

**NCHA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CONFERENCE CALL MINUTES**  
**APRIL 27, 2020**  
**3:00PM Central**

A conference call of the Executive Committee of the National Cutting Horse Association was held on Monday, April 27, 2020 at 3:00PM central time.

Those present were: President Ron Pietrafeso, President-Elect Steve Norris, Vice President Ora Diehl, Lachlan Perks, Rock Hedlund, Skip Jones, Ronnie Smith, Tatum Rice, Ernie Beutenmiller, Matt Miller, Tommy Neal, Sharon Overstreet and Kristen York. Byron Green was unavailable for this call.

Also present from NCHA were: Executive Director Jay Winborn, Chief Financial Officer Lance Bryson, Director of Shows Shianne Megel and Cathy Marie Aleff.

The Executive Committee conference call was called to order by President Ron Pietrafeso at 3:02PM and roll call was taken.

President Ron Pietrafeso opened the call by turning the floor over to Jay Winborn for the latest updates and concerns that formulated the purpose of this call.

**SCHEDULING OF THE 2020 CONVENTION**

Executive Director Jay Winborn brought to the attention of the Executive Committee some conflicts that have come up with the proposed dates of the rescheduled convention during the Summer Spectacular. We currently have 10 shows approved for that weekend we are proposing to host our rescheduled convention meetings at the end of July.

Our NCHA Rulebook states under Standing Rule 6.h (pg. 18)

*NO show will be approved by NCHA during the annual Association Convention, as well as the day before and the day after.*

After much discussion and taking into consideration the safety concerns for attendees, restrictions in place and the potential conflicts with the shows already approved for those dates, the Executive Committee decided unanimously to table this discussion and seek legal advice from our counselor Jim Morris that could weigh in on our options for an annual meeting and all the requirements surrounding Convention.

**REVISIT DISCUSSION ON CALCULATION OF EARNINGS**

The Executive Committee revisited a decision that was made on April 20, 2020 as stated below.

- Earnings will count toward Lifetime Earnings, Area Leader Standings, Regional 4/5/6 year-old standing (less than \$10,000 added LAE), Challenger and Regional Championship Standings and horse and rider eligibility.

After much discussion, the Executive Committee would like to amend this recent decision to create a level playing ground for all competitors in all areas of showing.

A **MOTION** was made by Rock Hedlund and **SECONDED** by Skip Jones to ONLY count lifetime earnings on horse and rider until further notice. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

President Ron Pietrafeso also tasked the Executive Committee members to reach out to their Area Directors and get a general idea for suggestions on how to handle the show season and a possible extension of the point year from Sept 1<sup>st</sup> until November of 2021 with the World Finals next year at the Futurity. Plan is for all to talk to those in your regions and send a consensus in an email to all on the committee including Jay Winborn.

Executive Director Jay Winborn also provided an update for youth. As a result of a recent Youth Committee call, it was a unanimous vote to NOT extend the youth show season. Mitch Farris of the youth committee proposed doing a one day "Age Out, Shoot Out" and inviting seniors to a competition in the Watt Arena during the Summer Show.

### **OTHER CUTTING ASSOCIATIONS**

Ernie Beutenmiller addressed the Executive Committee with concerns regarding competing organizations. He suggested we form a task force to consider options in communication with these associations.

President Ron Pietrafeso assigned a task force within the Executive Committee to do the necessary research to see how to best handle this communication and develop a marketing strategy to coexist with these associations.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

President Ron Pietrafeso updated the committee members with the possibility of adding a day or two to the Western Nationals to allow the open classes to show first.

Jay Winborn also updated the Executive Committee that a new contract was negotiated by Todd Barden with the Springhill Suites and the Holiday Inn that our NCHA rates have decreased from \$119 to \$89 a night for the remainder of the year.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the committee, a **MOTION** was made by Ernie Beutenmiller and **SECONDED** by Skip Jones to adjourn the meeting at 4:18PM. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**