

NCHA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CONFERENCE CALL MINUTES
JUNE 30, 2020
9:00AM Central

A conference call of the Executive Committee of the National Cutting Horse Association was held on Tuesday, June 30, 2020 at 9:00AM central time.

Those members present were: President Steve Norris, President-Elect Ora Diehl, Vice President Ted Sokol, Kristen York, Rock Hedlund, Kirby Smith, Byron Green, Sharon Overstreet, Toddy Pitard, Skip Jones, Matt Miller, Ernie Beutenmiller, Lachlan Perks, and Tatum Rice. NCHA Executive Director Jay Winborn, Director of Shows Shianne Megel, Finance and Audit Committee Member Denise Seiz and Cathy Marie Aleff were also in attendance for this call. In addition to staff, our NCHA attorney Jim Morris and our lobbyist Daniel Hodge attended a portion of the call.

The Executive Committee conference call was called to order at 9:02AM and roll call was taken.

President Steve Norris opened the with a heartfelt prayer for all those we may know that are dealing with the impact of COVID-19.

President Steve Norris stated the purpose of the call to evaluate our current situation with the latest safety measures and restrictions in place as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and what actions if any need to be taken with regards to the Summer Spectacular.

SUMMER SPECTACULAR

Executive Director Jay Winborn addressed the Executive Committee with the introduction of Daniel Hodge to provide updates from the state and exactly what orders we are under for a successful horse show.

Lobbyist Daniel Hodge addressed the Executive Committee with the current orders in place for Texas and provided some comforting information with regards to our Summer Spectacular event at Will Rogers. With that being said, NCHA needs to establish our safety protocols and actively enforce those measures to ensure that we are not faced with an interruption.

Executive Director Jay Winborn stated that his recommendations along with Will Rogers is to move forward with the show as scheduled with these certain parameters in place.

- Spectators must wear a mask in all areas including exhibit hall.
- NO mask required if you are astride a horse.
- Judges not mandatory to wear a mask in box.
- ALL staff required to wear masks at all times throughout the campus.
- Temperature check protocols is still being finalized.
- Hand sanitizing stations and masks will be available if needed.

In addition to these safety protocols, there are a large portion of competitors that are apprehensive about traveling to Fort Worth to compete at this show. Director of Show Shianne Megel and Jay Winborn have been in discussion recently about the possibility of opening up a

window (24-48 hr. period) allowing entrants to withdraw and receive a full refund. There is a stipulation that if you withdraw, you withdraw entirely from the show. To provide clarification if you are an Open rider withdrawing, you must withdraw all horses. If you are an Amateur or Non-Pro Rider and you withdraw, you can leave an Open horse entered with your trainer. He would also like to welcome the opportunity for new entries during this window. NCHA might be able to pick up a few new entries for those that weren't certain that the show would even be able to transpire on those that might prefer the adjusted schedule. NCHA Legal Counsel Jim Morris has suggested language if a contestant contracts COVID-19 after the 24-48 hour window and can supply proof of a positive result, refunds will be available.

Another item that needs to be considered is a plan in the event that our show is interrupted. Jay Winborn would like to propose a shift to the schedule in a block format to be more supportive that each class/division would stand a better chance of completing. He would like to conduct the Open first, followed by the Amateur and finish with the Non-Pro. This proposed schedule format will filter the people through the coliseum in a timely manner. Also need to consider tentatively securing Silverado as a possibility if we must move the show.

If we were able to move through these classes more efficiently, it could benefit the cost as we pay daily for the use of Will Rogers. For example, if we were able to reduce the show by two days, it would not only reduce cost of the facility invoice and contractors but could reduce the cost in cattle by up to \$50K.

The Executive Committee had a productive discussion on whether or not to move the Youth events to another facility during the Summer Show or possibly selecting an alternative show centrally located to host Youth week.

After much discussion with regards to the refund policy and the youth events at this Summer Spectacular, a **MOTION** was made by Skip Jones and **SECONDED** by Tatum Rice to temporarily suspend Standing Rule 18 and Standing Rule 31 as it pertains to the upcoming situation involving the Summer Spectacular. **MOTION PASSED.**

Based on a recommendation from the Executive Committee and as a result of these discussions, Jay Winborn is going to collaborate with the office to produce a short video to post that will address some concerns and hopefully provide clarification for our members on these changes.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Denise Seiz addressed the Executive Committee by providing an update on the financials and 2019 audit process. Denise stated that the audit should be completed this week, Denise is expecting a draft from Sutton Frost Cary as early as today.

Denise provided a detailed summary of the reports distributed to the Executive Committee in preparation of this meeting. It was important to provide the EC with the latest financials as of May 31st and the current cash flow position of the association. The statement of position or balance sheet will not compare against the budget due to the fact that information was never imported into Great Plains and it will take more time to balance and get uploaded. Budget information will be forthcoming in the weeks to come. These numbers provided are system

generated and verified. Members will have access to the audited financial report generated from Sutton Frost Cary in the coming weeks.

NCHA Legal Counsel Jim Morris joined the Executive Committee call for the duration of the meeting.

President Steve Norris placed the meeting into Executive Session to discuss the conduct of an active member and an ex-contract employee.

President Elect Ora Diehl extended thanks to Denise Seiz and Jay Winborn for their efforts with sorting through the financials for the association.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the committee, a **MOTION** was made by Ernie Beutenmiller and **SECONDED** by Ora Diehl/Ted Sokol to adjourn the meeting at 12:41PM.