

**NCHA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CONFERENCE CALL MINUTES**  
**DECEMBER 2, 2020**  
**9:00AM Central**

A conference call of the Executive Committee of the National Cutting Horse Association was held on Wednesday, December 2, 2020 at 9:00AM central time.

Those members present were: President Steve Norris, Vice President Ted Sokol, Kristen York, Rock Hedlund, Kirby Smith, Byron Green, Sharon Overstreet, Toddy Pitard, Skip Jones, Matt Miller, Tatum Rice and Lach Perks. Members not available were: President-Elect Ora Diehl, Ernie Beutenmiller (judging) and Tatum Rice (showing). NCHA Executive Director Jay Winborn, Director of Shows Shianne Megel and Cathy Marie Aleff were also in attendance for this call.

The Executive Committee conference call was called to order by President Steve Norris at 9:02AM and roll call was taken.

**7 YEAR OLD CLASS**

President Steve Norris addressed the members of the Executive Committee leading all into further discussions regarding the 7 year old class motion that was made at the October EC Meeting. The Executive Committee reviewed the comments sent in from the Professional Trainers, Weekend Show, Affiliate Officers/Secretaries and Approved LAE/Show Producers Committees with regards to this item.

After much discussion, the consensus was to stand by the decision made from the October meeting regarding the optional 7 year old class for the 2021 point year. President Steve Norris will initiate a response letter to address these concerns and it will be distributed to all committee members.

As a clarification, the 7 year old class will be implemented in the NCHA Rulebook for 2021 as an exception for 2021 only to the current rule.

Suggestions were made by members of the Executive Committee to streamline the process for distributing the approved EC minutes and to highlight the responsibility of reviewing the minutes in key positions within our organizational structure. The office staff will institute some process changes to ensure better communication on these types of controversial topics.

**JANUARY MEETING**

President Steve Norris addressed the members in attendance for this call proposing to extend the tentatively scheduled January 12<sup>th</sup> virtual meeting to a 2-day in person meeting beginning Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> to make sure that there is adequate time to address all items on the agenda.

## **SUPER STAKES**

Recommendation to emphasize the decision made from the October EC Meeting regarding the addition of the special 4, 5, and a 6/7 year old classes for the 2021 Super Stakes.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the committee, a **MOTION** was made by Lach Perks and **SECONDED** by Kirby Smith to adjourn the meeting at 9:56AM.