

NCHA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CONFERENCE CALL MINUTES
MAY 22 and 30, 2024
2:00PM Central

A conference call of the Executive Committee of the National Cutting Horse Association was held on Wednesday, May 22, 2024, beginning at 2:00PM central time and business continued with another call on Thursday, May 30, 2024.

Executive Committee members present for the May 22nd call were President Toddy Pitard, Vice President Barnwell Ramsey, Kristen York, Phil Benadum, Kirby Smith, John Lavelle, Sharon Overstreet, Skip Jones, Casey Green, and Cara Brewer. Executive Committee members excused were President Elect Mark Senn, and Tommy Williams. NCHA Treasurer Denise Williams and Cathy Marie Aleff were also in attendance from the NCHA office.

The Executive Committee meeting was called to order at 2:02PM and roll call was taken.

President Toddy Pitard addressed the members of the Executive Committee with the purpose of the call to examine and review employee contracts and commission incentives.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Toddy Pitard placed the meeting into executive session to discuss employee contract terms.

GENERAL SESSION

President Toddy Pitard placed the meeting back into general session.

President Toddy Pitard has requested that Denise Williams issue some backup materials for the Executive Committee to review and prepare to further discussion on the next call to be scheduled next week. Toddy emphasized the importance of confidentiality and to keep these personnel conversations amongst the members of the Executive Committee.

OLD BUSINESS

Executive Committee At Large Representative Casey Green addressed the members on the call with a recent show that was denied approval on the east coast as a means to create a fair level playing field for the cutters that would have been impacted by the production of this show.

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, President Toddy Pitard adjourned the call at 2:55PM.

The Executive Committee will review materials and continue this business on a call next week.

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A continuation conference call of the Executive Committee of the National Cutting Horse Association was held on Thursday, May 30, 2024, beginning at 2:00PM central time and business continued with another call on Thursday, May 30, 2024.

Executive Committee members present for the May 22nd call were President Toddy Pitard, Vice President Barnwell Ramsey, Kristen York, Phil Benadum, Kirby Smith, John Lavelle, Sharon Overstreet, Skip Jones, Casey Green, and Cara Brewer. Executive Committee members absent were President Elect Mark Senn, and Tommy Williams. NCHA Treasurer Denise Williams and Cathy Marie Aleff were also in attendance from the NCHA office.

The Executive Committee meeting was called to order at 2:01PM and roll call was taken.

President Toddy Pitard addressed the members of the Executive Committee with the purpose of the call to continue conversations from the May 22nd conference call after the requested backup materials were released.

WORLD FINALS TASK FORCE RECOMMENDED

President Elect Mark Senn has recommended to the Executive Committee members that we instate a World Finals Task Force for our haulers and weekend show members.

Executive Director Jay Winborn agreed that the World Finals show should have the magnitude of being a World Champion rider and sustain the prestige.

Mark would like to appoint a committee dedicated to paying closer attention to this show to make it a better experience and incentivize the haulers.

Executive Committee Member John Lavelle representing Region 4 inquired about dedicating some time at the upcoming convention to get member feedback on the changes they would like to see made for the upgrades to the World Finals show. Mark concurred that bringing it to the convention would be an excellent idea. Executive Committee Member Sharon Overstreet representing Region 5 agreed as well and advised the committee that the Weekend Show Committee has this item on their agenda for discussion. Mark requested that Sharon, as the EC

Liaison for the Weekend Show Committee, ask the committee to recommend a task force with concentration on the structure of the show, added money and how to qualify.

UPDATES ON THE 2024 CONVENTION REGISTRATION

Cathy Marie Aleff provided the latest updates on the pre-registered attendees planned for Nashville, Tennessee. To date we have 293 members pre-registered. These numbers are just shy of the record from last year. We went into the 2023 Annual Convention with 325 pre-registered and ended up with 383 in attendance. We are on track for the 2024 Annual Convention in Nashville, TN to provide these same results.

2025 ANNUAL CONVENTION LOCATION

Cathy Marie Aleff addressed the members of the Executive Committee with updates on a venue search for city and facility to host the 2025 NCHA Annual Convention. Based on the traveling format of bringing the annual convention back to the central region every third year, it was suggested to entertain the South Texas area. San Antonio, Texas offers a great deal of family-oriented attractions, so we contacted a couple of hotels near the famous riverwalk. After much consideration, we narrowed it down to the Grand Hyatt Riverwalk for consideration. This property was able to accommodate our needs and offered some noted benefits for our attendees.

A **MOTION** was made by Barnwell Ramsey and **SECONDED** by Mark Senn to move forward with the 2025 NCHA Annual Convention being held at the Grand Hyatt Riverwalk in San Antonio, Texas. **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Toddy Pitard placed the meeting into executive session to continue discussions on employee contract terms.

GENERAL SESSION

President Toddy Pitard placed the meeting back into general session.

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 Skip Jones and **SECONDED** by Barnwell Ramsey to adjourn the call at 3:36PM. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**