

NCHA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CONFERENCE CALL MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 28, 2022
3:00PM Central

A conference call of the Executive Committee of the National Cutting Horse Association was held on Wednesday, September 28, 2022, beginning 3:00PM 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, Director of Shows Shianne Megel, and Cathy Marie Aleff were also in attendance for this call.

The Executive Committee meeting was called to order at 3:03PM and roll call was taken.

President Ted Sokol addressed the members with the purpose of the call to discuss the recent BOD activity and their inquiry to call a special meeting along with The Run For A Million event.

Ted informed the committee members of a recent inquiry to initiate a special meeting of the Board of Directors. As of this morning, September 28th, results on that inquiry were 111 BOD voted to have a special meeting, 11 voted against and 58 or so had not responded.

RUN FOR A MILLION EVENT UPDATES

Executive Director Jay Winborn reported that after a conversation with Taylor Sheridan earlier in the week he suggests the need to slow down as Taylor Sheridan would like the opportunity to address the membership at the Bash and possibly air a segment on the Cowboy Channel with regards to the Run For A Million event.

In addition to the discussion on the Run For A Million event, there are preliminary discussions about considering another project similar to the World Series of Cutting, of which verbal commitments have come forward to put in added money with up to \$20K in the Open, \$20K in the NP, and \$10K in the Amateur classes. There is more information forthcoming in this regard.

After discussion, a **MOTION** was made by Rock Hedlund and **SECONDED** by John Lavelle to rescind the motion from the September 2nd EC meeting that would grant the Director of Shows and the Executive Director the authority to make decisions on special events. **During discussion, John Lavelle WITHDREW his second. The motion was no longer considered due to lack of a second.**

A **MOTION** was made by Rock Hedlund and **SECONDED** by John Lavelle to rescind the motion from the September 22nd EC call to adopt the proposed Run for A Million program as outlined in the presented bullet points. Additionally, this motion requested that President Ted Sokol appoint a specific group of four (4) members to sit down with Taylor Sheridan to discuss all aspects of this program and report their findings to the Executive Committee no later than November 15th for review, then distribute to the appropriate committees and the Board of Directors for input and final approval. If approved, this would roll out for the 2023-point year. **During discussion, John Lavelle WITHDREW his second. The motion was no longer considered due to lack of a second.**

During the call, Executive Director Jay Winborn received a communication from Taylor Sheridan that he considered the members' concerns and wanted to alter the format of the 2023 Run For A Million to NOT count towards the World Finals standings for 2023. This change will affect the \$100,000 in sponsorship money for the 2022 World Finals that was associated with the Run For A Million event in 2023. Taylor suggested working through a new plan for the next year. The Run For A Million will continue with a cutting component and move forward being counted for the horse and rider earnings; not towards the World Finals or Horse of the Year standings.

Based on the recent information from Taylor Sheridan who wants to do the best for the NCHA and its members, a **MOTION** was made by Mark Senn and **SECONDED** by Ernie Beutenmiller to rescind a previous motion from the September 22nd EC call with regards to the Run For A Million event and to accept the Run For A Million as a special event with the lifetime earnings ONLY on the horse and rider. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

A **MOTION** was made by Kirby Smith and **SECONDED** by Skip Jones that at the recommendation of the NCHA Executive Director Jay Winborn, the previous motion from September 2nd meeting regarding the authority to make decisions on special events be **RESCINDED. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

OLD BUSINESS

A **MOTION** was made by Skip Jones and **SECONDED** by Mark Senn to approve the Executive Committee minutes from the September 22nd EC call. **MOTION PASSED.**

NEW BUSINESS

At this time, there is no new business to bring before the Executive Committee for discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the committee, a **MOTION** was made by Skip Jones and **SECONDED** by Mark Senn to adjourn the call at 4:35AM. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**