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Dear NRHA Board of Directors,

We received your letter dated April 9, 2009. We appreciate that you have reviewed our letter requesting that the NRHA remove NAA status from Reining Canada in order to eliminate mandatory dual membership in Canada.

We understand that in bringing forth our request to remove NAA status from Reining Canada, this action has brought forward many unresolved issues involving the relationships between the NRHA, Reining Canada and the Canadian Reining community as a whole. We would like it to be clear that Reining Alberta did not request the NRHA to audit Reining Canada; rather, our purpose was to eliminate mandatory dual membership.

In order to eliminate the mandatory dual membership in Canada, Reining Alberta followed the only course of action available, according to the NRHA Rules. Under the General Rules, Section C. International Affiliate Program, it states "*Designation as an NRHA National Association Affiliate is a privilege, not a right, bestowed by the NRHA Board of Directors, according to procedures formulated by the Executive Committee of the NRHA.*" It also states under Section 2. A) "*The National Association Affiliate may elect to establish a joint membership between the NAA and NRHA.*" We recognize that the NRHA Board of Directors and more specifically the Executive Committee is the only entity that can eliminate mandatory dual membership, by removing NAA status. This is why the request was brought directly to the NRHA Board of Directors.

As a result of the NRHA Executive Committee asking Reining Canada to hold a meeting with us to address the issue of eliminating mandatory dual membership, we would like to report that we have accepted an invitation to meet with the RC Board of Directors in the very near future.

Our position is still very clear. The mandatory dual membership (\$175) continues to be an economic burden and deterrent to Reining Alberta members wishing to compete in NRHA shows and the NAAC. On behalf of our membership, we would like it to be removed.

Sincerely,

The 2009 Reining Alberta Board of Directors