

## **NCHA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CONFERENCE CALL MINUTES**

### **February 5, 2025**

### **10:00AM Central**

A conference call of the Executive Committee of the National Cutting Horse Association was held on Wednesday, February 5, 2025, beginning at 10:00AM central time.

Executive Committee members present were President Mark Senn, President Elect Barnwell Ramsey, Vice President Kathleen Moore, Les Jack, Phil Benadum, Kirby Smith, John Lavelle, Sharon Overstreet, Tommy Williams, Steve Smith, and Cara Brewer. Executive Committee Member excused was Casey Green. NCHA Executive Director Jay Winborn, NCHA Treasurer Denise Williams, NCHA Director of Shows Shianne Megel and Cathy Marie Aleff were also in attendance from the NCHA office.

The Executive Committee meeting was called to order at 10:06AM and roll call was taken.

President Mark Senn addressed the members of the Executive Committee with the purpose of the call to discuss the Eastern Nationals and review a recommendation from the Members HOF Selection Committee.

### **EASTERN NATIONALS UPDATE – MARK SENN/SHIANNE MEGEL**

President Mark Senn opened with an update to the Executive Committee members that the Eastern Nationals will be down in entries this year as it has been trending over the past few years and based on that we are projected to lose a little money. This update was somewhat expected by the excitement and the success of the National Circuit Championship show immediately following the Super Stakes.

Current entries to date are at 419 with a projection to top out with about 450-460 which will still be down from last year of approximately 500 plus on the books. Entries at 500 is the breakeven point to produce this show and over the past couple of years we have managed to profit about \$75K. This year revenue will be down.

There was a Weekend Show Committee Call yesterday to discuss these findings and the consensus from the committee was to continue on with the Eastern Nationals for 2025 since people have already worked to qualify, adjust the published schedule to 8 days as recommended by the show department and extend the entry deadline by at least 10 days to see if we gain any more entries. It was also recommended that NCHA not change any qualifications for this show and move forward with the rules set in place.

Director of Shows Shianne Megel explained the schedule options provided below to the Weekend Show Committee and again today for the Executive Committee members for review. The schedule on the far left is the published 10-day show schedule based on the feedback NCHA received from the competitors last year. The budget that was approved for 2025 is reflected in the 8-day schedule provided in the middle. This schedule was built around the prior year actuals. There is also a shorter 6-day schedule provided on the right side to find some budget savings. This 6-day schedule would not accept any more entries.

The recommendation from the show department is the 8-day schedule below based on the numbers and sets in a day as budgeted.

President Mark Senn opened the floor for discussions from the committee members.

Published Schedule - 10 Days					Budgeted Schedule - 8 Days					Reduced Schedule - 6 Days				
Wednesday, Feb 26	Cotton Stakes Weekend Cutting				Wednesday, Feb 26	Cotton Stakes Weekend Cutting				Wednesday, Feb 26	Cotton Stakes Weekend Cutting			
Thursday, Feb 27	\$25,000 Novice 1st go	39	3x13	5	Thursday, Feb 27	\$25,000 Novice 1st go	39	3x13	8	Thursday, Feb 27	\$25,000 Novice 1st go	39	3x13	9
	\$2,000 Limited Rider 1st go	32	2x16			\$2,000 Limited Rider 1st go	32	2x16			\$2,000 Limited Rider 1st go	32	2x16	
Friday, February 28	\$5,000 Novice 1st go	42	3x14	5		\$5,000 Novice 1st go	42	3x14			\$5,000 Novice 1st go	42	3x14	
	\$2,000 LIMIT RIDER FINALS	13	1x13		Friday, February 28	Open 1st go	38	1x12, 2x13	6	Friday, February 28	Open 1st go	38	1x12	
	\$25,000 NOVICE FINALS	16	1x16			\$2,000 LIMIT RIDER FINALS	13	1x13			\$2,000 LIMIT RIDER FINALS	13	1x13	
Saturday, March 1	\$5,000 NOVICE FINALS	17	1x17	3		\$25,000 NOVICE FINALS	16	1x16			\$25,000 NOVICE FINALS	16	1x16	
	GRAND ENTRY				Saturday, March 1	\$15,000 Amateur 1st go	49	3x12, 1x13	6		\$5,000 NOVICE FINALS	17	1x17	
	Jr. Youth 1st go	10	1x10			GRAND ENTRY					\$15,000 Amateur 1st go	49	3x12, 1x13	
	Sr. Youth 1st go	13	1x13			Jr. Youth 1st go	10	1x10		Saturday, March 1	\$5,000 N/NP 1st go	24	2x12	7
	YOUTH TEAM CUTTING					Sr. Youth 1st go	13	1x13			GRAND ENTRY			
Sunday, March 2	Open 1st go	38	1x12, 2x13	5		YOUTH TEAM CUTTING					Jr. Youth 1st go	10	1x10	
	Junior Youth Finals	10	1x10		Sunday, March 2	\$5,000 N/NP 1st go	24	2x12	6		Sr. Youth 1st go	13	1x13	
	Senior Youth Finals	10	1x10			Junior Youth Finals	10	1x10			\$15,000 AMATEUR FINALS	20	2x10	
Monday, March 3	\$15,000 Amateur 1st go	49	3x12, 1x13	6		Senior Youth Finals	10	1x10			OPEN FINALS	16	1x16	
	\$5,000 N/NP 1st go	24	2x12			\$15,000 AMATEUR FINALS	20	2x10			YOUTH TEAM CUTTING			
Tuesday, March 4	\$15,000 AMATEUR FINALS	20	2x10	4	Monday, March 3	Non-Pro 1st go	38	1x12, 2x13	8	Sunday, March 2	Non-Pro 1st go	38	1x12, 2x13	9
	\$5,000 N/NP FINALS	10	1x10			\$35,000 Non Pro 1st go	36	3x12			\$35,000 Non Pro 1st go	36	3x12	
	OPEN FINALS	16	1x16			\$5,000 N/NP FINALS	10	1x10			Junior Youth Finals	10	1x10	
Wednesday, March 5	Non-Pro 1st go	38	1x12, 2x13	6		OPEN FINALS	16	1x16			Senior Youth Finals	10	1x10	
	\$35,000 Non Pro 1st go	36	3x12		Tuesday, March 4	Unlimited Amateur 1st go	43	2x14, 1x15	5		\$5,000 N/NP FINALS	10	1x10	
Thursday, March 6	Unlimited Amateur 1st go	43	2x14, 1x15	5		\$35,000 NON-PRO FINALS	15	1x15		Monday, March 3	Unlimited Amateur 1st go	43	2x14, 1x15	8
	\$35,000 NON-PRO FINALS	15	1x15			NON-PRO FINALS	16	1x16			\$35,000 NON-PRO FINALS	15	1x15	
Dinner	NON-PRO FINALS	16	1x16		Wednesday, March 5	\$50,000 Amt 1st go	42	3x14	6		NON-PRO FINALS	16	1x16	
Friday, March 7	\$50,000 Amt 1st go	42	3x14	6		\$25,000 N/NP 1ST GO	42	3x14			\$25,000 N/NP 1ST GO	42	3x14	
	\$25,000 N/NP 1ST GO	42	3x14		Thursday, March 6	UNLIMITED AMATEUR FINALS	38	1x18	3	Tuesday, March 4	\$50,000 Amt 1st go	42	3x14	6
Saturday, March 8	UNLIMITED AMATEUR FINALS	18	1x18	3		\$25,000 N/NP FINALS	17	1x17			UNLIMITED AMATEUR FINALS	18	1x18	
	\$25,000 N/NP FINALS	17	1x17		Dinner	\$50,000 AMT FINALS	17	1x17			\$25,000 N/NP FINALS	17	1x17	
	\$50,000 AMT FINALS	17	1x17		Friday, March 7					Wednesday, March 5				
					Saturday, March 8					Thursday, March 6				
										Friday, March 7				
										Saturday, March 8				

After much discussion, a **MOTION** was made by Kirby Smith and **SECONDED** by Sharon Overstreet to approve the continuation of the 2025 Eastern Nationals with the recommended 8-day schedule as proposed and extend the entry deadline by 7-10 days as deemed appropriate by staff. **MOTION PASSED unanimously by all EC members in attendance.**

The NCHA Office will distribute these schedule changes accordingly and announce the extension of the deadline for more entries.

## **MEMBERS HALL OF FAME RECOMMENDATION – BARNWELL RAMSEY**

President Elect Barnwell Ramsey addressed the members of the Executive Committee with the recommended list of inductees for the NCHA 2025 Class of Members Hall of Fame. Those members being recommended for induction are Ora Diehl of Ruskin, FL, Skip Jones of Amarillo, TX, Dean Rebhuhn of Woodinville, WA, and Ronnie Hodges of Adel, GA.

A **MOTION** was made by Kirby Smith and **SECONDED** by Phil Benadum to approve the recommended list from the Members Hall of Fame Selection Committee to induct Ora Diehl, Skip Jones, Dean Rebhuhn, and Ronnie Hodges in the NCHA 2025 Class of Members Hall of Fame. **MOTION PASSED unanimously by all EC members in attendance.**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

At this time, there is no old business to bring before the Executive Committee for discussion.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Currently, there is no new business to bring before the Executive Committee for discussion.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the committee, a **MOTION** was made by Barnwell Ramsey and **SECONDED** by Les Jack to adjourn the call at 10:25AM. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**