

NCHA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CONFERENCE CALL MINUTES
AUGUST 31, 2021
10:00AM Central

A conference call of the Executive Committee of the National Cutting Horse Association was held on Tuesday, August 31, 2021 beginning 10:00AM 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, Matt Miller, Skip Jones, Tommy Williams, Ernie Beutenmiller, Casey Green and Tatum Rice. Executive Director Jay Winborn, Director of Membership Julie Davis, 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 10:09AM and roll call was taken.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATES

Executive Director Jay Winborn addressed the members of the Executive Committee with updates from a recent Finance and Audit Committee conference call and that committees support with these items being presented.

Eastern/Western RFP – The F&A Committee is working on a revised plan on how to apply the money collected over the past two years is distributed through the shows. It has been suggested to take the \$117K and split it over two years. Once the Finance and Audit Committee reviews and provides comment, the office will move forward with soliciting the RFPs for the Eastern and Western Nationals.

Late Fee Proposal – Since this late fee proposal has been presented, several committees have reviewed and are in favor of this proposal. The Finance and Audit Committee did request to have a final review once payment terms have been established to guarantee that the due dates would not have any negative financial impact with cash flow for the association.

Adding ¼ Cow – As recently recommended by the Cattle Committee to add a ¼ cow to the open and non pro go rounds at the Triple Crown Events. The Finance and Audit Committee was in support of this addition by majority by way of a budgeted expense for the upcoming 2021 Futurity and will re-evaluate for the next Triple Crown event.

After discussing further, a **MOTION** was made by Matt Miller and **SECONDED** by Kirby Smith to approve the cattle increase of 3.75 head for the open and non-pro go rounds at the 2021 Futurity. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Added Money to Purse – Recommendation was made to add \$550K to the purse for the 2021 Futurity. Breakdown would be \$300K to Open, \$100K to Non-Pro, \$50K to Amateur, \$50K to Limited Non Pro and \$50K to the Unlimited Amateur. After much discussion, the Finance and Audit Committee and approved by majority. This added money concept is a great way for NCHA to invest in themselves with the significant possibility to continue in the years to come.

After much discussion, a **MOTION** was made by Matt Miller and **SECONDED** by Skip Jones to adopt the proposal for \$550K added money to the purse at the 2021 Futurity. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Futurity Structure Proposal - Member Casey Green addressed the other members of the Executive Committee with an update on comments from the Finance and Audit Committee for this proposed structure. The Finance and Audit Committee was unanimously in favor of this Futurity Structure Proposal as presented for the Open Division and recommended that the Non-Pro, Amateur and the Limited Aged Events committee get the same presentation specific to the other divisions for an opportunity to consider as well.

A **MOTION** was made by Rock Hedlund and **SECONDED** by Ted Sokol to approve the futurity structure proposal as presented for the 2022 Open Futurity. **MOTION PASSED.**

In addition to the Open division discussion and action taken, a **MOTION** was also made by Rock Hedlund and **SECONDED** by Byron Green to send this futurity structure proposal presented by Casey Green to the respective committees of Non-Pro, Amateur and the Limited Age Events for review and consideration in each division. A report from each committee is due back to the EC by September 30th. **MOTION PASSED.**

AMATEUR DIRECTIVE REPORT

Director of Membership Julie Davis was asked by President Ora Diehl to attend the call and report on her involvement as staff liaison for the Amateur Committee. Julie Davis will be play on instrumental role in the development and process of the upcoming Amateur survey.

The Amateur Committee met via Zoom/Conference Call on Tuesday, August 17, 2021, to discuss and review the most recent directive from the EC to narrow the 50 Am options from 10 to their top 3 choices.

The Amateur Committee choices ranked in order of majority vote are:

Top Choice - Make the current \$50k amateur class a TRUE \$50k amateur class. Only amateurs with Total LTEs of \$50k or less can compete in this class. Create a new class called the Select Amateur class. Amateurs 60 years and older can compete in this class regardless of earnings. This class would have its own world standings and would be included in the other classes at World Finals. Show Producers can run as a class within a class. It gives the true \$50k amateur a fresh cattle class to compete in. It gives our senior amateurs a place to compete on fresh cattle and does not force them into the Non-Pro class. If this concept could get some traction, maybe the Non-Pro Committee would consider doing the same thing in their division and create a Select Non-Pro class with same criteria (60 years and older regardless of earnings).

Second Choice - Make the 50K a true 50K and mandating the Unlimited Amateur on the weekend, approved. No exceptions, no class within a class.

Third Choice - Create an Unlimited Amateur class for the weekend based on weekend earnings. Cap the \$50k Amateur at \$50k weekend earnings. No exceptions for the \$50k.

After hearing the report given by Julie Davis with regards to this Amateur directive, a **MOTION** was made by Rock Hedlund and **SECONDED** by Ernie Beutenmiller for President Ora Diehl to assign a small task force with members of the EC to develop questions for the survey on behalf of the Amateur Committee's report. **MOTION PASSED.**

President Ora Diehl acted on this action and assigned Kristen York, Tommy Williams, Kirby Smith and Sharon Overstreet to work with Julie Davis in the NCHA office to formulate this survey, launch it and present results to the Executive Committee at the October 19-20 Meeting. Kristen York will preside as Chair of this task force.

CIRCUIT PROGRAM TASK FORCE UPDATE

Manager of Shows Josh Valdez addressed the members of the Executive Committee with updates on the Circuit Program and results of the task force subcommittee meeting. Josh began by acknowledging Byron Green, Skip Jones, Kristen York, Sharon Overstreet and Ted Sokol for their commitment with this task force for such a productive meeting.

After witnessing how this program has operated this year, this task force evaluated the strengths and weaknesses of the program and recommended some changes. Some of those changes made were with the map and boundary lines, circuit finals placement and how those shows fall to allow for movement, joint circuit approvals and they discussed the reinstatement of the NCHA Days. This group will continue to elaborate on these items and more as they move to implement these changes throughout the program in 2022.

A recommendation was made that any changes with reference to the Circuit Program for approval be sent out in advance of the meeting time to review and gather comments.

STALLION FOAL SUB TASK FORCE COMMITTEE UPDATES

Member Rock Hedlund gave the other members of the Executive Committee an update from this Stallion Foal Sub Task Force Committee. They discussed some of the current issues that have come up lately with the Stallion Foal program. A couple of those issues were the loss of stallions and the number of foals that are not paid up in the program. Rock Hedlund has included Stallion Owners and Breeders Suzy Silverberg in these discussions. Another task that this committee would like to consider for an undertaking is the program rules. The rules are in much need of being updated for implementation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Ora Diehl placed the meeting into executive session to discuss NCHA business.

GENERAL SESSION

President Ora Diehl placed the meeting back into general session to finalize the meeting and adjourn.

OLD BUSINESS

2022 Convention – Marriott at Champion’s Circle has confirmed that the June race dates at Texas Motor Speedway will not interfere with our NCHA 2022 Annual Convention which is scheduled for June 3-5, 2022. Discussions will continue to finalize the terms and conditions with the Marriott and staff will take the lead planning this event.

NEW BUSINESS

2022 Rulebook – Director of Membership Julie Davis updated the Executive Committee with a hard deadline of November 1st to get any and all changes for the rulebook in order to have it printed in time for the 2022 release.

Rollback (Hall of Fame Members) – Competition Committee to report from an assigned directive on this issue at the October 19-20 EC Meeting.

Committees Work Ethics – The Executive Committee has plans to discuss this at their next in person meeting on October 19-20.

Director District Summary – On September 30th the membership count will be pulled to summarize and regulate the director districts for 2022. These results will be the determining factor in the Director Elections for 2022.

New Judges Scoring Card – Member Rock Hedlund updated to the rest of the committee that this new card concept is in the testing stages and was evaluated at the Cascade’s Futurity in the 5/6 Open. Also being tested in Idaho Futurity in the 5/6 Non-Pro and the 5/6 Amateur and at the end of that show Judges Rules Committee will evaluate the results against a key and determine further action at that time.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the committee, a **MOTION** was made by Toddy Pitard and **SECONDED** by Skip Jones to adjourn. **MOTION PASSED.**