



## **BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**November 24, 2020**

*Zoom Conference 9:00 am – 12:00 pm CST*

*Next board meeting March 18, 2021 San Antonio, Texas*

**Attendance:** President John Dobbs; Laina Banks, Maggie Bellville, Patty Campbell, Charles Cannizzaro, Richard Carr, Bill Cosentino, Chris Darnell, Kevin Dukes, Janet Gunn, Phil Harris, Steve Heckaman, Kellie Hinley, Doug Huls, Chris Jones, Leslie Lange, Clay MacLeod, Kelly McDowall, Allen Mitchels, Cody Parrish, Bill Price, Jim Searles, Michael Tidwell; Staff, Nicole Barnes, Dianne Eppers, Bill Kaven, Stephanie Lynn

### **Regular Business**

President's Message

Minutes September meeting, motion to approve, motion carries

Report of the Association

Financial report Association, motion to approve, motion carries

Financial report Foundation, motion to approve, motion carries

### **Old Business**

Judges report – rule change proposals for inhumane treatment and Trail, motion to approve, motion carries

### **INHUMANE TREATMENT**

**109 b) 3) d)** Use of inhumane equipment, including, but not limited to, saw tooth bits, hock hobbles, tack collars, tack halters or tack hackamores, war bridles or like devices, wire or metal anywhere on head or headpiece.

### **THREE YEAR OLD TRAIL EQUIPMENT**

In all NSBA Three Year Old trail classes entrants must use a snaffle or bosal.

**h)** The Green and Three Year Old trail course should be designed for the entry-level horse. Ample space should be used to execute the obstacles. The following are the guidelines that are recommended for the green class:

- 1) Walk overs set at 24" or intervals thereof
- 2) Trot overs set at 3' or intervals thereof
- 3) Lope overs set at 6' or intervals thereof
- 4) Back through set at 36" minimum
- 5) Serpentine at jog set (straight line) at 12' minimum

~~No elevated obstacles. Trotovers and lopeovers cannot be elevated in Green, Novice and Three Year Old classes.~~

Other rule change proposals to go back to committee and to be approved by Executive Committee for inclusion in the 2021 NSBA Official Handbook:

### **MAIDEN**

Horse must not have been shown astride in any event prior to the class. Committee to review language that would allow a broader definition to include Western Pleasure and Hunter Under Saddle only, horses must not have been shown astride in any event prior to the class. In all other disciplines such as Trail, Western Riding, Hunter Over Fences, horses must not have been shown in specific discipline.

### **EQUIPMENT RULES**

**Page 60** In all classes, tails may be lengthened by hair to hair attachment only with no attachments of any kind to the tailbone. The use of weighted tails is acceptable.

The use of earplugs or cotton in the horse's ears is acceptable. Suggestion for committee to remove the word "cotton."

In all Halter, Showmanship and Longe Line classes a regular or show halter that is made of flat nylon or leather with a minimum width of ¾ of an inch must be used. Rope halters are permissible in Ranch Conformation.

### **133. WESTERN EQUIPMENT**

In all western classes, horses will be shown in a traditional western saddle. Silver equipment will not count over a good working outfit.

**g)** Optional Equipment

- 1) Spurs; not to be used forward of the cinch.

- 2) In Ranch classes only, rope or riata: if used, the rope or riata must be coiled and attached to the saddle. Hobbles attached to saddle.

**h) Prohibited Equipment**

- 1) Wire curb straps, regardless of how padded or covered, or curb strap with tacks or rivets.
- 2) Any curb strap narrower than one-half inch.
- 3) Splint boots or leg wraps except in Horsemanship and Ranch Riding.
- 4) Use of inhumane equipment as outlined in rule 109 b) 3 d)

Committee to review curb strap and curb chain language in rule book.

**135. HUNTER UNDER SADDLE EQUIPMENT**

**f) Optional Equipment**

- 1) English Spurs of the unrowelled type that are blunt, round, and no longer than 1"
- 2) Crops or bats not longer than 30".
- 3) Braiding of mane and/or tail in Hunt Style
- 4) H/J Special Events only: running martingales in over fences classes

**g) Prohibited Equipment**

- 1) Martingale or tiedowns
- 2) Splint boots or leg wraps except in Jumping
- 3) Draw reins
- 4) Rowelled spurs
- 5) Use of inhumane equipment as outlined in rule 109 b) 3 d)

Committee to review Hunter Under Saddle Equipment to English Equipment, under prohibited equipment add to number 2).  
Equitation and Equitation over Fences

**New Business**

Hunter Jumper definitions and classifications have gone to judges committee to approve and bring back to Executive Committee for inclusion in 2021 NSBA official handbook, motion to approve, motion carries.

Sanction Fee review for slot classes, motion to delete NSBA Rule 45 a) and implement maximum sanction fee not to exceed \$150.00, motion carries.

- ~~a) The sanction fee for a slot class is 6% of the entry fee or slot fee not to exceed \$50 per slot. The sanction fee for a slot class is paid only on the entries that are shown. These funds are payable in U.S. Dollars. Slot classes are limited entry events in which contestants purchase a slot in the class. Each slot is equivalent to an entry into the class and can be renewable each year.~~

Review Registration Rule 61, as it pertains to unpapered horses, motion to approve microchip requirement for horses not registered with one of NSBA's recognized associations, motion carries.

61. Horses entered in any NSBA approved futurity or stand-alone classes must be registered with NSBA. In order to compete in the futurity or stand alone classes, the NSBA registration must be in the current owner's name as registered with the breed organization. An NSBA membership is required to register or transfer ownership of a horse.  
~~Unregistered horses may register by submitting color photographs showing full left and ride side and full front and back view, specifically showing all marks of identification. Photographs along with a vet certificate showing proof of age must be submitted at time of application. Horses unregistered with a recognized equine association may be registered with NSBA by submitting the horse's microchip number and a veterinary certificate showing proof of age.~~

NSBA Rule Change Rule 110 c)1) fines ~~up to~~, in addition to the above, motion to delete words "up to" and the paragraph immediately following rule 110 c)1), motion carries with one No vote and one abstain.

- 1) Any exhibitor, trainer, and/or owner whose horse tests positive for and is found in violation of using a tranquilizer or other mind altering drug would receive the following disciplinary action:

| Offense | Months Suspended | Fines <del>Up To</del> |
|---------|------------------|------------------------|
| 1st     | 6                | \$1,000                |
| 2nd     | 12               | 2,000                  |
| 3rd     | 18               | 2,500                  |

~~In addition to the above, exhibitor, trainer and/or owner shall be ineligible to compete the following year at the same approved show in which s/he received the positive test. All other rules of disciplinary action will still apply.~~

Foundation report

Youth report

Legacy award, recommendation from the Executive Committee to allow people to be considered for the Legacy award. Motion to approve the addition of people for the Legacy Award, motion carries.

- 273 Legacy Award:** The Legacy award honors horses or people who have made, over a period of years, a significant and lasting contribution to the show horse industry.

When selecting horses, emphasis is placed on the individual's outstanding record as a competitor in Western Pleasure, Hunter Under Saddle, All-Around or other events and should have a foaling date of twenty five years ago. They should be forerunners of today's example of the NSBA horse. Factors to consider are show records, earnings, titles and span of show career. The last recorded owner shall receive the award or whoever the owner deems to accept for them.  
When selecting a person, emphasis is placed on the individual's contributions to the betterment of the show horse industry, their ability to demonstrate integrity and respect for the lives and experiences of both horse and horsemen and their recognition of persons, horses and equine programs that have made a lasting impact on the direction of the industry.

This is not necessarily a yearly award but honors horses or people deserving of such accolades should the situation arise.

Hall Of Fame nomination and Jack Benson nomination due December 3, 2020 to NSBA office.

Meeting adjourned 11:50 am