

**NCHA ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP
MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 22, 2025 * 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM
LONE STAR BALLROOM
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS * GRAND HYATT RIVER WALK**



The annual General Membership Meeting of the 2025 NCHA Convention was held at 10:00am on Sunday, June 22, 2025, at the Grand Hyatt River Walk in San Antonio, Texas.

President Mark Senn called the meeting to order at 10:01am central standard time and welcomed the members joining to San Antonio, Texas.

OPENING PRAYER – JOE HOWARD WILLIAMSON

President Mark Senn welcomed Joe Howard Williamson with Horsemen for Christ back up on stage to address the General Membership with prayer.

MISSION STATEMENT – MARK SENN

President Mark Senn led the General Membership by reciting the NCHA Mission Statement...

The National Cutting Horse Association promotes and celebrates the cutting horse, whose origin on Western ranches allows us to support ranching and its Western heritage. By establishing rules for the conduct of cutting horse shows, NCHA strives to give cutters a level playing field and a progressive class structure which accommodates everyone from the beginner to the advanced competitor. NCHA draws on the diverse talents and background of its members and encourages their participation in helping it achieve these goals.

PROOF OF DUE NOTICE

A **MOTION** was made by Ben Roberson and **SECONDED** by Dee McLaughlin to accept proof of due notice that was emailed to all General Members on May 23, 2025, from the NCHA Office. **MOTION PASSED.**

DISPOSAL OF MINUTES/RECOMMENDATIONS

A **MOTION** was made by Rock Hedlund and **SECONDED** by Sherry Graham to accept the disposal of minutes/recommendations from the annual meetings on June 23, 2024, from the NCHA Office. **MOTION PASSED.**

NCHA STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

President Mark Senn welcomed the Chairman of the Standing Committees to come forward to give their reports and thanked them for their service and time leading these standing committees.

The residing chairman from each of the NCHA Standing Committees gave a report on their recommendations from the Convention meeting. The recommendations presented will be reviewed and considered for approval at the next Executive Committee meeting, which will take place in August, any actions taken will be reflected in the recorded minutes after that meeting.

1. Affiliate Officers/Secretaries Committee – Dee McLaughlin
2. Amateur Committee – Brooke Manion
3. Finance & Audit Committee – Ora Diehl/Denise Williams joined to recognize and thank the NCHA Accounting team at old Bailey for their dedication and years of service. Mike Franklin as Senior Accountant has served NCHA for 14 years. Sandy Brandt has 34 years with the association handling Accounts Receivables and Katie Brandt has been with the association for 7 years focusing on Accounts Payable.
4. Governance Committee – Skip Jones
5. Growth and Development Committee – Dean Rebhuhn
As Dean concluded, President Mark Senn recognized Dean Rebhuhn, Skip Jones, Ora Diehl, and Ronnie Hodges for being inducted into the NCHA Members Hall of Fame.
6. Judges Rules Committee – Rock Hedlund
7. Limited Age Events Committee – Phil Rapp
8. Non-Professional Committee – Sherry Graham
9. Professional Trainers Committee – Phil Benadum
10. Stallion Owners & Breeders Committee – Rock Hedlund
11. Weekend Show Committee – Ted Sokol Jr.
12. Youth Committee – Nikki Roberson

RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

President Mark Senn recognized the outgoing members of the Executive Committee whose terms expired. He recognized these members for their extended efforts and dedication to serving their regions on the Executive Committee and the entire NCHA. Sharon Overstreet recognized for representing Region 5, Cara Brewer represents the last remaining At Large position and both were presented with a personalized GIST buckle set as a token of appreciation. John Lavelle, representing Region 4, was also recognized and his buckle set was mailed to him due to his early departure from the annual meetings.

OUTGOING PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – MARK SENN

President Mark Senn gave a final message to the general membership thanking them for having faith and electing him to serve this great association. He stated that it has been an honor to represent the NCHA as President. He encourages all if they are considering running for Vice President to put their name in the hat as it is a humbling experience they will embrace. He closed sharing his appreciation for everyone's support for him and the association.

INCOMING PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – BARNWELL RAMSEY

Incoming President Barnwell Ramsey took his place on stage and greeted the members in attendance. He appreciates the trust in confidence and opportunity that he has been given to lead this association. Barnwell thanked Mark for everything he has done to allow this transition to be seamless with the support of the Executive Committee members.

The NCHA is more than an association, it is a family, a tradition and a legacy built by the passion and built by the members. It is a way that people connect from the ranch to the show arena. He mentioned from his campaign that the road to success is always under construction and Jay, and his staff have constructed a very successful organization that we are all proud of belonging to. Barney admits that it is his job, our job, to make sure we keep that construction process going.

With the leadership we have today, the staff, I don't think that's going to be difficult to do. Again, I want to appreciate what the past EC members have given us. I really want to appreciate what the new EC will do and really appreciate them not running for the hills when I show up. The priorities hopefully going forward that I get to be a part of is supporting our members, promoting growth, we all talk about that, and protecting the horse and the heritage that brought us to where we are today.

At the heart of everything we do is the cutting horse. They are athletic, intelligent, and loyal. Sort of like our membership to the circus team. We will continue to ensure their welfare, promote responsible training, and honor the horse's traditions.

This is not a one-person job for me, or for Jay, or for any of the individual staff members. It is a responsibility by all within this association. Our board, our staff, our sponsors, and most importantly our members, are what we really need. We need to really appreciate what is brought to us by every one of you, and every one of them.

I look forward to working with all of you, with the staff, with Jay, maintaining the history and heritage of this organization, and together hopefully we can write the next chapter on the road to success.

NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS & OFFICERS FOR 2025-2026

- Region IV – Byron Green
- Region V – Ora Diehl
- Region VIII – Casey Green
- Vice President – David Costello
- President-Elect – Kathleen Moore
- President – Barnwell Ramsey

Now we need to install the new Executive Committee members and NCHA officers. Region 4, Byron, Green, and Region 5, Ora Diehl, please come up. Casey Green, Region 8 is already on stage. David Costello, our new Vice President and Kathleen Moore as President Elect.

NCHA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE – JAY WINBORN

As we wrap up this year's National Cutting Horse Convention, Jay took a moment to reflect and offered a few words of gratitude and encouragement.

First, please join me in offering our sincere thanks and appreciation to our outgoing President, Mark Senn for his leadership, vision, and unwavering commitment to this association over the past year. He helped guide us through important progress and positive change. We are grateful for his steady hand and service heart. At the same time, we are excited to welcome our new President, Barnwell Ramsey. Barnwell, your passion for this sport and our members is inspiring and we look forward to the road ahead under your leadership. We are also proud to introduce our President Elect, Kathleen Moore, a proven advocate and valued member of our community. Kathleen, we are excited to work alongside you as we build toward our future. Congratulations as well to David Costello, our new elected Vice President. David, your dedication to the mission of the NCHA and our sport will no doubt be a tremendous asset to our leadership team.

I also want to take a moment to welcome back Ora Diehl, Byron Green, and Casey Green, returning to our EC. These were part of my original band members when I started here along with Sharon. Sharon, again, thank you for everything you've done for this association.

I also want to take a moment to sincerely thank the entire NCHA staff. It takes an enormous amount of work, planning, and care to make this event successful and this year's convention has been no exception. Thank you for your tireless efforts.

As we look ahead, I want to leave you with this. The NCHA is stronger than it has ever been and we are probably in the best shape we have ever been. Our future is bright, we are evolving, growing, and continuing to build a sport and community that is second to none. Barney said it earlier, cutting is more than competition, it's a way of life. It is about the thrill of the run, the bond with these incredible horses, and the friendships that make it all worthwhile. Let us continue to take care of one another, support our fellow cutters, and share the sport we love. Whether you're in the stands or volunteering behind the scenes, your involvement matters, and that's what makes the NCHA what it is today. Thank you all for being here, thank you for being part of our family, and travel safe.

OLD BUSINESS

At this time, there is no old business to be addressed with General Membership.

NEW BUSINESS

Currently, there is no new business to bring before the General Membership for discussion.

Thank you all for taking the journey out to come to San Antonio, I hope you had a great time. We have a couple of giveaways for the general membership provided by Cuttinup Show Blankets and a \$200 gift card for Silver Fox Steakhouse on University in Fort Worth to the next time you will be in town for at Triple Crown.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a **MOTION** was made by Casey Green and **SECONDED** by Les Jack to adjourn the General Membership Meeting of the 2025 Annual Convention at 11:04am. **MOTION PASSED.**