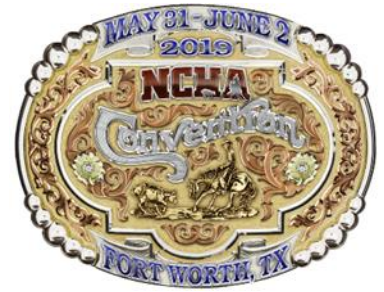


**NCHA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
2019 CONVENTION – FORT WORTH, TEXAS
JUNE 2, 2019
12:45PM – 2:00PM**



A meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Cutting Horse Association was held on June 2, 2019 from 12:45 - 2:00PM at the 2019 NCHA Convention held in Fort Worth, Texas. Those present were: President Ron Pietrafeso, President-Elect Steven Norris, Vice President Ora Diehl, Ernie Beutenmiller, Rock Hedlund, Skip Jones, Matt Miller, Tatum Rice, Tommy Neal, Sharon Overstreet, Lachlan Perks, Byron Green, Ronnie Smith and Kristen York. Also, in attendance were NCHA Executive Director Kirk Slaughter, Chief Financial Officer Lance Bryson, Director of Shows Shianne Megel, Director of Marketing and Sponsorship Todd Barden, NCHA Legal Counsel Jim Morris and Executive Assistant Cathy Marie Aleff.

President Ron Pietrafeso called the meeting to order at 12:45PM.

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

President Ron Pietrafeso opened the meeting by welcoming the new members of the Executive Committee Vice President Ora Diehl and Byron Green as Regional Director representing Region 4.

President Ron Pietrafeso commented on the importance of respect during these meetings and reinforced some meeting protocol that all members of the Executive Committee are to follow. These Executive Committee Meetings will be conducted under the guideline of the Robert's Rules of Order, we will not interrupt each other. Comments are welcome anytime and will be addressed in order of hands that are raised.

2019-2020 TENTATIVE MEETINGS DATES FOR EC

Tentative Meeting dates for Executive Committee Meetings for 2019-2020 will be distributed. Meetings will always start on a Monday and at 8am each day unless otherwise notified. Better for those traveling in to fly in on Sundays to attend meeting on Monday. August dates will be 5-7th beginning that Monday at 8am.

COMPETITION COMMITTEE – FRANK MERRILL

Frank Merrill, Competition Committee Chair addressed the Executive Committee with some positions and changes that need to be addressed.

- Pro Trainers – Gavin Jordan is being replaced by Cara Brewer
- Region 5 Representative – vacancy due to Ora Diehl newly elected Vice President. Suggestions submitted are as follows: Elizabeth Quirk, Julie Beasley, Kathy Cardon and Dan Agnew

Kristen York suggested to get a quick evaluation of the regional breakdown on the Competition Committee currently and double check rider status.

Competition Committee Current Breakdown:

Region 1 – 2 (2 AM)	Region 5 – 1 (1 AM)
Region 2 – 4 (1 NP, 2 O, 1 T)	Region 6 – 3 (1 AM, 2 T)
Region 3 – 2 (1 AM, 1 T)	Region 7 – 3 (2 AM, 1 T)
Region 4 – 2 (2 AM)	Region 8 – 3 (1 NP, 2 T)

By ballot vote among the EC, a replacement to fill the vacancy of Ora Diehl on the Competition Committee was selected. Votes were calculated and majority was in favor of Julie Beasley out of Region 5.

BUSINESS PLANNING PROCESS – LACH PERKS

Kirk Slaughter, NCHA Executive Director addressed the Executive Committee about internal conversations with regards to the Strategic Planning for the association. There was a plan back in 2015, and we have some new goals that we would like to proceed with in our upcoming business plan. Lach Perks has a lot of historical knowledge in this background and we hope that he can become a liaison for us as we collectively work with the EC to develop this plan.

President Ron Pietrafeso commented that Lach sent him a very detailed email with his strategic plan on what we are wanting to come up with for this year. He wants Lach to collaborate with Kirk and the staff to come up with and develop the plan. This will ultimately streamline the process and provide a guide for us to implement for next year.

Lach Perks facilitated this business planning session by addressing some key points. Lach led an interactive assignment where each member of the EC was to give their top 5 issues that they would like to see addressed and included as part of the strategic planning session moving forward.

EUROPEAN AFFILIATES SUPPORT FUND

As a follow up to the EC meeting on May 31, 2019 with regards to the \$15K funds to support the European affiliates, a **MOTION** was made by Ernie Beutenmiller and **SECONDED** by Skip Jones to approve and reinstate the European Cutting Horse Association with \$15K annually. Previous EC member David Pilcher met with Garry Merritt, Chair of the Finance & Audit Committee to verify these funds and can be allocated appropriately.

VICE PRESIDENT SELECTION COMMITTEE

President Ron Pietrafeso wanted to remind President-Elect Steve Norris and Vice President Ora Diehl that they will have to appoint vacancies on the Vice Presidential Selection Committee and

so on. Ron Pietrafeso stated that the rules are very clear in the rulebook on how to construct this selection committee.

MEMBERS HALL OF FAME SELECTION COMMITTEE

President Ron Pietrafeso wanted to remind President-Elect Steve Norris and Vice President Ora Diehl that they will have to appoint vacancies on the Hal of Fame Selection Committee.

President Ron Pietrafeso will provide Steve Norris and Ora Diehl with the current list of members for each of these selection committees.

SECRETARY OF THE YEAR SELECTION COMMITTEE

Secretary of the Year award has been recognized for the past two years and President Ron Pietrafeso hopes that it will continue beyond his term with Steve Norris and Ora Diehl. This was established in the memory of Sandy Sokol and is an honor among the secretaries of the NCHA.

PAST HISTORY OF NCHA – ERNIE BEUTENMILLER

Ernie Beutenmiller a member of the EC representing Region 3 addressed the others on the Executive Committee by emphasizing the importance of preservation and history for the association. In the year 2021, NCHA turns 75 years old. His suggestion is that all the Directors start gathering the information in their regions to collectively put all together for the archives. Ernie feels that if we don't start this process, we stand the chance of losing so much of our history as more time goes by.

Ernie stated that we have some historical documents and memorabilia at the Fort Worth Library that we need to get back in our possession to store and archive appropriately.

President Ron Pietrafeso has suggested to Mike Simmons and the Youth Committee that maybe we can get some of the Youth to do community service by going over to the library and capturing that information for Leap credits. He would like for Tommy Neal to follow up with the Youth Committee on that assignment.

Vice President Ora Diehl is very supportive of the preservation and will assist Ernie with this project. History and Preservation is her tenant on the Foundation and as a Trustee for that entity, she would like to be involved with this effort.

YOUTH

After much discussion, a **MOTION** was made by Rock Hedlund and **SECONDED** by Lach Perks to approve and accept the use of the Youth (NYCHA) Hall of Fame application (OLD VERSION) moving forward. **MOTION PASSED.**

In addition to the NYCHA HOF (old version) being approved for the applications, they would also like to start recognizing a member posthumously if applicable as an inductee to the Youth Hall of Fame. A **MOTION** was made by Tommy Neal and **SECONDED** by Rock Hedlund to approve this request immediately. **MOTION PASSED.**

EXPECTATIONS

President Ron Pietrafeso expressed his gratitude with the makeup of the current Executive Committee. The members provide a very diverse group of individuals that can work together to make the right decisions that benefit the NCHA.

Ron Pietrafeso would like to set a standard by posting agendas ahead of meetings for transparency. Agendas will be developed and consulted at least 2-3 weeks in advance.

It was suggested that EC minutes reflect and drill down with more descriptive reason for going into executive sessions without disclosing any confidential information.

CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENTS

Jim Morris, NCHA Legal Counsel addressed the Executive Committee by distributing and emphasizing the importance of the confidentiality and non-disclosure agreements required for all members of the Executive Committee to sign for NCHA records.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the committee, **MOTION** was made by Matt Miller and **SECONDED** by Rock Hedlund to adjourn the meeting at 2:04PM. **MOTION PASSED.**