

**NCHA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CONFERENCE CALL MINUTES
DECEMBER 20 and 22, 2021
3:00PM Central**

MONDAY - DECEMBER 20, 2021

A conference call of the Executive Committee of the National Cutting Horse Association was held on Monday, December 20, 2021 beginning 3:00PM central time.

Executive Committee members present were: President Ora Diehl, President-Elect Ted Sokol, Vice President Toddy Pitard, Kristen York, Rock Hedlund, Kirby Smith, Byron Green, Sharon Overstreet, Tommy Williams, Skip Jones, Casey Green, Tatum Rice and Ernie Beutenmiller. Member excused was Matt Miller. Executive Director Jay Winborn, Treasurer Denise Seiz, Director of Membership Julie Davis, Director of Shows Shianne Megel, Manager of Approved Events Linda Smith, Manager of Shows Joshua Valdez, Data Technology Administrator Kelley Hartranft and Cathy Marie Aleff were also in attendance from the NCHA Office.

The Executive Committee meeting was called to order at 3:04PM and roll call was taken

President Ora Diehl opened by thanking all for taking time out of their day to attend this call and stated the purpose of this call was to address the Amateur recommendations and come to a final resolution that is best for the majority.

RECOMMENDATION

Executive Director Jay Winborn addressed the Executive Committee members with the recommendations from the Amateur Committee, the recent results of the Amateur survey and the proposal from the assigned Amateur Task Force Subcommittee.

Jay emphasized that the staff works for the membership and the Executive Committee and is committed to execute the decisions made by this committee.

Recommendations are to make a true \$50K Amateur class, doing away with the senior fall-back rule. Then, what to do with those impacted? Make a true Unlimited Amateur class and put more emphasis on the Senior World Tour.

President Ora Diehl thanked Jay and opened the call up for a round table discussion to consider all options presented with regards to these Amateur division recommendations.

ADJOURNMENT

Discussions today will be considered by the Executive Committee and members will reconvene for a final decision in a couple of days, a **MOTION** was made by Ernie Beutenmiller and **SECONDED** by Toddy Pitard to adjourn at 4:48PM. **MOTION PASSED.** The Executive Committee will reconvene on Wednesday, December 22, 2021 at 3:00PM central for further discussion and to make a final decision with regards to the Amateur Class.

WEDNESDAY - DECEMBER 22, 2021 (CONTINUATION)

A conference call of the Executive Committee of the National Cutting Horse Association was held on Wednesday, December 22, 2021 beginning 3:00PM central time.

Executive Committee members present were: President Ora Diehl, President-Elect Ted Sokol, Vice President Toddy Pitard, Kristen York, Rock Hedlund, Kirby Smith, Byron Green, Sharon Overstreet, Tommy Williams, Skip Jones, Casey Green, Tatum Rice and Ernie Beutenmiller. Member excused was Matt Miller. Executive Director Jay Winborn, Treasurer Denise Seiz, Director of Membership Julie Davis, Manager of Approved Events Linda Smith, Manager of Shows Joshua Valdez, Data Technology Administrator Kelley Hartranft and Cathy Marie Aleff were also in attendance from the NCHA Office.

The Executive Committee meeting was called to order at 3:04PM and roll call was taken.

President Ora Diehl opened with the purpose of this continuation call to move forward with a decision on this Amateur Class discussion and welcomed Executive Director Jay Winborn to address the Executive Committee with recommendations from Amateur Committee, Task Force and office.

RECOMMENDATION

Executive Director Jay Winborn addressed the Executive Committee suggesting a resolution to answer this Amateur action by making sure that we have an opportunity to allow all members a chance to participate on a level playing field in the Amateur division. We have listened to the Amateur Committee, the assigned Task Force Committee and to the results of the Amateur survey recently conducted. The following are recommendations:

1. Leave the \$50K Amateur as it currently stands from vote cast in October for the Seniors.
2. For the 2022-point year, make the Unlimited Amateur an approved class while tracking standings for World Finals and Circuit Finals. This will also provide a World Finals class for the Unlimited Amateur.
3. 2023 Annual Convention, bring an idea for the expansion of a Senior World Tour.
4. For 2023, the full implementation of \$50K pure Amateur class.

A **MOTION** was made by Ted Sokol and **SECONDED** by Sharon Overstreet to leave the 50K Amateur cap as voted in October as (Under 60) 100,000 lifetime cap with a 50 LAE/50 Weekend eligibility split and (60+) 200,000 lifetime cap with a 100 LAE/100 Weekend eligibility split. Implement the Unlimited Amateur for the 2022-point year beginning December 28, 2021 as an approved class with World Finals, Circuit Finals, standings and awards. This motion excludes Riders Hall of Fame recipients. Beginning with the 2023-point year, the \$50K Amateur will be a pure \$50K class, no exceptions. This went to a roll call vote with eight (8) EC members FOR and four (4) members AGAINST. **MOTION PASSED by majority vote.**

Additionally, under the age of 60, the criteria necessary for remaining in the Unlimited Amateur class is lifetime Non-Pro earnings (approved classes) of less than \$250,000. An Amateur

competitor who reaches \$250,000 or more in lifetime Non-Pro earnings can continue to compete in Non-Pro classes until the beginning of the next point year. At that point, the Unlimited Amateur competitor must make a choice: to remain an Unlimited Amateur and compete exclusively as an Unlimited Amateur or to compete as a Non-Pro. At the beginning of the next point year if the Amateur competitor enters a Non-Pro event and competes on any horse regardless of whether or not they win any money, they will forfeit their Unlimited Amateur status and can no longer compete in Amateur contests. For the purpose of this rule, an Unlimited Amateur's winnings in Non-Pro competition will be calculated on all (prior or future) approved limited age and weekend Non-Pro earnings earned at NCHA shows, Non-Pro weekend championship money excludes NP Novice and 35NP. Once an individual reaches the age of 60, if they qualify under Amateur rules, they may return to the Unlimited Amateur class, regardless of Non-Pro class money won. The member will be allowed to show in both Non-Pro and Unlimited Amateur competition.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business addressed during this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Tentatively scheduled EC Conference Call for January will be postponed until February.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the committee, a **MOTION** was made by Kirby Smith and **SECONDED** by Skip Jones to adjourn at 4:34PM. **MOTION PASSED.**