

NCHA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CONFERENCE CALL MINUTES
June 20, 2019
10:00AM Central

A conference call of the Executive Committee of the National Cutting Horse Association was held on Thursday, June 20, 2019 at 10:00AM Central. Those present were: President Ron Pietrafeso, Vice President Ora Diehl, Ernie Beutenmiller, Skip Jones, Matt Miller, Tommy Neal, Sharon Overstreet, Lachlan Perks, Byron Green, Ronnie Smith and Kristen York. Executive Committee Members that were not present were: President-Elect Steve Norris, Rock Hedlund and Tatum Rice. Also present were: NCHA Executive Director Kirk Slaughter, NCHA Chief Financial Officer Lance Bryson, NCHA Director of Shows Shianne Megel and NCHA Executive Assistant Cathy Marie Aleff. Also present for the call was NCHA Legal Counsel Jim Morris.

President Ron Pietrafeso called the meeting to order at 10:03AM and thanked everyone for their time and joining the call.

DUFURRENA UPDATE

NCHA Legal Counsel Jim Morris addressed the committee with an Ed Dufurrena update that he has fulfilled the terms of his membership suspension effective June 18, 2019 and is able to compete. As of June 18, 2019, he commences his membership probation until June 18, 2022 for the period of three (3) years. Let the records show that all fines have been paid in full and on time with regards to Ed Dufurrena.

YOUTH CONCERT UPDATE

President Ron Pietrafeso addressed the committee and update all on the details of the concert with Laine Hardy, winner of American Idol 2019. This concert will be held during the Youth Week at the Summer Spectacular on Friday, June 26th at WRMC. Tickets are on sale now, should be a great venue in support of our youth members.

YOUTH AWARDS

President Ron Pietrafeso presented to the members of the committee that NCHA has allotted a budget in the amount of \$7,500 for Youth awards. This amount has been confirmed with Lance Bryson and Ora Diehl who is familiar with her previous involvement on the Finance committee.

Tommy Neal raised a concern with the NCHA level of support for the Youth awards. Currently, NCHA does not provide the top 15 buckles or saddles for Youth; these are provided by way of a sponsorship. This year the NCHA Foundation has granted acceptance of the application submitted and will support Youth Week events.

MOTION was made by Tommy Neal and **SECONDED** by Ora Diehl for NCHA to take care of the top 15 Awards/Buckles/Saddles for the Youth World Finals moving forward in support of our Youth members. **MOTION PASSED.**

AMATEUR COMMITTEE CONCERN

Steers vs. Heifers?

The Amateur Committee has raised concern with using steers during the Amateur semi finals and finals at the Summer Spectacular.

Bronc Willoughby committed the NCHA to using steers from South Texas Crossbred for the Amateur Semi-Finals and Finals. Heifers will be used in the Amateur go rounds. He claims that during the Super Stakes Finals over half the finalists scored 200 or lower and, in an attempt, to provide them with a better experience he suggested using steers. The cost of the steers is the same as heifers. We are committed to 1000 head at this time and if the Executive Committee decides to change, we are obligated to pay for them.

Entry forms do not commit us to using heifers or steers and we have used steers in the past. In an attempt to get feedback for this concept, Bronc Willoughby attended the Cattle, LAE and Amateur Committee Meetings with this proposal and it was well received.

President Ron Pietrafeso would like to state that we must manage expectations with our members and be transparent with what those expectations are moving forward. We need to take a vote on how to handle this commitment or if actions require any changes.

Members of the Executive Committee responded as follows:

Matt Miller – no action
Ernie Beutenmiller – no action
Ora Diehl – no action
Byron Green – no action
Skip Jones – no action
Tommy Neal – no action
Sharon Overstreet – no action
Lach Perks – no action
Ronnie Smith – no action
Kristen York – no action

A **VOTE** was entertained by the Executive Committee on Thursday, June 20, 2019 and was **CARRIED WITH NO ACTION UNANIMOUSLY.**

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the committee, **MOTION** was made by Lach Perks and **SECONDED** by Skip Jones to adjourn the conference call at 10:47AM. **MOTION PASSED.**