

**NCHA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CONFERENCE CALL MINUTES**  
**NOVEMBER 29, 2021**  
**10:00AM Central**

A conference call of the Executive Committee of the National Cutting Horse Association was held on Monday, November 29, 2021 beginning 10:00AM central time.

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

The Executive Committee meeting was called to order at 10:01AM and roll call was taken.

President Ora Diehl stated the purpose of this call was to address the final recommendations of the Circuit Program Task Force Subcommittee for the 2022 point year.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A **MOTION** was made by Skip Jones and **SECONDED** by Ernie Beutenmiller to approve the minutes from the October 19-20, 2021 Executive Committee meeting. **MOTION PASSED.**

A **MOTION** was made by Ernie Beutenmiller and **SECONDED** by Skip Jones to approve the minutes from the November 5, 2021 Executive Committee call. **MOTION PASSED.**

**CIRCUIT PROGRAM FINAL RECOMMENDATION**

Manager of Shows Joshua Valdez addressed the Executive Committee with the final recommendations from the Circuit Program Task Force Subcommittee for approval and implementation for the 2022 show season.

**Recommendation:**

While the task force is eager to implement a National Circuit Finals for the weekend membership, the group acknowledges that 2022 will offer weekend cutters more opportunity for recognition than in recent memory. The group is motivated to see the success of the 2022 Regional Circuit Finals, a reorganized NCHA Days and \$20,000 added per class at a revamped Eastern/Western Nationals.

The National Circuit Program Task Force recommends to the Executive Committee to postpone the 2022 National Circuit Finals to a future date. To implement a National Circuit Finals and to better serve the NCHA membership, a reevaluation of NCHA policy and business practices is needed. The task force asks for a thorough review of the NCHA point year, the current policy that limits the approval of shows and the modernization of accepting show results, posting

standings and determining eligibility.

After the Executive Committee discussed these recommendations, a **MOTION** was made by Ernie Beutenmiller and **SECONDED** by Skip Jones to accept the recommendation of the Task Force to postpone and NOT have the National Circuit Finals for the 2022 point year. This motion will supersede an action at the October 19-20 EC meeting to hold the National Circuit Finals during the Futurity. **MOTION PASSED.**

In addition, the Executive Committee made a **MOTION** by Skip Jones and **SECONDED** by Ted Sokol to accept the recommendation of the Task Force to allow the point year to end for each circuit on the date of the Regional Circuit Finals for 2022 which was the same as 2021. This motion will supersede an action at the October 19-20 EC meeting to have the National Circuit Program point year end on September 18, 2022. **MOTION PASSED.**

Joshua also added that the plan to communicate these changes will be done in a multi-tiered approach to the show secretaries, followed by the directors in each circuit with details and a video to membership highlighting all the changes approved for the 2022 point year. President Ora Diehl requested that the EC receive the same package being rolled out to the show secretaries to help field questions.

Member Skip Jones offered an exit survey for the task force to approve that will be distributed to all competitors and owners at the end of Futurity. That version has been turned over to the Show Department and Management for consideration. Suggestion was made to consider sending it to all Triple Crown participants for 2021 to respond on the leveling format.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business addressed during this meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business addressed during this meeting.

### **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 at 11:35AM. **MOTION PASSED.**