

NCHA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CONFERENCE CALL MINUTES MAY 10, 2022 9:00AM Central

A conference call of the Executive Committee of the National Cutting Horse Association was held on Tuesday, May 10, 2022 beginning 9:00AM central time.

Executive Committee members present: President Ora Diehl, President-Elect Ted Sokol, Vice President Toddy Pitard, Kristen York, Byron Green, Sharon Overstreet, Tommy Williams, Skip Jones, Ernie Beutenmiller, Casey Green and Tatum Rice. Members excused were Rock Hedlund, Kirby Smith and Matt Miller. Executive Director Jay Winborn, NCHA Treasurer Denise Seiz, Director of Shows Shianne Megel, Manager of Approved Shows Linda Smith and Cathy Marie Aleff were also in attendance from the NCHA Office.

The Executive Committee meeting was called to order at 9:02AM and roll call was taken.

President Ora Diehl began the call by welcoming each of the members to report their regional updates.

REGIONAL REPORTS

Region 1 – **Kristen York** reported that her region is very excited about NCHA Days and confused about the cancellation of the Western with mixed reviews. Boundaries still need a little bit of work in this region.

Region 2 – Nothing to report for Region 2 at this time.

Region 3 – Nothing to report for Region 3 at this time.

Region 4 – **Byron Green** described that his region started off strong at the beginning of the year and that has tapered off with numbers dropping. There are concerns about the circuit program and how his two circuits will end up with the finals this year.

Region 5 – **Sharon Overstreet** reported that shows in her region have been well attended, a lot of positive talk about the NCHA Day weekend and a show coming up in Perry, GA.

Region 6 – **Tommy Williams** stated that a show in Arkansas is coming up and attendance is expected to be good. Shows in the southern part of the region are consistent.

Region 7 – **Skip Jones** expressed that his region is excited about the extra money for the NCHA Days and preparing for the finals in Lubbock. Overall, things are positive. There has not been much comment about Western.

Region 8 – Nothing to report for Region 8 at this time.

At Large – **Ernie Beutenmiller** emphasized that in Region 3 and 4 over the last couple of weeks, he has been contacted about concerns over cattle and the reduction in number of entries. A lot feel as though the economy and the higher cost in fuel is driving this trend.

At Large – **Casey Green** reported that shows have been good in North Texas, consistent for this time of the year. Other than the recent officer staff changes which has been a hot topic in this region, everything is rolling on.

At Large – Tatum Rice reiterated what Casey mentioned, other than a few calls about the office change all is good. Seems like the haulers are strong for the world finals, consistent as in the past couple of years.

President-Elect – Ted Sokol reported that other than a few shows overlapping each other in the southeast, things have been quiet.

SHOW DEPARTMENT UPDATES – SHIANNE MEGEL

Director of Shows Shianne Megel addressed the Executive Committee with an update on a recent show requesting for a modification on Standing Rule 13 and Standing Rule 6 with regards to the payouts for the show.

After much discussion, the Executive Committee decided to take NO ACTION on this request and the results of the show will remain the same.

NON PRO TASK FORCE UPDATES – SHARON OVERSTREET

Executive Committee Region 5 Member Sharon Overstreet reported that after a couple of attempts to coordinate everyone on calls through the end of the Super Stakes, they have finalized a survey of 10 questions to go out and due by the close of the Convention. The task force will reconvene in person after the convention to discuss the results of the survey. Sharon wanted to recognize Chair of the Non Pro Committee Cody Hedlund for his efforts on this task force as he has been instrumental on finalization of the survey.

COMMUNICATING WITH NCHA DIRECTORS

During discussions, Vice President Toddy Pitard led this effort to suggest a way to coordinate with the directors to make sure that they get copied on the agendas and minutes in a more streamlined process. A text format to cell phones was suggested in lieu of the email efforts that are currently in place. The NCHA Director Forum was established as a means to assist with this communication effort but is not currently utilized. In the event regions have any upcoming calls, President Ora Diehl asked each EC member to poll their directors on their preferred method of communication.

OLD BUSINESS

With a discussion of a recent motion made from the Executive Committee at a meeting on April 18-20, 2022, a **MOTION** was made by Casey Green and **SECONDED** by Ernie Beutenmiller to **RESEND** the motion made to approve and incorporate a \$30 dollar increase to the 2nd payment of the Summer Spectacular for all Open and Non Pro entries. **MOTION PASSED.**

CONTRACT AUTHORITY

President Ora Diehl brought the members of the Executive Committee up to date on a NCHA contractual process and some action items suggested by our legal counsel.

After much discussion, a **MOTION** was made by Skip Jones and **SECONDED** by Tatum Rice to give President Ora Diehl authority to conclude negotiations and execute a contract with regards to the extension of our Executive Director position with NCHA. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

NEW BUSINESS

The Executive Committee polled and decided to select some tentative dates for the August meeting. The August dates for the next Executive Committee Meeting after Convention will be tentatively on August 8-10, 2022.

Executive Committee Region 4 Member Byron Green reminded the members of the committee that we need to address the European Directors requests to have their own European Circuit and reconsider some of the rules for that area that would assist them with more successful shows. Some of these suggestions have been incorporated on a few committee agendas for the Convention for discussion and recommendations.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business to come before the Executive Committee, a **MOTION** was made by Skip Jones and **SECONDED** by Sharon Overstreet to adjourn the call at 10:42AM. **MOTION PASSED.**