconded the motion. No objections, motion passed.

Executive Session was requested for discussion of Mrs. Taylor's contract.

Meeting adjourned.