

NCHA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CONFERENCE CALL MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 28, 2021
11:00AM Central

A conference call of the Executive Committee of the National Cutting Horse Association was held on Tuesday, September 28, 2021 beginning 11:00AM central time.

All Executive Committee members were present: President Ora Diehl, President-Elect Ted Sokol, Vice President Toddy Pitard, Kristen York, Rock Hedlund, Kirby Smith, Byron Green, Sharon Overstreet, Tommy Williams, Skip Jones, Matt Miller, Ernie Beutenmiller, Casey Green and Tatum Rice. Executive Director Jay Winborn, Director of Shows Shianne Megel, Manager of Shows Joshua Valdez and Cathy Marie Aleff were also in attendance from the NCHA Office for this call.

The Executive Committee meeting was called to order at 11:02AM and roll call was taken.

President Ora Diehl stated the purpose of this call was to address some items that need a resolution prior to the October 19-20 meeting.

CIRCUIT PROPOSAL 2022 POINT YEAR

Manager of Shows Joshua Valdez updated the members of the Executive Committee with the results of the first ever Circuit Finals event in the Big Sky Circuit in Wyoming. Even though there were a few challenges to overcome, this show was successful, and the producer did a great job. Joshua was able to attend this event and polled members on the program as a whole and a few proposed changes. After polling there were two main concerns, the redefined map and the year-end awards. There are two sets of awards throughout the program, the circuit finals awards based on results at finals and the year-end awards based on accumulation of points for year. Members of this circuit preferred for the awards to be presented during the show but as it stands awards are mailed out afterwards.

A task force subcommittee made up of a smaller group of Executive Committee members met in the office in late August to evaluate and discuss some changes to the program for 2022.

Joshua Valdez highlighted those proposed changes for the Executive Committee to consider and approve. A few of those proposed changes for 2022 are as follows:

- Redefining circuit borders on the map
- Combining the Oiler and the Alamo Circuits (Area 10 and 11 to mirror Region 7)
- Great Lakes Circuit to include Ontario
- Add Circuit in Northern California
- Point Year will run December 28th and run until September 18th
- December 18th would be the end of the circuit program across the country to allow the National Finals to distribute those awards
- NCHA Days proposed for weekend of June 25th, 2022
- National Circuit Finals would run concurrently with Futurity proposing to take the top 15 from each of the circuits
- Circuit Administrators to coordinate events with NCHA

Members of the Executive Committee suggested that NCHA create and provide a pamphlet to affiliates and secretaries regarding the changes and rules of this National Circuit Program and also suggested coordinating with the youth for optimal points accrual.

Josh is scheduled to present these proposed changes and provide additional feedback at the October 19-20 EC meeting from the other Circuit Finals that he plans to visit this month.

President Ora Diehl extended a special thanks to the members of this task force and their continued efforts to working with Joshua Valdez at the office to work through this program.

SHOW DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Director of Shows Shianne Megel addressed the Executive Committee Members with some updates for actions to be taken at this meeting.

2022 Futurity Changes

After discussing, a **MOTION** was made by Casey Green and **SECONDED** by Ernie Beutenmiller to approve the proposed increase of the 3% to \$3,300 for Open division at the 2022 Futurity entries. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

In addition to this topic, a **MOTION** was made by Casey Green and **SECONDED** by Matt Miller to approve taking 60 to semifinals and 20 to the finals for Open division at the 2022 Futurity; if the entries exceed 600 then go to 75 to semis and remain with 20 to finals. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The Non-Pro Committee reviewed and endorses the single entry fee structure with the addition of a third division for the 2022 Futurity. There would be a Non-Pro, an Intermediate Non-Pro and a Limited Non-Pro division. The recommended entry fee would be \$2,900 which includes all three divisions.

A **MOTION** was also made by Kirby Smith and **SECONDED** by Tatum Rice to approve the single entry fee structure of \$2,900 as presented for the Non Pro division at the 2022 Futurity. **MOTION PASSED.**

Late Fee Proposal

The Late Fee Task Force Subcommittee that was assigned out of the Competition Committee a couple of years ago brought back the Late Fee Proposal. This proposal has been reviewed by the NCHA Finance and Audit Committee to evaluate any financial and cash flow implications on the association on two occasions in July of 2019 and most recently August of this year. Following review, the Finance and Audit Committee did not feel as though there was any negative impact. Some minor changes being recommended is that we offer a paid in full discount, this would not impact any late fee processes as it would be collected before late fees occur but would incentivize contestants to pay early.

Payment Schedule for 2022 Futurity is being proposed as follows:

1st Payment: November 1st
2nd Payment: December 31st
3rd Payment: August 1st
Final Payment: October 1st

Executive Director Jay Winborn supports what is being recommended because something needs to change but wants the Executive Committee to error on the side of caution while making their decision to adopt this proposal. Also keep in mind the challenges with late entries and a committed number of days to have the show. Does this incentivize horses to enter late? This is a great problem to have, but the longer we stretch this out the harder it is on the association to be able to add days and adjust schedule. Jay asked that we run some models against a normal year to see if there are any operational challenges. If there is no challenges, then we publish change based on your approval today but if there is a glare in the findings, then we reconvene on a quick call to determine the next steps.

After much discussion, a **MOTION** was made by Rock Hedlund and **SECONDED** by Byron Green to adopt the late fee proposal with these minor revisions being presented pending no unforeseen operational challenges for the association. **MOTION PASSED.**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE

Executive Director Jay Winborn addressed the members on the call with updates.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Ora Diehl directed the meeting into executive session to discuss some ongoing NCHA business.

PRESIDENT ELECT UPDATE

President Elect Ted Sokol addressed the other members of the committee with his appreciation of all those involved in the Circuit Task Force committee. Ted also updated the members that he is working diligently on his assignments for the 2022 VP Nominating Committee and will have that ready to report at our October meeting.

Ted also emphasized that he has had lots of positive feedback pertaining to the Circuit Program.

President Ora Diehl also added that a draft of the 2022 VP Eligibility list at our October meeting.

VICE PRESIDENT UPDATE

Vice President Toddy Pitard addressed the members of the Executive Committee with updates.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business addressed during this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Buying Slots – Executive Committee to evaluate process for buying open slots along with substitution fees for open and non-pro

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the committee, a **MOTION** was made by Ernie Beutenmiller and **SECONDED** by Skip Jones to adjourn at 1:32PM. **MOTION PASSED.**