

**NCHA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 3-5, 2020
WILL ROGERS – FORT WORTH, TX**

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Cutting Horse Association was held Monday through Wednesday, August 3-5, 2020 beginning 8:00AM central time each day.

All Executive Committee members were present: 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 and Cathy Marie Aleff were also in attendance for this meeting. NCHA Legal Counsel Jim Morris also attended for a portion of the meetings along with the Committees Chairs, the NCHA Foundation and Directors from each of the NCHA Departments.

MONDAY - AUGUST 3, 2020

The Executive Committee meeting was called to order at 8:03AM and roll call was taken.

President Steve Norris welcomed the attendees and opened the meeting with prayer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A **MOTION** was made by Lach Perks and **SECONDED** by Tatum Rice to approve the minutes from the June 30, 2020 Executive Committee conference call. **MOTION CARRIED.**

PRESIDENT REPORT – STEVE NORRIS

President Steve Norris addressed the members of the Executive Committee with a positive message regarding his expectations and goals for these meetings by reminding everyone of some best practices to follow throughout the meeting here in Fort Worth and beyond. He stated the purpose for this meeting is to hear from each and all committees on their recommendations for the Executive Committee to consider approving. We will also have departmental updates from the NCHA staff and others.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT – JAY WINBORN

Executive Director Jay Winborn addressed the Executive Committee with updates on the conclusion of the Summer Spectacular event, status of the insurance claim from Super Stakes and current state of the association. He advised the attendees that they will receive a full report from each department.

Executive Director Jay Winborn stated that the Summer Spectacular was a success. With the help and cooperation of the members, contestants and spectators, the show completed in its

entirety and was not subject to any interruption. There has been a lot of positive feedback on the block schedule; even with the vendors at the trade show. We have all to thank for the success of this show, the staff worked hard. The Director of Public Events, Mike Crum for the City of Fort Worth will be stopping by the meeting to address the Executive Committee later this week.

Executive Director Jay Winborn updated the members with the status of the insurance claim filed for the loss of revenue as a result of the cancellation of the Super Stakes. Claim should be finalized in the next couple of weeks.

Executive Director Jay Winborn addressed the members that he has developed a job description with the review of the Finance & Audit Committee for a new comptroller position at the NCHA and will start reviewing resumes as early as next week. Jay would like to have this position filled soon in order for this individual to be involved with the upcoming 2021 budget planning process.

Each department will present over the course of this meeting to inform the Executive Committee with the latest updates.

PAC MEETING

President Steve Norris requested to convene for a PAC meeting with the members of the Executive Committee.

PAC UPDATES – DANIEL HODGE

Executive Director Jay Winborn introduced Daniel Hodge who will be joining via teleconference for this segment of our meeting. Jay advised the Executive Committee on recent activities he and Daniel have been working on for the NCHA. They are looking into a redesign of the PAC program and how to better utilize and market disbursements for a more strategic focus as we move forward. Daniel will also bring us up to speed on the trust fund involvement for the association.

NCHA Lobbyist Daniel Hodge addressed the Executive Committee with the latest updates from the State of Texas with regards to the MERP program. NCHA reimbursement has been recently signed off on by the Governor's office and the process should finalize soon. MERP program has been tied up with all the recent COVID-19 matters to address.

In review of the PAC fund, Daniel is proposing a strategic shift in what we are currently participating in for the association. Instead of spreading a little bit of resources around to all, he proposes focusing on key members. We should give a little more to who we are targeting and, in the process, save money.

Daniel stated that due to the plateau of positive COVID cases, the Governor's office does not anticipate any changes with regards to closures and shutdowns. Of course, that is always subject to change with a spike in numbers. With schools starting up soon and the flu season

coming into play, there may be an increased panic until tests can confirm that COVID is not spiking again.

After the update from Daniel Hodge and hearing his proposal for changes within how NCHA participates in the PAC program, a **MOTION** was made by Lach Perks and **SECONDED** by Ernie Beutenmiller to accept the change in strategy for our legislative support and endorse the use of key NCHA figures to further the relationship with our lobbyist for the PAC program. Also, as part of the motion a request was made for the list of disbursements and contribution amounts to consider be forwarded to the Executive Committee. **MOTION PASSED.**

President Steve Norris expressed thanks to Daniel for taking time out to join the meeting.

President Steve Norris adjourned the PAC meeting and requested to continue with our regularly scheduled meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Steve Norris requested the meeting to go into executive session to discuss legal matters with our NCHA Legal Counsel Jim Morris.

GENERAL SESSION

President Steve Norris placed the meeting back into general session.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT REPORT – DENISE SEIZ

Vice Chairman of the Finance and Audit Committee Denise Seiz addressed the Executive Committee with a summary of the 2019 Audit Report and the current financials YTD June 30 2020. Report shows that there was no significant gain or loss from 2018 to 2019.

After a detailed summary that Denise provided the members of the Executive Committee, a **MOTION** was made by Lach Perks and **SECONDED** by Tatum Rice to adopt the 2019 audit report provided as a result of our audit from Sutton Frost Cary. **MOTION PASSED.**

Denise explained the detail in the management letter with the suggestions and proven deficiencies that were recorded by Sutton Frost Cary. Most of these deficiencies have been noted the past couple of years and she is determined for a change with the next audit. Another difficult situation that we have posed on ourselves is the fact that the fiscal year ends in June for the Foundation, fiscal year ends in September for the Association and the PAC fiscal year ends in December. She would like for legal to review and decide on what is best for the operation of our Association. It is recommended and in our best interest to work off one accounting calendar for all three accounts.

In addition, a **MOTION** was made by Tatum Rice and **SECONDED** by Skip Jones to adopt the suggestions recommended on the management letter from Sutton Frost Cary. **MOTION PASSED.**

After an explanation of the financial report, some key points on current financials as of June 30th are listed below:

- Total Assets: \$16.6M
- Total Cash: \$4.5M
- Total Investments: \$8.2M
- Total Accounts Receivable: \$1.9M
- Total Revenue: \$9.6M
- Total Expenses: \$1.1M
- Net Profit: \$173,725 with MERP

Denise stated that moving forward accounting close out will take place around the 10th of each month and financials will be available to the EC by the 20th. Reports will start being generated by the 13th for review. Suggestion was made for financials to be made available to the EC on a quarterly basis, monthly is not necessary.

A request was made by the members of the Executive Committee to get a copy of the management letter for the Foundation's audit to compare notes.

Denise suggested for transparency purposes with our Directors that we get a copy of the 2019 audit report out to our Directors with staff's suggested method of distribution.

President Steve Norris expressed thanks to Denise for taking time out to give such a detailed presentation at the meeting.

FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT – MARK SENN

Chairman of the Finance & Audit Committee Mark Senn addressed the Executive Committee with the plan for the proposed budget guideline submitted by the Finance and Audit Committee. Goal is to be able to provide 2021 Budget for review to the Executive Committee by September 15th before the fiscal year end.

Mark Senn emphasized to the Executive Committee that the Finance & Audit Committee has endorsed and has been working with Jay Winborn on a job description for a comptroller position in the NCHA office. We will no longer have a Chief Financial Officer and the comptroller will consume a portion of these duties. This position will report to Jay Winborn as Executive Director of NCHA. Jay is wanting to ensure that the person that we hire is vetted extremely well and understands the duties of this position.

There was also a lot of discussion on trying to capture some of our credit card processing fees that we have never extended to our membership for payment transactions. There was a recommendation to consider a 3% convenience fee on all NCHA credit card transactions, and to explore the option for ACH debit transactions.

After much discussion, a **MOTION** was made by Lach Perks and **SECONDED** by Skip Jones to have staff implement a 3% convenience fee to all NCHA credit card transactions effective as soon as possible. **MOTION CARRIED by majority with two (2) opposed.**

President Steve Norris expressed thanks to Mark for taking time out to join the meeting.

STALLION OWNERS & BREEDERS COMMITTEE REPORT – MICHELLE COWAN/JEREMY BARWICK

Chairman of the Stallion Owners & Breeders Committee Michelle Cowan and member Jeremy Barwick addressed the Executive Committee with their recommendations for consideration.

1. Creation of an account strictly for the Stallion and Foal money. In addition to the Frost account to use as the operating account.
 - A. Checks made to "Stallion and Foal Program" deposited directly to that account.

The Executive Committee agreed to take "no action" on this recommendation.

2. Create an Investment Policy for Stallion and Foal Program that may vary from NCHA
 - A. Revise current Investment policy
 - B. Quarterly meetings with Frost Bank

The Executive Committee agreed to take "no action" on this recommendation.

3. Appoint/Hire a new person to run the program that is mutually agreed upon by NCHA and Stallion Committee.

A **MOTION** was made by Rock Hedlund and **SECONDED** by Ora Diehl to table this recommendation to hire a new person to manage this program at this time. **MOTION PASSED.**

4. Amend and Update Bylaws/Program Rules

A **MOTION** was made by Rock Hedlund and **SECONDED** by Ted Sokol to allow the Stallion Owners and Breeders Committee to update/amend the Stallion Foal Program rules and bylaws. **MOTION PASSED.**

Executive Director Jay Winborn requested that any changes to these program rules need to be effectively communicated with the NCHA office.

Executive Committee appointed a task force sub-committee to investigate and develop/mold the Stallion Foal Program for the best interest of the NCHA and report back at the October EC meeting. This committee consists of Sharon Overstreet, Tatum Rice, Toddy Pitard and Skip Jones with Tatum Rice presiding as Chairman.

President Steve Norris expressed thanks to both Michelle and Jeremy for taking time out to join the meeting.

GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT – CASEY CONNALLY/JOE KALT

Chairman of the Growth and Development Committee Casey Connally and member Joe Kalt addressed the Executive Committee with the recommendations from their committee.

Recommendation: Dan Agnew proposed that a sub-committee, made of Joe Kalt, Jim Johnson, Dean Rebhuhn, Cody Hedlund, and Sherry Graham, to compare the original proposed version from the task force and the version presented by Jay Winborn. Additionally, this sub-committee was tasked to look at the circuit finals compared to the challenger series and other class structure models that are already in place.

The Executive Committee will wait to entertain a motion on this recommendation until after the Competition Committee has presented on this topic Wednesday morning.

After a great deal of discussion, a **MOTION** was made by Lach Perks and **SECONDED** by Skip Jones to approve the proposal for circuit system cuttings as presented by the Growth and Development Committee and Sub-Committee led by Joe Kalt for implementation planning by staff including costs and anticipated benefits as soon as practical with the goal of launching the project for the 2021 point year. The Executive Committee asked that Joe Kalt and his team along with staff present this to the Directors for feedback as part of this overall process.

MOTION PASSED.

Recommendation: Casey Connally and Shawn Ogni will work with Callie McCarthy at the NCHA office to develop the new policy regarding marketing packages and materials available to Affiliates and Directors.

The Executive Committee agreed to take “no action” on this recommendation.

Recommendation: Dan Agnew proposed that NCHA look at approving a \$500 added class and a Ranch/Herd Working Class.

A **MOTION** was made by Ernie Beutenmiller and **SECONDED** by Lach Perks to table this recommendation and refer it to the Weekend Show, Amateur and Competition Committees, then be brought back to the EC in October. **MOTION PASSED.**

Additionally, recommended increasing the \$1,000 Amateur to \$2,000 Amateur and the \$2,000 Limited Rider to the \$5,000 Limited Rider.

A **MOTION** was made by Rock Hedlund and **SECONDED** by Ted Sokol to table this recommendation and refer it to the Weekend Show, Amateur and Competition Committees, then be brought back to the EC in October. **MOTION PASSED.**

President Steve Norris expressed thanks to Casey and Joe for taking time out to join the meeting.

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE REPORT – DAN AGNEW/BUDDY WESTPHAL

Chairman of the Governance Committee Dan Agnew addressed the Executive Committee with his committee's recommendations.

1. Roberts Rules of Order.
 - a. Adopt for all EC, BOD, Membership, and Committee meetings.
 - b. NCHA will provide leadership with the help of the GC.
 - c. Mandatory training sessions be held during Futurity and Webinar style on-line.

A **MOTION** was made by Tatum Rice and **SECONDED** by Lach Perks to direct this recommendation to staff for implementation and to work out the best details on how to educate our members on Robert's Rules of Order. **MOTION PASSED.**

2. Job Descriptions and Training.
 - a. Develop and adopt job descriptions be for Officers, EC Directors, Regional Directors, Committee Chairs and Vice-Chairs, and Committee Members.
 - b. NCHA will provide leadership training with the help of the GC.
 - c. Mandatory training sessions be held during Futurity and Webinar style on-line.

A **MOTION** was made by Tatum Rice and **SECONDED** by Sharon Overstreet to send this recommendation back to the Governance Committee to develop job descriptions and bring this back to the EC in October for consideration and approval. **MOTION PASSED.**

3. GC supports the initiative to allow the President to appoint a new Director to any vacant position.
 - a. Takes care of the issue found this past year with several open positions in which nobody self-nominated for.

As a result of discussion, the Executive Committee agreed to take "no action" on this recommendation. EC would like to refer this to our NCHA Legal Counsel Jim Morris to bring a revision of this bylaw before the Board of Directors at the next convention.

4. Create a Past Presidents Club.
 - a. Leverages, recognizes, and honors the valued contribution of NCHA's past presidents.
 - b. Past Presidents Club will meet at least once per year.

The Executive Committee agreed to take "no action" on this recommendation due to the fact that there is currently a Past Presidents group that meets by conference call once a month.

5. Create the Treasurer position and serve as a non-voting EC member.
 - a. The Treasurer is elected by and from the Finance Committee each year.
 - b. In general, the Treasurer will provide financial oversight of NCHA finances and report to the EC, but a detailed job description needs to be created for this position with the help of the Finance Committee.

After discussion, the Executive Committee agreed to take “no action” on this recommendation since this position is appointed by staff.

6. All Committees should be required to vet all rule changes or recommendations to the EC through other affected Committees before bringing the initiatives or recommendations to the EC.
 - a. The NCHA staff should conduct legal and financial reviews of all proposed rule changes before it is presented to the EC.
 - b. The EC representative on each Committee shall oversee this communication.

After discussion, the Executive Committee agreed to take “no action” on this recommendation; this should be considered for best practices.

7. Eliminate the At-Large EC position.
 - a. Required to reduce the size of the EC and increase governance efficiency.
 - b. However, if eliminated, it is even more important that extra attention would be needed to ensure good balance of skill sets on the EC.

After discussing and hearing from all members of the committee, a **MOTION** was made by Skip Jones and **SECONDED** by Byron Green that the EC supports the concept of the at large positions for the diversity it adds to this organization. **MOTION PASSED with three (3) abstained.**

8. The Nominating Committee (NC).
 - a. The NC shall have at least one member from the GC Committee.
 - b. The NC shall have at least one member from the Past Presidents Club.
 - c. Helps ensure qualifications are met according to the relevant job descriptions, candidate diversity, skill sets, and help demonstrate transparency.
 - d. Key with this committee is the tie back to job descriptions and requirements.

After discussion, the Executive Committee agreed to take “no action” on this recommendation; this should be considered for best practices. President-Elect Ora Diehl and Vice President Ted Sokol agreed to incorporate these two additional seats for the selection committees.

9. Legislative Powers.
 - a. Electronic Voting.
 - i. Notices to members and/or Directors, balloting, and voting can take place by written or electronic means.
 - b. Special Membership Meeting Quorum.
 - i. Ten percent (10%) of the members of fifty percent (50%) of the regions are required to call a special membership meeting to reverse or modify EC or BOD rule changes for the year following the rule’s original adoption; or to adopt, modify, or repeal Rules, Bylaws, or Articles.
 - ii. Twenty percent (20%) of members of fifty percent (50%) of the regions are required for a quorum of a special membership meeting and required to call a vote. Decisions are approved by a simple majority.

- c. BOD may initiate changes to Rules, Bylaws and Articles, subject to new legislative rules however, no Bylaw or Articles changes go into effect until approved by the members.
- d. Substantial rule changes require sign-off by impacted committees, legal review, financial review, and approval by the Board of Directors.

Each of these items are a standalone issue and after discussion, a **MOTION** was made by Tatum Rice and **SECONDED** by Lach Perks to send these recommendations as proposed under Legislative Powers to our NCHA Legal Counsel for refinement to bring back to the EC by the October meeting. **MOTION PASSED.**

President Steve Norris expressed thanks to both Dan and Buddy for taking time out to join the meeting. Also apologized for running behind with the agenda.

REGIONAL REPORTS

President Steve Norris addressed the members of the Executive Committee that due to time constraints and hearing from each of the committees at these meetings, we will wait to hear on any regional updates until our next meeting unless there is something really important to share.

Region 4 – Byron Green reported that they have had 2,179 cuts in the past nine (9) weeks in their region.

Region 8 – Matt Miller reported that last August the EC voted for shows to start disclosing percent paybacks and that is not currently happening.

ADJOURNMENT

President Steve Norris adjourned the first day of the meeting and advised members that session will reconvene on Tuesday, August 4th at 8AM central time.

TUESDAY - AUGUST 4, 2020

The Executive Committee meeting reconvened and was called to order at 8:02AM by President Steve Norris.

MEMBERSHIP DEPARTMENT REPORT – JULIE DAVIS

Director of Membership Julie Davis addressed the Executive Committee with a couple of updates.

Membership and IT department has been working on the program for membership submitted online to be reviewed and automatically loaded and updated in HUB, the program will capture membership, and telephone and address updates accordingly.

Total membership count as of July 1st for 2020 is 10954 a slight difference from 2019 which was 11964. Renewals have been affected by the cancellation of shows and a result of the pandemic.

This year we have 893 free memberships with a 28% renewal rate from 2019, Challenger series renewals were at 56% with heavy emphasis on the international members.

Last year we offered a \$20 discount for early membership renewals and Julie would like to offer that again this year.

Executive Director Jay Winborn would like to take a look at this membership incentive we offered and consider expanding that a little more.

At this time, she does not have any recommendations for changes in the membership fees. It has been a rough year for our members not knowing if they were going to be able to show or not with all the closures.

President Steve Norris expressed thanks to Julie for taking time out to join the meeting.

SHOW DEPARTMENT REPORT – SHIANNE MEGEL

Director of Shows Shianne Megel addressed the Executive Committee by starting off with an introduction to our newest member of the Show Department, Joshua Valdez. Joshua has a lot of knowledge in the horse and cattle industry and we are looking forward to seeing what he can do. Back numbers were a top priority going into the summer show and Joshua was instrumental in the success of enforcing that new system.

Shianne Megel wanted to take a minute to commend the Executive Committee, Executive Director Jay Winborn and her NCHA team for hosting a successful Summer Spectacular.

2020 Weekend Show Summary

(as of June 1)

194 Shows
1,648 Classes
18,023 Entries

2020 Limited Age Show Summary

(as of June 1)

138 Shows
587 Classes
9,489 Entries

As of today, 130 NHCA Approved events have been cancelled in 2020.

2020 Summer Spectacular Entries – 1338 about 80 less than 2019 with 1421
2020 Futurity Entries after Payment 4 – 860 (645 Open/215 Non Pro)

Shianne Megel stated that her department was tasked to run efficiently and find savings where she could as one of our top priorities alongside the member’s experience.

There was also discussion on proposing and considering changes to the dates of the 2021 Futurity by moving it up a few days. This prompted a lot of discussion and each member was able to provide feedback.

Director of Shows Shianne Megel is recommending a revision to Standing Rule 11 with the following:

STANDING RULE 11. At all NCHA approved shows, the judge or judges working the show must make the draw (working order of horses) before each go-round and finals. Cattle changes must be designated before working order is drawn. The draw will be conducted by using numbered tokens or balls. The number of tokens or balls corresponding to the number of entries will be placed in a container, and a blind draw shall be conducted. The Show Management is to state the name of the horse, and the judge will state the position drawn. Simply shuffling entry cards and placing draw numbers on the back is not permissible. Any show management wishing to pre-draw must use a judge from that event to draw or have prior approval from NCHA for someone other than the judge to conduct the draw. The working Monitor is allowed to draw if the official judge or judges are not available.

NOTE: Random computer draws may be used in classes exceeding 30 entries provided the judge is present and working orders are printed immediately.

NOTE: "All NCHA approved Limited Aged Event finals and semi-finals will be hand drawn by an officiating judge".

- a. In the event that a horse which was properly entered is left out of the draw, a redraw will not be held. In order to establish a working order for this entry, the judge will draw a numbered token or ball based on the number of entries in the class involved to include token for late entry. The entry which was left out of the draw shall work behind the entry drawn.
- b. At Limited Aged Events using a multiple level class structure, horse cannot run twice in a single set. In the event that a horse will have more than one run within the given class or concurrently run set of classes, a minimum critical distance must be established to ensure a horse will not run twice within a drawn set. If such a case should arise the later drawn run shall be placed in the set following the original draw in the same placement within the next set. The newly placed draw shall be switched with the entry occupying the new draw and that draw shall be moved to the previous set in the same sequence. For example: If a horse was drawn 7 and 11 in a set, the horse in draw 11 would be moved to the 11th position in the following set and the horse originally in the 11th position would move to the 11th position in the earlier set. In the event the multiple draws are located within the last set, the same procedure should be followed by reassigning the draw to the preceding set.
- c. If a horse is drawn twice, the judge shall draw to determine which draw position is to be used. The original cattle changes are not affected.
- d. If a horse is drawn which is not in that class, the entry shall be withdrawn. The original cattle changes are not affected. After the draw, absent horses shall be counted toward cattle changes, and horses will work as drawn in each group of cattle.
- e. All contestants will work at the appointed time so designated by the show management or be disqualified for that go-round with no score. No late entry will be accepted from a contestant who fails to work at his or her appointed time.

After discussion, a **MOTION** was made by Skip Jones and **SECONDED** by Rock Hedlund to accept the Show Department's recommendation for the revision of Standing Rule 11. **MOTION PASSED.**

President Steve Norris expressed thanks to Shianne for taking time out to join the meeting.

AFFILIATE OFFICERS/SHOW PRODUCERS COMMITTEE REPORT – KATHY CARDON

Chairman of the Affiliate Officers/Show Producers Committee Kathy Cardon addressed the Executive Committee with her committee's recommendations.

1. Discuss better communications for new members.

Recommend new member page on NCHA website with direction for navigating.
Recommend adding website addresses to Affiliates page.
Motion Cynthia Patty Second Ashley Thomas all in favor

After discussion, the Executive Committee agreed to take "no action" on this recommendation regarding a new member page on the NCHA website.

2. Discuss removal of SR 14.b requiring 8% fee on unapproved classes.

Recommendation to remove the requirement of 8% fee on unapproved classes.
Motion Ashley Thomas Second Jack Werner all in favor

A **MOTION** was made by Matt Miller and **SECONDED** by Tatum Rice to table this recommendation on the removal of the 8% fee for unapproved classes to gather more information and to bring it back to the October meeting. **MOTION PASSED.**

3. Discuss adding Select NP/AM class to approved class list for Area Leaders and World Finals

Recommend beginning of 2021 point year, adding the Select NP/AM as an Area recognized class. Bumping the age to 60 and this would be a recognized class in the Area Standings only with EOY trophy.
Motion Pam Scott Second Jack Werner all in favor

After discussion, the Executive Committee agreed to take "no action" on this recommendation to add the Select NP/AM as an Area class and would like to refer this to the Weekend Show Committee for review and bring it back to the EC in October.

President Steve Norris expressed thanks to Kathy for taking time out to join the meeting.

YOUTH DEPARTMENT REPORT – MIKE SIMMONS

Director of Youth Mike Simmons addressed the Executive Committee with updates from the Summer Spectacular and the Youth events that took place. Even though some Youth events were cancelled, the Youth were excited to be able to cut. Mike has some great events planned for the Youth this year to help promote growth.

Mike Simmons is trying hard to introduce and let the Youth officers get some hands-on experience on how to run an association. This will teach them responsibility and give them self-

satisfaction that they contributed to a great cause that they are all so passionate about, the sport of cutting. "We have to invest today for tomorrow's future."

President Steve Norris expressed thanks to Mike for taking time out to join the meeting.

YOUTH COMMITTEE REPORT – AMY LIPPINCOTT

Vice Chairman of the Youth Committee Amy Lippincott addressed the Executive Committee with her committee's recommendations. Amy introduced herself and provided some background of how she is connected to the youth and the cutting industry. She is very excited to be involved in the Education sub-committee that the Youth Committee recently formed. As a former educator herself, this sub-committee has great potential.

Item 1:

Recommendation to waive the age requirement on the previous Youth Hall of Fame criteria to match the new criteria for Youth Hall of Fame. This would only stay in place until the old criteria expire at the end of the 2022/2023 youth year. This would make it less confusing for the youth and parents:

The previous 2018 criteria states:

To be considered for the Youth Hall of Fame, a youth must:

Be out of youth (20 years of age or more on Jan 1—youth are still eligible to compete at National Championships in the 19th year)

The new criteria for the Hall of Fame which also is in effect last year 2019 states.

To be considered for the Youth Hall of Fame, a youth must:

Out of High School for one full year and must have a high school diploma or GED equivalent.

A **MOTION** was made by Ernie Beutenmiller and **SECONDED** by Ted Sokol to approve the recommended change to the Hall of Fame eligibility criteria for the Youth Department. **MOTION PASSED.**

Item 2:

Recommendation to invite the Top 8 Jr. and Top Sr. 8 Regional Champions to Fort Worth during the Youth Convention for a Regional Championship Shootout for 2021.

This would be an annual event and would be Region 1-9, which includes Europe. It would be two extra sets added to the final day. The Youth Department would request from the Show Department that the day of the Finals to just be only for the Youth in the Coliseum.

Item 3:

Recommend implementing the BraveHeart Championship Shootout: an organization that helps disable veterans by getting them involved in the equine industry.

Meggan Hill-McQueeney, President/CEO BraveHeart contacted Mike and advised him of the program and how it has helped a lot of disable veterans with the use of horses. She has indicated that she would love to have Braveheart and the NYCHA partner to allow some veterans to have an opportunity to compete.

This would be an event to pair Youth Riders- 5 Seniors and 5 Juniors (by drawing) to a Veteran and to have Professional Trainers adopt a Veteran for 3-4 days at their ranch to teach them how to ride a cutting horse prior to competing. The competition would be held on the Opening Sunday of the Youth Convention.

After much discussion the Executive Committee decided to combine item 2 and 3 and a **MOTION** was made by Sharon Overstreet and **SECONDED** by Ora Diehl to approve the inviting the Top 8 Jr. and Top 8 Sr. Regional Championship to Fort Worth at the Youth Convention and approve the BraveHeart Championship Shootout concept being proposed. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

President Steve Norris expressed thanks to Amy for taking time out to join the meeting.

MERP UPDATES

Angie Highland, President of Highland Market Research came and addressed the members of the Executive Committee with the latest updates regarding the MERP program and applications being submitted. Due to the social distancing and executive order stipulations in place in Texas, we will take a slight decline in our funding. Once the application has been sent to the State, we will be notified within 30 days of their intent.

President Steve Norris expressed thanks to Angie for taking time out to join the meeting.

CITY OF FORT WORTH

Mike Crum, Director of Public Events for the City of Fort Worth stopped by the meetings and addressed the members of the Executive Committee by expressing his gratitude for the production of the Summer Spectacular show at Will Rogers the past few weeks. The City is looking forward to hosting our group again for the Futurity this fall. He knows we had a choice to have the event or cancel and he appreciated our decision to move forward with the Summer Spectacular.

President Steve Norris expressed thanks to Mike Crum for taking time out to join the meeting.

WEEKEND SHOW COMMITTEE REPORT – ZEKE ENTZ

Chairman of the Weekend Show Committee Zeke Entz addressed the Executive Committee with his committee's recommendations.

1. Discuss new class "NCHA Ranch Cutting"

Recommend as recognized class up to Show Producer this is not to be a schooling class, held after approved classes with no added money and affects eligibility for horse/rider. Motion Brady Davis Second Nate Miller all in favor except Chubby Turner

A **MOTION** was made by Ernie Beutenmiller and **SECONDED** by Kirby Smith to refer this recommendation regarding the proposed Ranch Cutting to the Competition Committee. **MOTION PASSED.**

2. Discuss East/West Nationals return to qualifying Top 10 Affiliate/NCHA.

Recommend qualify for the 2021 point year, no qualifying shows and must have at least three shows.

Motion Steve Williams Second Billy Kidd all in favor

A **MOTION** was made by Ernie Beutenmiller and **SECONDED** by Skip Jones to approve the return of qualifications for the Eastern/Western Nationals by mirroring prior rules for qualifications with the exception of no qualifying shows. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

3. Cost of cattle/possibility promotion video of renting cattle for shows.

Recommend contact Cattle Committee with NCHA Staff to put together video to help Show Producers see the return compared to the risk. Possible resource Nate Miller and Chris Howell and Bobby Jones.

Motion Roy Bauer Second Billy Kidd all in favor

After discussion, the Executive Committee agreed to take "no action" on this recommendation of a cattle promotion video and would like to refer this to staff.

4. Revisit SR 14.b 3 horse \$300 added or more.

Recommend leave in place through the 2021 point year then re visit this rule.

Motion Richard Hicks Second Billy Kidd all in favor except Chubby Turner

The Executive Committee agreed to take "no action" on this recommendation to revisit Standing Rule 14.b.3.

5. \$15,000 Amateur class fresh cattle

Recommend leave up to Show Producers

Motion Chris Howell Second Steve Williams all in favor

The Executive Committee agreed to take "no action" on this recommendation for fresh cattle for 15K Amateur class.

6. Order of classes entry level competitors cutting too late in the day.

Recommend leave class order up to Show Producers

Motion Mitch Farris Second Chris Howell all in favor

The Executive Committee agreed to take "no action" on this recommendation regarding cutting too late in the day.

7. Discuss earnings from other cutting horse associations if they should be used in determining NCHA horse/rider eligibility.

Recommend too try and obtain from other Cutting Horse Associations for NCHA horse/rider eligibility
Motion Bradley Davis Second Richard Hicks all in favor

A **MOTION** was made by Matt Miller and **SECONDED** by Ernie Beutenmiller to table this recommendation regarding the earnings from other cutting horse associations. **MOTION PASSED.**

8. Certified Coach Program. Apply to be representative for getting into NCHA, someone that has the time and desire to guide or teach people to love cutting.

Recommend Professional Trainers and NCHA Staff make available Coach Program on NCHA website.
Motion Clay Johns Second Richard Hicks all in favor

A **MOTION** was made by Tatum Rice and **SECONDED** by Matt Miller to refer this recommendation for a Certified Coach Program to the NCHA Marketing and Communications department. **MOTION PASSED.**

9. Entry into \$5,000 Novice and \$5,000 Novice Non Pro weekend classes limited to horses with NCHA LTE under \$50,000.

Recommend amend SR 8.i eligibility for these two classes less than \$50,000 NCHA LTE.
Motion Bradley Davis Second Billy Kidd all in favor

A **MOTION** was made by Byron Green and **SECONDED** by Skip Jones to refer this recommendation to amend Standing Rule 8.i to the Competition Committee for further review and provide more backup. **MOTION PASSED.**

10. Challenger cutting easier to cross over for beginner's jackpots would count for Area Leaders.

Recommend include Challenger Shows in Affiliate Standings for the Nationals
Motion Roy Bauer Second Clay Johns all in favor

A **MOTION** was made by Ernie Beutenmiller and **SECONDED** by Ted Sokol to recommend including Challenger Shows in Affiliate standings for the National Championships. **MOTION PASSED with one (1) opposed.**

11. Limit # of shows per weekend on given date to many shows close together.

Recommend Show Producers work together when scheduling their shows.
Motion Steve Williams Second Roy Bauer all in favor

A **MOTION** was made by Ernie Beutenmiller and **SECONDED** by Toddy Pitard to table limiting the number of shows on a weekend and refer to the Competition Committee for further review. **MOTION PASSED.**

A **MOTION** was made by Ernie Beutenmiller and **SECONDED** by Skip Jones to extend the \$500 or less for 15-day program for the remainder of the point year and all the events above \$500 will go with the 40-day policy.

Discussion also took place to extend the Futurity payment deadline. The Executive Committee after discussing, decided to take "no action" on this issue.

President Steve Norris expressed thanks to Zeke for taking time out to join the meeting.

DISCUSSIONS ON RECOGNIZED CUTTING HORSE ASSOCIATIONS

President Steve Norris reported that he has attempted to set up a meeting with World Cutting Horse Association and have not been able to schedule anything at this time.

LIMITED AGED EVENTS COMMITTEE REPORT – CULLEN CHARTIER

Chairman of the Limited Aged Events Committee Cullen Chartier addressed the Executive Committee with his committee's recommendations.

Refunds Before the Entry Deadline

Tarin Rice explained a member communication asking for new NCHA policy to refund entry fees before the entry deadline if that exhibitor decided to not show. Discussion occurred about the effects of implementing this policy. Committee members agreed that this policy would negatively affect the purse at produced shows. Committee members proposed that entry payments be combined into a single-entry fee 30 days prior to the event. Members noted that the Cattle Subcommittee would need ample time to gather enough quality cattle if the deadline was drawn closer to the start of shows.

A **MOTION** was made by Tatum Rice and **SECONDED** by Ora Diehl to refer this recommendation of refunds before the entry deadline to Finance & Audit Committee along with NCHA staff to investigate further on cash flow impact and bring this back to the EC at the October meeting. **MOTION PASSED.**

7 Year-olds in Classic

Tarin Rice explained member communications that suggested adding 7-year-olds to the classic classes at NCHA produced shows. Discussion occurred about the benefits of also allowing 5-year-olds to have a standalone class. Due to the cancelation of shows, committee members agreed that a trial year, adding a 4-year old class, a 5-year-old class, and 6/7-year-old class would allow for horses to have another chance at winning money that they could have in 2020. Discussion occurred about the length of shows and how adding an additional class would lengthen the show schedule.

A **MOTION** was made by Lach Perks and **SECONDED** by Ernie Beutenmiller to support this recommendation to add a 7 year olds to the classic classes at NCHA produced shows.

This motion was **RESCINDED** by Lach Perks and **SECONDED** by Ernie Beutenmiller.

An amended **MOTION** was made by Tatum Rice and **SECONDED** by Ernie Beutenmiller to support the spirit of this recommendation of adding a 7 year old class to produced shows by referring to staff to bring back more information at the October EC Meeting. **MOTION PASSED.**

President Steve Norris expressed thanks to Cullen for taking time out to join the meeting.

CATTLE COMMITTEE – STEVE OEHLHOF/BRONC WILLOUGHBY

Chairman of the Cattle Committee Steve Oehlhof and Cattle Manager Bronc Willoughby addressed the Executive Committee with their committee's recommendations.

NCHA Cattle Manager Bronc Willoughby emphasized that our sponsorship agreement with Livestock Nutrition Center (LNC) is a great opportunity for the association. He will continue to promote this feed among those in the industry. LNC is providing us a monthly report on all new sales associated with NCHA.

Additional Cattle at Triple Crown Events

Discussion occurred about a proposal of adding cattle to the triple crown events. Committee members agreed that the Livestock Nutrition Center feed sponsorship and the savings seen from the reorganization of cattle pens can subsidize an added cost of cattle. There was a consensus amongst the committee to add ¼ head per entry to the 2nd Go of all classes; to add ¼ head per entry of cattle to the Limited and Amateur Semis and Finals; remove ½ head per entry in the finals of the Open and Non-Pro classes Finals. Cattle counts will be as follows:

3.5 Head of cattle/ Horse – 1st Go All Classes

3.75 Head of cattle/Horse – 2nd Go All Classes

3.75 Head of cattle/ Horse- Limited & Amateur Semis and Finals

4.5 Head of Cattle/ Open & NP Semis; 3,4 & 5/6 Yr Olds

5 Head of Cattle/ Open & NP Finals; 3,4 & 5/6 Yr Olds

A **MOTION** was made by Matt Miller and **SECONDED** by Ernie Beutenmiller to approve this recommendation of additional cattle pending budget review from the Finance & Audit Committee and provide a report at the October EC Meeting. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Addition to the Settlers List

Discussion occurred about adding to the settlers list. There was a consensus amongst the committee members to add Walt Erwin to the Non-Pro and Amateur settlers list.

A **MOTION** was made by Matt Miller and **SECONDED** by Ted Sokol to approve this recommendation of adding Walt Erwin to the settlers list. **MOTION PASSED.**

President Steve Norris expressed thanks to both Bronc and Steve for taking time out to join the meeting.

APPROVED LAE/SHOW PRODUCERS COMMITTEE REPORT – TOM HOLT

Vice Chairman of the Approved LAE/Show Producers Committee Tom Holt addressed the Executive Committee with his committee's recommendations.

1. Approve requested 2021 January-June Major/Premier show dates.
Motion & Second all in favor to recommend to the EC Committee

A **MOTION** was made by Skip Jones and **SECONDED** by Ora Diehl to approve the 2021 January-June Major/Premier shows as presented. **MOTION PASSED with one (1) opposed.**

2. Move application deadline for Major/Premier shows held in June to the January 1st deadline date.
Motion & Second all in favor to recommend to the EC Committee

As a result of the motion above, this recommendation for the June shows application deadline to move to January 1st was approved by acclamation.

3. NSF checks given to Show Producers.

Motion & Second all in favor to have Della Hillerman head sub-committee consisting of members Coleta Rosson, Phil Benadum, Kathy Cardon and Robert Charles Brown and bring back their recommendations to this committee to present to the EC at their August meeting

A **MOTION** was made by Rock Hedlund and **SECONDED** by Tatum Rice to support this recommendation by sending this to NCHA Legal Counsel Jim Morris for final review and bring back to October EC Meeting. **MOTION PASSED.**

President Steve Norris expressed thanks to Tom for taking time out to join the meeting.

HORSE & CATTLE WELFARE COMMITTEE REPORT – LINDY BURCH/JIM MORRIS

Chairman of the Horse & Cattle Welfare Committee Lindy Burch and NCHA Legal Counsel Jim Morris addressed the Executive Committee with Horse & Cattle Welfare's recommendations.

Lindy Burch would like for the Executive Committee to consider potential changes to NCHA disciplinary rules on prohibited drugs (Standing Rule 35A). This recommendation is being proposed in two steps.

- Step 1 - recommending to test all open show finalists with the possibility of stripping title and awards for failed tests
- Step 2 – adding enhanced disciplinary actions to the NCHA rules for use of prohibited drugs

A **MOTION** was made by Lach Perks and **SECONDED** by Byron Green to table this recommendation on changes to 35A for refinement and bring back to October EC Meeting.
MOTION PASSED.

Another issue that Lindy Burch wanted to bring to the Executive Committee's attention was the potential problem of contestants showing lame horses at weekend events. She has received a couple of concerns from members and her committee decided to move forward with sending a letter drafted by legal and the approval process to all weekend show secretaries requesting that they be more diligent with this issue and send video with a concern as needed to the Horse & Cattle Welfare Committee for review and investigation.

President Steve Norris expressed thanks to both Lindy and Jim for taking time out to join the meeting.

EC LIAISON BINDERS

President-Elect Ora Diehl explained the regional and standing committee binders created by Julie Davis and Cathy Marie Aleff were prepared for each representative of the regions and the EC liaisons on standing committees. The purpose of these binders is to capture the results of their meetings and collectively keep up the binders throughout this year. Cathy Marie Aleff will be coordinating with all staff liaisons to provide previous minutes as of June 2, 2020 to the EC liaisons to populate that portion of the books.

ADJOURNMENT

President Steve Norris adjourned the second day of the meeting and advised members that session will reconvene on Wednesday, August 5th at 8AM central time.

WEDNESDAY - AUGUST 5, 2020

The Executive Committee meeting reconvened for the last day and was called to order at 8:00AM by President Steve Norris.

Limited Age Events Regulations

At Large Member Ernie Beutenmiller emphasized to the Executive Committee the need to address regulations on approved limited age events in the NCHA rulebook on pg. 56.

A **MOTION** was made by Ernie Beutenmiller and **SECONDED** by Skip Jones to approve for point year 2021 that LAE shows can be for horses between the ages of 3-7.

This motion was **RESCINDED** by Ernie Beutenmiller and **SECONDED** by Skip Jones.

An amended **MOTION** was made by Ernie Beutenmiller and **SECONDED** by Lach Perks for LAE 2021 point year that staff research the possibility of allowing horses between ages of 3-7 to compete. Request was also made for staff to coordinate with the impacted committees as a part of this research and bring it back to the EC in October. **MOTION PASSED.**

NCHA FOUNDATION REPORT – JOEY MILNER/FRANK MERRILL/JULIA BUSWOLD

Chairman of the Board of Trustees for the Foundation Joey Milner, Trustee Frank Merrill and Manager of Programs & Operations Julia Buswold addressed the Executive Committee with updates from the NCHA Foundation.

The Foundation's presentation included the following:

- Financials – Updated the Executive Committee with their position YTD
- Youth & Scholarships – Committed to over \$160,000 in youth and scholarships this year
- Historical Preservation – Recently purchased a scanner (with a donation from Dogwood Foundation) to safely catalog, archive and organize items at the NCHA Office in a digital format; final placement and ribbon cutting on the Buster Welch project will take place at the Futurity, this has been delayed due to the pandemic.
- Animal Welfare – Plan is to continue hosting "Doc Talk" sessions on Facebook live to discuss latest updates in the industry.
- Events & Promotions – Announced an upcoming Western Heritage Celebration for a bred heifer auction to showcase heritage ranches and their relationship with cutting. This event is tentatively planned to take place during the Futurity.

President Steve Norris thanked Joey Milner, Frank Merrill and Julia Buswold for joining the Executive Meeting and providing updates from the Foundation.

COMPETITION COMMITTEE REPORT – FRANK MERRILL

Chairman of the Competition Committee Frank Merrill addressed the Executive Committee with his committee's recommendations. He wanted to emphasize that his committee was engaged very late after other committee recommendations were submitted.

Ranch Cutting

Frank added that This class is to demonstrate the ability of a ranch horse to separate and hold a cow away from the herd with the good handle and natural cow sense that is revered in ranch work. The ideal horse for this class should rein smoothly and obey the rider's cues. The horse's form and athleticism while cutting and controlling the cow(s) will be rewarded according to the rules of the NCHA. Ranch Cutting is a class to be added by an affiliate, show manager, or show that deem it is beneficial to encourage participation in NCHA events. It is intended to be held after the added money classes, as not to be a schooling class for any advantage. No added money will be permitted in this class. Rerun or fresh cattle can be used but it is recommended to maintain an affordable entry fee/cattle charge to encourage participation. All earnings in this class will be recorded by NCHA for eligibility purposes.

Member Ernie Beutenmiller raised concern about the judges having time to be trained for this class and be ready for the 2021 point year. If this is going to be an approved class, will this use the protest system?

After much discussion, a **MOTION** was made by Ernie Beutenmiller and **SECONDED** by Sharon Overstreet to table this recommendation until we can get feedback from the Director of Judges Pete Fanning on this proposed class. Ernie Beutenmiller is concerned that there is not adequate time to train judges for 2021 point year.

This motion was **RESCINDED** by Ernie Beutenmiller and **SECONDED** by Sharon Overstreet.

An amended **MOTION** was made by Lach Perks and **SECONDED** by Rock Hedlund to approve the proposal and presentation on ranch cutting for implementation planning by the Competition Committee. We ask that NCHA staff prepare the final plan for implementation including costs and anticipated benefits as soon as practical with the goal of launching this project for the 2021 point year. **MOTION PASSED.**

Circuit Championship Program

The Competition Committee was all in favor of this program being implemented but would like for this program to come back to the committee for final vetting after the concerns are addressed. The goal of this circuit championship program is to gain and retain our weekend cutters, reach out to other associations. Frank stated that this circuit program is a way to revitalize the association, to make it stronger and gives us an opportunity for a more efficient governance. The EC has a unique opportunity to really make a change in this organization for the best, it is encouraged you to push forward and consider this program. The Competition Committee is on standby and ready to assist with this process as needed.

See MOTION that was made with the feedback heard from the Competition Committee regarding the Circuit Championship Program under Growth and Development section on page 6 of these meeting minutes.

Other Earnings

The Competition Committee emphatically recommends that we ONLY use the NCHA earnings as a guide moving forward and suspend reporting to Equistat.

The Executive Committee agreed to take "no action" on this recommendation on other earnings.

Amateur Survey

The Competition Committee discussed the analytics of the survey as they pertain to riders age and eligibilities for both weekend and limited age amateur classes. The Competition Committee determined this subject could have a major impact on entries, \$50,000 Amateurs and Senior riders and determined a more thorough study was needed before making changes to the rules and classes.

This recent Amateur survey is recommended to be circulated amongst the appropriate committees for review.

The Executive Committee agreed to take "no action" on this recommendation on circulating the Amateur Survey.

Competition Committee Term Limits

Once the 14 people are reappointed and/or replaced by October of 2020, the entire newly constituted Competition Committee consisting of 22 people should draw straws at its first meeting after October of 2020. Six straws should have a "1", eight straws should have a "2" and eight straws should have a "3" for a total of 22. Each member should draw a straw. The number on the drawn straw will indicate the number of years of the members' term. The Chair and Vice Chair should be for three-year terms for continuity so they would not draw straws. It should be noted that the current Vice Chair has not yet served a full three-year term.

Chair and Vice Chair would not be included in this draw and be replaced or reappointed by the Executive Committee to serve a three-year term.

A **MOTION** was made by Kirby Smith and **SECONDED** by Rock Hedlund to approve the term limit recommendation submitted with random draw for October 2020. **MOTION PASSED.**

A **MOTION** was made by Skip Jones and **SECONDED** by Rock Hedlund to reappoint all the current Competition Committee members. Term limits yet to be determined. **MOTION PASSED.**

A **MOTION** was made by Skip Jones and **SECONDED** by Ora Diehl to reappoint the current Chair and Vice Chair of the Competition Committee for another three-year term. The Chair and Vice Chair are not subject for the random draw. **MOTION PASSED.**

Former members Toddy Pitard and Kirby Smith of the Competition Committee were recently elected to the Executive Committee as of June 2, 2020 and will need to be replaced as they

were originally appointed by the EC. The Competition Committee is asking that the Executive Committee consider those replacements at this time.

After considering a few candidates, a **MOTION** was made by Kirby Smith and **SECONDED** by Tatum Rice to nominate William Cole out of Region 6 to replace Toddy Pitard on the Competition Committee.

After considering a few candidates, a **MOTION** was made by Lach Perks and **SECONDED** by Skip Jones to nominate Pam Scott out of Region 5 to replace Kirby Smith on the Competition Committee.

President Steve Norris thanked Frank again for taking time out to join the meeting.

SPONSORSHIP DEPARTMENT REPORT – TODD BARDEN

Director of Sponsorship Todd Barden addressed the Executive Committee with some updates from the Sponsorship department.

1. Additional Webcast Capabilities
 - Herd Cam
 - Scoreboard Positioning
 - Class Sponsorships
2. Complimentary Show Videos to Competitors

Members of the Executive Committee provided positive feedback on these complimentary videos.

3. Development of Sponsor Program focused on Awards & Recognition
 - Group Packages
 - Class Title Sponsor Packages

This new sponsor program was well received with the Executive Committee, some were even interested in receiving a list of the levels one could participate with to support the NCHA.

Focus on Stability

Constant Communication & Updates throughout the Pandemic & Show Cancellations
Partner Extension Plan
Feature Article on all Sponsors in the June Chatter
Ongoing Feature Articles in the Chatter with all new Sponsors

New Sponsors

The Meat Board
Sylvester Photography
Home2 Suites – Cultural District
Trefethen
Coyote Rock Ranch

Bar RR Ranches
Slate River Ranch
Call Me Mitch

Renewing Sponsors

Holy Cow Performance Horses
Brazos Valley Stallion Station
Western Bloodstock
7 Ranch

General Updates

Executive Director Jay Winborn tasked Director of Sponsorship Todd Barden to create something that we could tailor to anyone that wanted to sponsor monetarily, no matter what the value. Todd has created a great program with these guidelines in mind. This concept has proven to work well with Jay's previous position and both Todd and Jay feel that it will be well received with our members and sponsors.

President Steve Norris expressed thanks to Todd for taking time out to join the meeting.

JUDGES DEPARTMENT REPORT – PETE FANNING

Director of Judges Pete Fanning addressed the Executive Committee with some updates from the Judges department.

Pete Fanning mentioned that NCHA has lost some judges due to recertifications but gained others. We have recently signed up 12 new judges.

We currently have 297 active judges on our list that is made up of 260 for the US and 37 International.

Pete Fanning would like to recommend the revision of Standing Rule 27 on page 109 of the NCHA rulebook by eliminating the number "6" in section c and replace with the number of horses.

A **MOTION** was made by Ernie Beutenmiller and **SECONDED** by Rock Hedlund to approve the revision suggested to eliminate "6" in Standing Rule 27.c. **MOTION PASSED.**

Pete also addressed the fact that our fellow Canadians are hurting for judges, they currently have 2 out of 12 for LAE. Pete is recommending to bring back some retired judges in that area to help out.

A **MOTION** was made by Lach Perks and **SECONDED** by Ora Diehl to authorize Pete Fanning as Director of Judges to encourage and promote judges in Canada. **MOTION PASSED.**

President Steve Norris expressed thanks to Pete for taking time out to join the meeting.

JUDGES RULES COMMITTEE REPORT – RICK MOWERY

Chairman of the Judges Rules Committee Rick Mowery addressed the Executive Committee with his committee's recommendations.

1. Recommendation to adding new rule- Standing Rule 35.A.2.d in the NCHA Rulebook stating that:

- Two Veterinarian releases are required prior to showing again at that event due to lameness issues.

A **MOTION** was made by Ernie Beutenmiller and **SECONDED** by Matt Miller to take "no action" with this recommendation of requiring two veterinarian releases to show lame horse again.

MOTION PASSED.

2. Recommendation that videos must be available at 1 /16 speed at the Videographer's Booth at all NCHA produced and/or approved events.

A **MOTION** was made by Lach Perks and **SECONDED** by Skip Jones to refer this recommendation of video requirements of 1/16 speed to Affiliate Officers/Secretaries Committee for review and bring it back to the EC at the October meeting. **MOTION PASSED with one (1) opposed.**

3. Recommend having sponsored General Membership Q&A Workshops about Judging Rules. These will be available at some of the LAE throughout the year.

A **MOTION** was made by Lach Perks and **SECONDED** by Byron Green to approve this recommendation to host workshops about Judging Rules at some LAE, not just the Triple Crown Events and refer to staff for implementation. **MOTION PASSED.**

4. Recommend making the Judge Applicant Clinic fee (currently \$125.00 to apply), to be the same amount as the Judge Recertification fee which is \$150.00. Currently located on page 105- Standing Rules Related to Judges, 21.e.

A **MOTION** was made by Ernie Beutenmiller and **SECONDED** by Tatum Rice to approve this recommendation to increase the amount of the Judges' application clinic fee to \$150.00.

MOTION PASSED.

5. Recommendation to continue the Youth and Collegiate Cutting Judging Contest at the 2020 NCHA Futurity.

A **MOTION** was made by Rock Hedlund and **SECONDED** by Matt Miller to approve the continuation of the Youth and Collegiate Cutting Judging Contest at the 2020 NCHA Futurity.

MOTION PASSED.

President Steve Norris expressed thanks to Mike for taking time out to join the meeting.

AMATEUR COMMITTEE REPORT – BARNWELL RAMSEY

Chairman of the Amateur Committee Barnwell Ramsey addressed the Executive Committee with his committee's recommendations.

#1 MOTION passed to recommend to the Executive Committee if you place in the Top 15 for the World in any class (excluding \$2000 LR & Youth) you are not eligible to utilize the Senior rollback option to roll back in to the 50,000 Amateur WEEKEND the year following making the Top 15.

A **MOTION** was made by Lach Perks and **SECONDED** by Byron Green to refer this recommendation excluding the Top 15 from using the senior roll back in the 50K Amateur to the Competition Committee to investigate and bring back to the EC for the October meeting. **MOTION PASSED.**

#2 MOTION passed to recommend to the Executive Committee that Hall of Fame members cannot roll back in the 50K Amateur, regardless of age.

A **MOTION** was made by Lach Perks and **SECONDED** by Sharon Overstreet to accept this recommendation to not allow Hall of Fame to roll back in the 50K Amateur at the weekend level. **MOTION PASSED.**

#3 MOTION passed to recommend to the Executive Committee to lower the Non-Pro limited age earnings cap from \$250,000 to \$200,000 for the Unlimited Amateur & Leveling Amateur for age 59 and below*.

A **MOTION** was made by Lach Perks and **SECONDED** by Ora Diehl to refer this recommendation to lower the Non-Pro limited age earnings cap to the Competition Committee for final review and bring back to the October EC Meeting. **MOTION PASSED.**

Chair Barnwell Ramsey invited everyone in attendance and any others with concerns to reach out to him anytime.

President Steve Norris expressed thanks to Barney for taking time out to join the meeting.

NON-PROFESSIONAL COMMITTEE REPORT – CODY HEDLUND

Chairman of the Non-Professional Committee Cody Hedlund addressed the Executive Committee with his committee's recommendations.

THE NON-PRO COMMITTEE **RECOMMENDS** TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO REVISIT AND RE-EVALUATE THE 1 YEAR ROLL BACK (TOP 100), COMMITTEE FEELS POSSIBLY A TWO-OR THREE-YEAR ROLLOUT WOULD HELP UPPER LEVEL ENTRIES AND CREATE A MORE LEVEL PLAYING FIELD FOR NON PRO RIDERS.

THE NON-PRO COMMITTEE **RECOMMENDS** TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO LOWER THE NON-PRO INTERMEDIATE LEVEL TO THE BEST NUMBER BASED ON 2019/2020 DATA AND THE

2020 SUMMER SHOW ENTRIES. THE COMMITTEE BELIEVES THE CAP IS TOO HIGH. HALL OF FAME IS AT \$500,000 AND THE INTERMEDIATE IS AT \$499,999.

A **MOTION** was made by Lach Perks and **SECONDED** by Matt Miller to refer these recommendations brought before the EC from the Non-Pro Committee to the Competition Committee for re-evaluation of the one year roll back and to lower the non-pro intermediate level and coordinate those findings with staff for final evaluation. This will be brought back to the EC for reconsideration by January 1st. **MOTION PASSED.**

President Steve Norris expressed thanks to Cody for taking time out to join the meeting.

PROFESSIONAL TRAINERS COMMITTEE REPORT – MORGAN CROMER

Chairman of the Professional Trainers Committee Morgan Cromer addressed the Executive Committee with updates from her committee and their recent agenda items.

1. Develop a Mission Statement for the PT.
2. Review membership requirements and develop a process for membership.
3. Develop a Code of Ethics that every member signs and adheres to. Elect an Ethics / Grievance committee within the PT.
4. Discuss the leveling at the summer cutting. Discussion to include subjects as:
 - *Do we need more promotion and explanation about the leveling system
 - *Should there be rollback for Futurity Champions and Hall of Fame riders
 - *Do horses and riders need to be leveled
 - *Should all Triple Crown events be leveled
5. Should this committee have on going education; including knowing the judging process, making a business plan, how to get and manage sponsors, online education and information, customer relations, billing practices.
6. Work with the Chatter to develop an ongoing trainer introduction and interviews.
7. Develop duties of the chairman; ie: how many meetings should be held annually, attendance requirements for members, develop agendas, run the meeting using parliamentary procedures, promote members to suggest agenda topics, appoint sub-committees, etc.
8. Open forum on "Making the sport of cutting better" and "How to encourage new membership and participation".
9. Develop a Professional Trainer Hospitality Booth at all major events.

President Steve Norris expressed thanks to Morgan for taking time out to join the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Director's Forum Update – Domain was recently purchased for the Director's Forum and efforts now will be coordinated with Ernie Beutenmiller and the marketing department to construct and design what is posted. This forum will be ready to roll out soon.
2. Rulebook Concerns – Staff is requested to eliminate ambiguous interpretations and clean up the language for 2022. Recommendations were to consider adding spiral bind, including tabs and an index for a more user-friendly functionality.
3. Transparency Concerns – Requests have been noted to include the voting statistics during any NCHA election process when posting results.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the committee, a **MOTION** was made by Lach Perks and **SECONDED** by Kristen York to adjourn the meeting. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**