

**NCHA Executive Committee
Conference Call * March 7, 2017**

The NCHA Executive Committee met via conference call on Tuesday, March 7, 2017. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. with a quorum of eight present: President Chuck Smith, President-Elect Lewis Wray, Kathy Daughn, Jack Holt, Seth Kirchner, Jerry Louie, J. B. McLamb, and Ronnie Smith. The absences of Vice President Phil Rapp, Chris Dublin, Jay Klamon, Matt Miller, and Tatum Rice were excused.

A Photography and Videography policy for 2017 NCHA events was approved, pending input from the NCHA attorney, during the January, 2017 Executive Committee meeting. The final policy was presented. This policy will be in place beginning with the 2017 Super Stakes.

With Alan Gold retiring from his position as editor of the *Cutting Horse Chatter*, two avenues were explored: pursue a new in-house editor or explore ways to outsource the publication. Morris Communications/Quarter Horse News was approached with the idea of that company taking over the production and distribution of the magazine. There will be substantial savings with outsourcing the publication. A two year contract has been approved by both sides (including NCHA legal counsel) with the first issue being set for June. A motion was made by Jerry Louie, seconded by Kathy Daughn and passed to approve outsourcing the Chatter magazine to Morris Communications.

It was reported a meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 13, for a group to review Standing Rule 35/Zero Tolerance. Each of the following committees were invited to have three members participate in the discussion: LAE, Judges Rules, Professional Trainers, Open Show, Cattle and Horse & Cattle Welfare. All aspects of the rule will be discussed.

For the National Championships held in 2017, the added money for the three events is: Eastern Nationals - \$150,000; Denver Nationals - \$100,000; and Scottsdale Nationals - \$100,000. A request to increase the Denver amount was reviewed. With the expansion of the National Championship events, there is uncertainty with the number of entries for the first year. Added money levels will not be changed but will be evaluated for potential changes in 2018.

The Stallion Owners & Breeders Committee requested a change to its program to allow a freshman sire into the program without incurring penalty. A motion was made by Kathy Daughn, seconded by Jerry Louie and passed to approve the following addition to the program rules:

- a. *First year breeding stallions will have until July 1 to subscribe. **Proof of first year breeder status must accompany subscription form.***
- b. *Any stallion that has never been subscribed to the program in any prior year, can be subscribed to the program for a subscription fee of \$1,600.00 (\$1,500.00 fee/\$100 insurance fee) so long as the nomination papers and payment are received by the deadline stated above.*

Steve Carnes provided an update concerning Faster Cut and a contract. A two year agreement has been approved by both parties that allow continuation of the program as well as the development of a new streamlined version which would connect into the Hub system. Additionally, Faster Cut will examine our current program that is used for NCHA shows to develop software in the future.

Carnes also reported that membership is currently testing the Hub system without issues. During the Super Stakes, both the current system and Hub will be utilized, and assuming the outcome is positive the AS400 will be archived and the switch to HUB completed.

An update was given on the open CFO position. A dozen resumes were reviewed with one individual scheduled for an interview by the Finance Committee later in the month.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15.