

**NCHA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CONFERENCE CALL MINUTES
DECEMBER 14, 2022
9:00AM Central**

A conference call of the Executive Committee of the National Cutting Horse Association was held on Wednesday, December 14, 2022, beginning 9:00AM central time.

All Executive Committee members were present: President Ted Sokol, President-Elect Toddy Pitard, Vice President Mark Senn, Kristen York, Rock Hedlund, Kirby Smith, John Lavelle, Sharon Overstreet, Tommy Williams, Skip Jones, Kathleen Moore, Ernie Beutenmiller, Cara Brewer, and Casey Green. NCHA Executive Director Jay Winborn, NCHA Treasurer Denise Seiz, and Cathy Marie Aleff were also in attendance for this call. NCHA Legal Counsel Jim Morris and the appointed Weatherford Project Task Force Committee were also in attendance for a portion of this call. The members of the Weatherford Project Task Force Committee are as follows: Kevin Knight, Jeremy Barwick, John Kratzer, Phil Rapp and Casey Green.

The Executive Committee meeting was called to order at 9:01AM and roll call was taken.

President Ted Sokol welcomed Executive Director Jay Winborn to introduce the members of the Weatherford Project Task Force Committee to provide updates.

WEATHERFORD PROJECT TASK FORCE – JAY WINBORN

Executive Director Jay Winborn and the members of the task force provided an update from a recent meeting with the City of Weatherford to the Executive Committee. The Weatherford Project efforts will continue with a preliminary design and other components needed to keep this project moving forward over the next couple of months.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATES – JAY WINBORN

Executive Director Jay Winborn provided some additional updates to the Executive Committee.

Sam Rose Memorial Service Updates

NCHA is working closely with the Rose family to schedule the upcoming memorial service for Sam Rose. Tentatively scheduled for the middle of January in the Fort Worth area.

Director of Judges Position

The position of our Director of Judges will be a primary focus and handled by the NCHA office in the weeks ahead. The plan is to continue moving forward.

Futurity Updates

Jay is excited to report that the 2022 Futurity was a great experience for our spectators. NCHA has had numerous reports that it is one of the best that has been seen in a long time. The centralization of the Futurity expenses was well received and will more than likely continue. Of

course, there are items that still need some improvements such as ticketing, parking and the concessions.

VICE PRESIDENT SELECTION UPDATE – TODDY PITARD

President Elect Toddy Pitard provided the latest on the activities with the appointed VP Selection Committee. This committee is scheduled to have a call in a couple of weeks to collaborate on the nominees that the Directors are providing from the eligibility list that is due January 6th. More updates will be provided at our next meeting.

FINANCIAL REPORT – DENISE SEIZ

NCHA Treasurer Denise Seiz provided a financial update to the members of the Executive Committee.

The Finance Committee will be meeting soon to review the October Financials and once approved will be provided to the Executive Committee. Preliminary numbers show a net loss of (-\$215,000) for the month of October which is less than budgeted of (-\$310,000). Denise also highlighted that total expenses were within \$4,500, which is one (1) percent of what was budgeted.

Denise provided a quick overview with the audit results that all returns were accepted as filed with a few suggestions on adjusting on how some reports are maintained.

NATIONAL CIRCUIT PROGRAM TASK FORCE UPDATES – SKIP JONES

The National Circuit Program Task Force Committee provided a recap to the Executive Committee and that the task force has completed their assignment. This task force has been instrumental in moving this program forward to the positive position it operates in today with a set of rules for 2023.

Skip also updated the members with a saddle sponsor that has come forward to provide a saddle to the champions of each class over the next two years at the 2024/2025 National Circuit Finals.

\$2K LIMIT RIDER DISCUSSION – ERNIE BEUTENMILLER

After much discussion, a **MOTION** was made by Ernie Beutenmiller and **SECONDED** by Rock Hedlund to request that the Non-Pro/Amateur Review Committee investigate and further review the status of the recently named champion of the \$2K Limit Rider class during the 2022 World Finals. **MOTION PASSED.**

~~A **MOTION** was made by Ernie Beutenmiller and **SECONDED** by Kirby Smith that all Standing Rule 8 riding classes be determined by NCHA records reported by Equistat for 2023. **This MOTION was RESCINDED and did not constitute a vote.**~~

Suggestions were presented to alter the entry forms in rider classes to include a certification that rider has not earned over the allotment from any cutting competition and not limited to the NCHA.

After further discussion, a **MOTION** was made by Casey Green and **SECONDED** by Ernie Beutenmiller to allow NCHA Executive Director Jay Winborn and our NCHA Legal Counsel, Jim Morris to create an NCHA Affirmation Form for implementation of rider eligibility at all NCHA approved Weekend Shows. **MOTION PASSED.**

NCHA WEEKEND DATES CONFLICT – KIRBY SMITH

Region 3 Executive Committee Member Kirby Smith has brought up a concern to the Executive Committee about the date changes of the NCHA Weekend and facility availability in some areas.

After a round table discussion, Jay Winborn suggested a small group with Shianne, Linda, Kirby, Skip, Kristen and himself developing a plan to bring back to the Executive Committee for final approval.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Ted Sokol placed the meeting into executive session to discuss personnel matters.

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.

NEXT EC MEETING DATES

The NCHA office will gather some potential dates to propose for the next EC Meeting and get that to the committee for feedback.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the committee, a **MOTION** was made by Mark Senn and **SECONDED** by Skip Jones to adjourn the call at 12:38PM. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**