

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

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

Those present were: President Steve Norris, President-Elect Ora Diehl, Vice President Ted Sokol, Lachlan Perks, Kristen York, Rock Hedlund, Skip Jones, Kirby Smith, Byron Green, Ernie Beutenmiller, Matt Miller, Tatum Rice, Toddy Pitard and Sharon Overstreet. Previous Executive Committee Member Ronnie Smith was also in attendance. NCHA Executive Director Jay Winborn and Cathy Marie Aleff were also in attendance for this call.

The Executive Committee conference call was called to order at 9:06AM and roll call was taken.

President Steve Norris opened the meeting by leading us in prayer with a moving message for guidance and support for our country, first responders and our NCHA family during these challenging times.

President Steve Norris welcomed the newly elected and re-elected members of the Executive Committee. Those new members are as follow: Vice President - Ted Sokol (Elected), Region 2 – Rock Hedlund (Re-elected), Region 3 – Kirby Smith (Elected), Region 6 – Toddy Pitard (Elected) and At Large – Ernie Beutenmiller, Jr. (Elected). Regions 2, 3, 6 and this specific At Large position term dates will end in 2023.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A **MOTION** was made by Lach Perks and **SECONDED** by Ernie Beutenmiller to approve the revised version of the minutes from the May 28, 2020 meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Suggestion was made by the Executive Committee to forward Ron Pietrafeso's governance suggestions presented in the previous EC meeting to the Governance Committee for review and implementation.

Executive Committee was addressed by requesting their availability for an in-person meeting on June 15th at the NCHA Offices. After discussion, Cathy Marie Aleff will send out an email inquiry to get that meeting coordinated either in person or by conference call.

TENTATIVE EC MEETING DATES

A list of tentative dates for upcoming EC Meetings and the 2021 NCHA Convention were proposed and discussed. Those dates are listed below:

- June 15 (NCHA Office)
- ~~August 10-12~~ (NCHA Office) REVISED August 3-5
- October 19-20 (NCHA Office)
- January 12 (video conference)

- March 22-23 (NCHA Office)
- June 3 (2021 NCHA Convention June 4-6)

Recommendation was made by the Executive Director and others to adjust the proposed August meeting dates to immediately follow the Summer Spectacular for the convenience of those Chairs that will be in town for the end of the show.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATES

Executive Director Jay Winborn addressed the Executive Committee by welcoming Ted Sokol, Kirby Smith and Toddy Pitard to the committee and thanked all members for their service and dedication to the NCHA. As we move forward under the direction of our new President, Steve Norris, I would like to unite our team and work together through the common goals of the Executive Committee. We have an opportunity for a clean slate and positive movement to bring us out of this pandemic. Jay also conveyed the importance of the non-disclosure and confidentiality agreements each member signs. Confidential information discussed should be contained within the committee. Gossip and engagement of controversial postings on social media with regards to the NCHA are highly discouraged. Staff at the NCHA is available for your references and information all while respecting the chain of command and Jay as their leader.

In closing, this is about teamwork and creating a strong allegiance with all involved. We must strive to have each other's back and support both the membership and association. We have to be clear in our decisions and not rush making them. Our communications should come from one source and have a unified delivery. Goal is for the continued success of the National Cutting Horse Association and it will take everyone's cooperation and involvement to get there.

Executive Director Jay Winborn ended with a quote from an old football coach, Paul "Bear" Bryant, *"In order to have a winner, team must have a feeling of unity and every player must put the team first ahead of personal glory."*

President Steve Norris reiterated as we look back, we have had eight Executive Directors in the past eleven years. Everybody thinks the culture never changes, but he feels if the EC is supportive of the Executive Director, the opportunity for success has no limit.

STANDING COMMITTEE GUIDELINES

Cathy Marie Aleff addressed the Executive Committee with a proposed process for gathering the recommendations for the August EC Meetings. There will be an upcoming standing committee call with current chairs and vice chairs to update all with the guidelines needed for this process.

After much discussion, the following suggestions were made by the Executive Committee to streamline this process. June 3rd - Email inquiry will go out to membership requesting suggestions and comments for the standing committee chairs to consider as they prepare their recommendations. These comments will be due by June 12th. The Executive Committee will review comments during the June 15th meeting. July 6th – Standing Committee Chairs will need to submit their recommendations along with the names of the new chairs and vice chairs to

Cathy Marie Aleff for posting prior to the Executive Committee meetings and allow time for membership to provide comments and feedback.

OTHER CUTTING HORSE ASSOCIATIONS

President Steve Norris updated the Executive Committee on a recent meeting with the United States Cutting Horse Association with Charlie Ashcraft and Chris Fairbanks to strategize on collaboration efforts.

Ronnie Smith addressed the Executive Committee by giving an update on his communications with the American Cutting Horse Association and Billy Owens with the possibility of having a dual show with either the Super Stakes or Derby. There is opportunity there for future events to consider.

Other Cutting Horse Associations Task Force will be meeting in the near future to research and collaborate on some of these efforts.

NEW BUSINESS

Jay Winborn addressed the Executive Committee on a recent conversation with Shianne Megel, our Director of Shows with regards to our Canadian members and the Summer Spectacular. A group from Canada is inquiring about the refund rule on the entry form. If they enter and can't get down here due to closures at the border, can they get a refund? As it reads on the form now, refunds will only be issued in the event of a death.

Summer Spectacular entries as of late on June 1st, were about 630, the office is continuing to work on processing these daily.

After much discussion, a **MOTION** was made by Lach Perks and **SECONDED** by Skip Jones to allow NCHA staff to extend the draw dates for the 2020 Summer Spectacular based on their recommendations and to allow the entry refunds to those negatively impacted by the travel restrictions due to the covid-19 pandemic up to the date of the draw. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Sharon Overstreet asked for an update on the Western Nationals, Executive Committee is re-evaluating all concerns and will be making a decision, if any, after the June 5th deadline for entries.

Kirby Smith addressed the other members of the committee with a concern of being able to schedule a show during the Western if it has to be cancelled, as Standing Rule 5 returns to normal terms on June 3rd. There might be other cutters around the CO area that would like to have a weekend show during that time. Executive Committee agreed with Kirby's concern and a **MOTION** was made by Ernie Beutenmiller and **SECONDED** by Skip Jones to adjust the Standing Rule 5 (40-day) time period exception ending June 3rd until August 1st. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the committee, A **MOTION** was made by Ernie Beutenmiller and **SECONDED** by Ora Diehl to adjourn the meeting at 10:57AM. **MOTION CARRIED.**