

**NCHA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CONFERENCE CALL MINUTES**  
**SEPTEMBER 13, 2023**  
**2:30PM Central**

A conference call of the Executive Committee of the National Cutting Horse Association was held on Wednesday, September 13, 2023, beginning 2:30PM central time.

Executive Committee members present were President Toddy Pitard, President Elect Mark Senn, Vice President Barnwell Ramsey, Kristen York, Phil Benadum, Kirby Smith, John Lavelle, Sharon Overstreet, Tommy Williams, Skip Jones, Kathleen Moore, Casey Green and Cara Brewer. NCHA Executive Director Jay Winborn, NCHA Treasurer Denise Seiz, Director of Shows Shianne Megel, Director of Membership Julie Davis, Manager of Approved Shows Linda Smith and Data Technology Administrator Kelley Hartranft and Cathy Marie Aleff were also in attendance from the NCHA office. NCHA Legal Counsel Jim Morris attended a portion of this call as well.

The Executive Committee meeting was called to order at 2:31PM and roll call was taken.

President Toddy Pitard addressed the members of the Executive Committee with the purpose of the call to get updates on legal issues, rule clarifications and World Finals action items.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

President Toddy Pitard placed the call into executive session for a brief session with legal counsel Jim Morris.

**GENERAL SESSION**

President Toddy Pitard placed the meeting back into general session.

**GRIEVANCE UPDATES**

After much discussion with the members of the Executive Committee, a **MOTION** was made by Phil Benadum and **SECONDED** by Skip Jones to move forward with the Rob Gerrits' Grievance Case as a potential violation of Article II with a hearing to be scheduled before the Executive Committee in October. **MOTION PASSED.**

**RULE CLARIFICATION**

Director of Shows Shianne Megel addressed the members of the Executive Committee needing rule clarification on the intentions for the \$2,000LR, \$15K, \$50K and \$35NP on whether these earnings will be recorded for true lifetime or lifetime without inclusion of AWO/AQHA/Covid/Sr.?

After discussing this issue in length, the Executive Committee is issuing a directive to go back to the Weekend Show and the Amateur Committees on their intentions with this proposed rule change.

## **WORLD FINALS TASK FORCE**

NCHA Treasurer Denise Seiz provided a recap to the Executive Committee from a recent small task force committee that was assigned out of the Finance and Audit Committee to evaluate the entry fees. As Chairman of that small task force subcommittee, Phil Rapp suggested that it would be better to coordinate with members that were hauling for more input on actual expenses to compete in that running as a decision is formulated.

As a result of this discussion, the Executive Committee made the decision to appoint an EC Liaison to manage these efforts of which John Lavelle was appointed and also to reactivate the World Finals Task Force Committee that Past President Ted Sokol appointed after the last World Finals event in 2022. The members of that task force led by Chairman Mike Wood are as follows: Julie Clarke, Roper Curtiss, Mary Bradford, Kelle Chartier, Elizabeth Quirk, Dawn Chapman, Corrie Rousey, David Harp, Carol Ward, Bonnie and Frank Martin.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

At this time, there is no old business to bring before the Executive Committee for discussion.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

At this time, there is no new business to bring before the Executive Committee for discussion.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the committee, a **MOTION** was made by Casey Green and **SECONDED** by John Lavelle to adjourn the call at 3:31PM. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**