



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 14, 2024, NSBA Office, 120 Mesa St., Weatherford, TX

Roll Call: Rich Carr, Chris Jones, Julie Marweg, Megan Hunt, Lori Bucholz, Kevin Dukes, Dean Bogart, Mike Hachtel, Michael Tidwell, Phil Harris, Denton DeBuhr, Adam Daurio, Charles Cannizzaro, Janet Gunn (past president). Staff: Stephanie Lynn, Nicole Barnes, Elise Sheard, Bill Kaven, Sue Ellen Kaven

Regular Business

President's Message – presented by Dukes, World Show preparations, open house

Minutes March meeting – Motion Harris, second Jones. Approved as presented.

Report of the Association – presented by Lynn, approved shows changed to reflect number of shows during time period.

Financial report Association – presented by Tidwell, Recommendation from Executive Committee to forgive debt to NOHSA \$28,015.52: Approved by acclimation. Financial Report: Approved as presented.

Investment Account Update presented by Harris, moving in small tranches to meet guideline of IPS 65 % equities and 35% fixed income.

Financial report Foundation – no action.

Financial report NOHSA – no action.

Reports

Foundation – presented by Lynn Campbell, introduced Anna Zuidema, speaker for upcoming Foundation Board of Directors meeting re mental health awareness

Judges Committee – presented by Jones/Kaven, *Approved as presented:*

135 h) 4) Splint boots or leg wraps except in Horsemanship and ~~Ranch Riding Performance~~ classes.

Working Hunter

230. To be judged on manners, way of going and style of jumping. Horses shall be credited with maintaining an even hunting pace that covers the course with free-flowing strides. Preference will be given to horses with correct jumping style that meet fences squarely, jumping at the center of fence. Judges shall penalize unsafe jumping and bad form over fences, whether touched or untouched, including twisting. Incorrect leads around the ends of the course or cross-cantering shall be penalized, as well as excessive use of crop. In and outs (one or two strides) shall be taken in the correct number of strides or be penalized. Any error, which endangers the horse and/or its rider, particularly refusals or knockdowns, shall be heavily penalized. Competition round begins immediately when they come through the in-gate.

a) Scoring shall be on a basis of 0-100 open numerical format, with an approximate breakdown as follows:

1) 90-100: an excellent performer and good mover that jumps the entire course with cadence, balance and style.

2) 80-89: a good performer that jumps all fences reasonably well; an excellent performer that commits one or two minor faults; smooth.

3) 70-79: the average, fair mover that makes no serious faults, but lacks the style, cadence and good balance of the scopier horses; the good performer that makes a few minor faults; out of rhythm riding (minor miss/"chip"), additional minor faults (light rub/rubs).

4) 60-69: poor movers that make minor mistakes; fair or average movers that have one or two poor fences but no major faults or disobediences. Cross canter or no change (60), extra stride in a measured line (61-64), multiple distance mistakes, rail on lip of cup/displaced rail.

5) 50-59: Trot, poor manners, dangerous jumping, extra stride in an in and out, elimination of a stride in a measured line, hang a leg or drop a leg. a horse that commits one major fault, such as a hind knockdown, refusal, trot, cross canter or drops a lead.

6) 30-49: Disobedience (refer to disobedience chart). a horse that commits two or more major faults, including front knockdowns and refusals, or jumps in a manner that otherwise endangers the horse and/or rider.

7) 10-29: a horse that avoids elimination but jumps in such an unsafe and dangerous manner as to preclude a higher score. 2 disobediences.

b) MINOR FAULTS (suggested 2-5 point deduction per occurrence)

1) A jump out of rhythm jump (minor miss/" chip")

2) Obvious pace changes

3) One step of missed lead (1 point for each stride up to 4 strides, additional cross canter strides major fault)

4) Landing on cross canter for one stride (2 points)

5) Swap lead in front of jump

6) Wrong lead once competition round has begun (5 points)

7) Ahead or behind motion at jump

c) MAJOR FAULTS (suggested 10-20 point deduction per occurrence)

1) Canter trot jump more than one stride (75-70)

2) Cross cantering within the line up to two strides 10 pt penalty per occurrence

3) Missed lead change 4 strides or more

4) No lead change (60)

5) Trot on course (55)

6) Kicking out (50)

7) Dangerous jumping (50)

8) Using stick on horse in ring (50)

9) Knockdown (45)

10) First disobedience (40)

11) Second disobedience (30)

12) Manners

13) Major out of rhythm (major miss/ "chip")

14) Disobediences (major faults):

a. Refusal. When a horse stops in front of an obstacle (whether or not the obstacle is knocked down or altered), it is a refusal unless the horse then immediately jumps the obstacle without backing one step. If horse takes one step backwards it is a refusal. After refusal, if horse is moved toward the obstacle but does not attempt to jump, it is considered another refusal.

b. Run-out. A run-out occurs when the horse evades or passes the obstacle to be jumped; jumps an obstacle outside its limiting markers; or when the horse or exhibitor knocks down a flag, standard, wing or other element limiting the obstacle (without obstacle being jumped).

c. Loss of Forward Movement. Failure to maintain trot, canter or gallop after crossing starting line, except when it is a refusal, a run- out or when due to uncontrollable circumstances, such as when an obstacle is being reset.

d. Unnecessary Circling on Course. Any form of circle or circles, whereby the horse crosses its original track between two consecutive obstacles anywhere on course, except to retake obstacle after refusal or run-out.

d) Elimination

1) A total of three disobediences that can include any of the following: refusal, stop, run out or extra circle.

2) Jumping an obstacle before it is reset.

3) Bolting from the arena.

- 4) Off course.
- 5) Failure to trot the horse a minimum of 10 strides in a small circle on a loose rein for soundness, after jumping the last fence, while still mounted and prior to leaving the arena.
- 6) Falling off
- 8) Deliberately addressing an obstacle

Hunter Hack

239 c) Horses being considered for an award are then to be shown at a walk, trot and canter. The horse must be shown with active, working, and energetic ground covering gates at the walk, trot, and canter. The horse shall exhibit a natural self-carriage, correct uphill balance, and the fluid forward movement that is desirable for working hunter. Refer to Rule 243.

Hunt Seat Equitation Over Fences

241. e) ~~The following will result in elimination:~~

- 1) ~~Three accumulative refusals; and~~
- 2) ~~Off course.~~

f) ~~If elimination occurs during a ride-off, the competitor is placed last of all those chosen for the ride-off.~~

g) ~~The following constitute major faults:~~

- 1) ~~A refusal~~
- 2) ~~Loss of stirrup~~
- 3) ~~Trotting while on course when not part of a test~~
- 4) ~~Loss of reins~~
- 5) ~~Incorrect diagonal~~

242. Competition round begins immediately when they come through the in-gate.

a) Suggested scoring may be on a basis of 0-100, with an approximate breakdown as follows:

- 1) 90-100: Excellent equitation, position and presentation; meets all fences squarely and at proper distance. Uses all options to their advantage.
- 2) 80-89: Minor equitation faults, i.e., long, weak distance, deep distance, one step landing at counter- canter. Rider still maintains a quality ride. smooth.
- 3) 70-79: More problems occur, equitation suffers, i.e., rounded shoulders, heels are not down, hands incorrect, lacks the style and presence. One major fence problem, i.e., chip with a ride up the neck, or discreet swap out, jumping off one side of jump. No dangerous fences, not a flowing course, out of rhythm riding (minor miss/ "chip"), additional minor faults (refer to minors).
- 4) 60-69: Major equitation faults, poor body position, loose legs and seat, failure to obtain or maintain trot to a trot fence approach, 2 or 3 misses at the fence, obvious wrong lead before or on the courtesy circle. Cross canter or no change (60), extra stride in a measured line (61-64), multiple distance mistakes.
- 5) 50-59: Refer to major faults.
- 6) 40-49: Disobedience (refer to disobediences).
~~40-59: Breaking to a trot while on course, counter- canter or cross canter at ends of arena, missed lead changes, loss of stirrup, dropping a rein, extra stride in combination.~~
- 7) 10-39: Rider avoids elimination, one or two disobediences refusals, knock-downs, dangerous fences, accumulative major faults.

b) MINOR FAULTS (suggested 2-5 point deduction per occurrence)

- 1) A jump out of rhythm (minor miss/"chip")
- 2) Obvious pace changes
- 3) One step of cross canter (1 point for each stride up to 4 strides, additional cross canter strides major fault)
- 4) Swap lead in front of jump
- 5) Rail (4 point deduction per rail)
- 6) Wrong diagonal up to 2 steps
- 7) Hands not at a 45 degree angle
- 8) Ahead or behind motion at jump
- 9) Canter trot jump one stride or less

c) MAJOR FAULTS (suggested 10-20 point deduction per occurrence)

- 1) Canter the trot jump more than 2 strides
- 2) No lead change (60)
- 3) Kicking out (50)
- 4) Dangerous jumping/excessive speed
- 5) Wrong lead once competition round has begun (10 point deduction)
- 6) Using stick on horse in ring (50)
- 7) Manners
- 8) Major out of rhythm (major miss/"chip")
- 9) Loss of stirrup (50) Loss of reins (50)
- 10) First disobedience (40)
- 11) Second disobedience (30)
- 12) Wrong diagonal over 2 steps
- 13) Holding reins incorrectly

d) **ELIMINATION**

- 1) Falling off
- 2) Three disobediences
- 3) Off course
- 4) Failure to trot soundness circle
- 5) Bolting from ring

NOHSA – presented by Morgan Kaufmann – added Fall Festival show in September 2024 at WEC Ocala. No action.

Youth – presented by Sheard, no action.

Unfinished Business

Probation Definition – presented by Lynn

Motion to approved as presented with changes to make singular bylaw, rule, regulation: Bucholz, second Daurio, Approved.

106 a). **SUSPENSION:** At such time as any person (member or nonmember) has been suspended, expelled or denied NSBA privileges, in addition to other provisions of this handbook or policy of the NSBA, the following restrictions shall apply:

- 1) That person shall not participate, and shall be ineligible to participate during the suspension/expulsion period, in any NSBA event, nor shall such person be eligible to hold approved judge’s credentials or any other NSBA accreditation.
- 2) No horse which is recorded in the name of such person (including ownership jointly or ownership as part of a partnership or corporation) is eligible to participate in any event approved by the NSBA, NSBA National Award Programs, or event and/or awards program sponsored by an NSBA Affiliate Association.

b). **PROBATION:** Probation is a period of time during which a person (member or nonmember) will be subject to strict review, evaluation, supervision, and other terms and conditions because there has been a determination that the person has previously violated an NSBA bylaw, rule, or regulation, or because of reciprocity, as provided under NSBA Rule 105 b).

1. During Probation, if the person on Probation is determined to violate an NSBA bylaw, rule, or regulation, the NSBA may take more severe disciplinary action than might otherwise occur.
2. During Probation, the person on Probation shall not be considered “in good standing” with the NSBA.
 - a. A person in good standing is a current or lifetime member not on suspension or probation.
 - b. During Probation, a person on Probation shall be able to retain membership, shall be able to participate in NSBA-approved events, and to conduct business with the NSBA. They shall not be able to serve as an officer or director of the NSBA and shall not be an approved judge for the NSBA.

3. If all terms and conditions of the Probation are met, the person shall be reinstated as a member "in good standing" at completion of the Probation.
4. Any person who is also an approved NSBA judge who is subject to Probation and successfully meets the terms and conditions of their Probation, shall be required to reapply and retest to once again be an approved NSBA judge.

Discussion of AQHA rule re: suspended individuals not allowed on the grounds. Working group to review: Adam Daurio, Megan Hunt, Chris Jones, Debra Jones-Wright.

Portal Demonstration – presented by Chris Hernandez, no action.

New Business

Rule Change Recommendations

- 3 Year Old Trail –*Motion Gunn, second Bucholz. Approved as presented.*

21. Only events that are NSBA approved may use the terms "NSBA Approved" or "NSBA Sanctioned."

a) Ancillary classes are those classes, which conform to NSBA's list of approved categories but are not on NSBA's list of approved classes. These classes may be approved by NSBA and shall then be referred to as being NSBA Approved or NSBA Sanctioned. Ancillary classes will not be eligible for year end awards, but horse and rider (exhibitor) earnings shall be recorded and recognized for lifetime achievement awards. The intent of this rule is to more accurately reflect the earnings and achievements of horses and riders (exhibitors).

b) Yearling Longe Line, Two Year Old Western Pleasure, Two Year Old Hunter Under Saddle, Three Year Old Hunter Hack and Three Year Old Working Hunter and Three Year Old Trail cannot be offered prior July 1st (Please refer to Rule #54).

c) ~~Two Year Old and Longe Line~~ Yearling Longe Line, Two Year Old Western Pleasure, Two Year Old Hunter Under Saddle, Three Year Old Hunter Hack and Three Year Old Working Hunter and Three Year Old Trail events may show prior to the July 1 date when the approval dates include the weekend prior to July 1. It is not the intent of this rule to encourage shows to run these classes prior to July 1 date. The policy is implemented to provide flexibility to shows that are scheduling events around weekend breed circuits.

54. Any age stallion, mare or gelding, registered with NSBA (refer to Rule #12) is eligible to be exhibited in any NSBA approved event except when specific class stipulations restrict participation. Ponies must be measured to compete in any class restricted by pony height. Unregistered horses may be registered for NSBA competition per Rule #55.

- a) Yearlings may not be shown in a Longe Line class prior to July 1st unless showing in a dual approved class.
- b) Two year olds may not be shown prior to July 1st in any class shown astride unless showing in a Dual Approved class.
- c) Three year olds may not be shown prior to July 1st in any over fences or trail class unless showing in a Dual Approved class.

Additional discussion re: July 1 weekend prior. Staff to bring information back to September meeting.

Color Breed Show Report – presented by Lynn/Sheard

Review non qualification fee – Issues discussed, definition of color horses with NSBA and NSBA World Championship Show Qualification requirements

Color Committee: Janet Gunn, Charles Cannizzaro, Julie Marweg, Denton DeBuhr, Cole Baker

SWOT Analysis – next step to request feedback from additional groups and form small group to determine action steps.

Survey – no action.