

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
TELEPHONIC MEETING
JUNE 12, 2018**

A telephonic meeting of the NCHA Executive Committee was held on Tuesday, June 13, 2018, at 5:00 p.m., CDT. Present were President Phil Rapp, President-Elect Ron Pietrafeso, Vice President Steve Norris, Ernie Beutenmiller, Rock Hedlund, Skip Jones, Jay Klamon, Matt Miller, Tommy Neal, David Pilcher, Tatum Rice, Ronnie Smith and Kristen York. Also present was Interim Executive Director Lewis Wray and NCHA Director of Administration Cathy Cheugh. NCHA Legal Counsel Jim Morris also attended. Lachlan Perks was not present.

President Phil Rapp called the meeting to order and welcomed the members.

NCHA 2018 Convention Clean-up

Interim Executive Director Lewis Wray and Director of Administration Cathy Cheugh advised the members of the following:

- Director attendance records have been reviewed. All Directors were either present or excused except for two people.
- There were 326 registered attendees. This does not account for walk-ins.
- All Committee appointments have been verified. The listing will appear in the July Chatter.
- NCHA will be sending out a survey regarding attendees' opinion of all aspects of the convention.

By way of information, Mr. Wray advised the members that the NCHA Marketing Department had set up a booth at the Ranch Sorting National Championships and that he has received very positive feedback from the show producers. Mr. Wray also advised that NCHA will also have a presence at all major equine events at the Will Rogers Coliseum.

Staffing for Out of Town Shows

Lewis Wray advised that there will be very few office staff attending the Western National; Steven Hayes, Steve Carnes and James Burris – and they will not be staying the entire show. Tom Holt, Macon Massey, Bronc Willoughby will be there throughout the show.

Leveling Structure/Robert Charles Brown Show

A discussion was held regarding the possibility of Robert Charles Brown testing out the proposed NCHA leveling structure at his show. Mr. Wray advised that a very productive conference call was held today with Denise Seiz, Kristen York, Linda Smith and Steve Carnes as to how to deal with the results of such a show on the standings and eligibility of NCHA members.

Discussion was held as to how the treatment of this show regarding standings and eligibility differs from the treatment of other shows that similarly tested different class structures for NCHA.

After further discussion, it was agreed that for all shows NCHA approves to have this class structure on a trial basis that NCHA count these earnings as lifetime and not against eligibility in any class. It was noted that this same type of treatment is used in the NCHA National Championship shows (Eastern and Western) and other breed associations such as AQHA and the American Paint Horse Association.

The question was raised as to whether NCHA could reverse the treatment of a show held in Las Vegas that treated the earnings and standings differently than the proposed show for Robert Charles Brown. Mr. Wray advised that committee that he will check with Director of Shows Dave Brian to determine exactly how the Las Vegas show was treated and report back to the Executive Committee.

Nate Miller Issues

Interim Executive Director Lewis Wray outlined for the Executive Committee members the issues that Nathan Miller/Joel Schulz have reported to NCHA management and a number of Executive Committee members. Mr. Miller advised of his difficulty in checking out at a show and subsequently receiving faulty information with respect to the settlement of charges for the show. Ron Pietrafeso and Kristen York also advised of the frustration of a client of Mr. Miller's (Joel Schulz) in receiving a statement from NCHA for \$20 for an unpaid charge, and a \$100 fine for non-payment upon checkout.

After discussion, **MOTION** was made by Ron Pietrafeso and **SECONDED** by Tommy Neal that Mr. Schulz be refunded the \$20 and \$100 fine and it be sent, along with a letter of apology to Mr. Schulz. Mr. Wray said that he would personally call Mr. Schulz and apologize, as well. **MOTION PASSED.**

Vogel Hearing Update

NCHA Legal Counsel Jim Morris advised the Executive Committee that the Grievance Committee hearing in the Vogel matter has been completed.

Executive Session

MOTION was made by David Pilcher and **SECONDED** by Skip Jones to move the meeting into executive session.

GENERAL SESSION

MOTION was made by Ron Pietrafeso and **SECONDED** by Ernie Beutenmiller to move the meeting back into general session.

NCHA Personnel Issues

NCHA Legal Counsel advised the Executive Committee members that he has reviewed the contract agreement for Angie Highland. **MOTION** was made by Rock Hedlund and **SECONDED** by Skip Jones to authorize Interim Executive Director Lewis Wray to sign the independent contractor agreement with Ms. Highland. Ms. Highland will continue to complete all State of Texas Economic Impact reports and disbursement requests for all three events that comprise the Triple Crown of Cutting. Additionally, Ms. Highland will continue to prepare any annual Triple Crown Summary report used to satisfy the State of Texas requirement as well as for marketing and sponsorship purposes as well as annually prepare the Triple Crown application used by the City of Fort Worth in application to the State of Texas for the Major Events Reimbursement Program. **MOTION PASSED.**

The Executive Committee members were advised that an action taken during the May 31, 2018, Executive Committee whereby Angie Highland was appointed Chief Operating Officer needed to be updated. Ms. Highland declined the offer and has not assumed any of the duties or acted in any capacity as the NCHA Chief Operating Officer. **MOTION** was made by Ron Pietrafeso and **SECONDED** by Jay Klamon to grant the title of Chief Operating Officer to NCHA Director of Administration Catherine Cheugh. **MOTION PASSED.**

Standing Rule 20 Issue

MOTION was made by Ron Pietrafeso and **SECONDED** by David Pilcher to waive the fine of \$500 assessed to Bear Davis for an alleged Rule 20 violation based on circumstantial evidence. **MOTION PASSED.** Dissenting votes were cast by Rock Hedlund, Tommy Neal, Steve Norris, Tatum Rice and Kristen York. Executive Member Matt Miller recused himself.

Request for Grievance Hearing Tape Recording

MOTION was made by Jay Klamon and **SECONDED** by Ron Pietrafeso to release the portion of a Grievance Hearing tape to a witness of just her testimony and only that portion of the proceedings tape to the witness. Further, that upon the release of segment of the tape to the witness, that she shall sign a confidentiality agreement stating that she will not divulge any of the

tape she receives to anyone. **MOTION FAILED.** Those members who voted against the motion Ernie Beutenmiller, Rock Hedlund, Skip Jones, Steve Norris, David Pilcher and Tatum Rice.

New Business

Rock Hedlund asked where the horse ownership issue with KKR stands. Mr. Wray advised that this issue has been resolved.

Question arose as to the status of a late payment penalty issue. Mr. Wray advised that investigation is ongoing with U.S. Bank.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the committee, **MOTION** was made by Ron Pietrafeso and **SECONDED** by Ernie Beutenmiller to adjourn the meeting.