

**NCHA Executive Committee
Meeting Minutes
June 21, 2026 • 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM
Half Moon Bay Room
South Point Hotel • Las Vegas, Nevada**



A meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Cutting Horse Association was held Sunday, June 21, 2026, at the South Point Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada at the 2026 NCHA Annual Convention.

All Executive Committee members were present President Kathleen Moore, President-Elect David Costello, Vice President Chase Lackey, Les Jack, Phil Benadum, Ernie Beutenmiller Jr., Byron Green, Ora Diehl, Bradey Davis, Steve Smith, and Casey Green. NCHA Executive Director Jay Winborn, NCHA Treasurer Denise Williams, NCHA Director of Shows Shianne Megel, Membership Associate Dakota Pruitt, and Manager of Committee Relations Cathy Marie Aleff from NCHA staff were also in attendance at this meeting.

The Executive Committee meeting was called to order at 11:51 AM and roll call was taken.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS – KATHLEEN MOORE

President Kathleen Moore welcomed newly elected Vice President Chase Lackey and the new members of the Executive Committee: Phil Benadum has been retained to continue representing Region 2, Ernie Beutenmiller Jr. representing Region 3, and Bradey Davis representing Region 6.

PRESIDENT REMARKS – KATHLEEN MOORE

President Kathleen Moore addressed the new board with her expectations on the allegiances she would like the Executive Committee to operate under as they move forward making decisions for the association.

Kathleen would like to focus on the actions presented to the board and not get caught up in irrelevant discussions. She expects the members of this board to respect all comments and ideas from each involved and does not recommend raising voices during discussions. She is eager to lead this board by encouragement for positive collaboration as they address matters for the association.

Kathleen will make every effort to provide as much detail and information on topics when immediate actions are required to be taken with short timelines.

With all that being said, each member should adhere to the confidential procedures that circulate this board and mandate each individual's professionalism to alleviate any doubts or concerns.

CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENTS – JIM MORRIS

NCHA Legal Counsel Jim Morris presented the 2026-2027 NCHA Confidentiality and Non-Disclosure Agreements to be executed by each member. Emphasis was made on the roles embedded within the Confidentiality Agreement and the Policy Concerning Treatment of Confidentiality along with the Amended financial Disclosure Policy.

Jim also reiterated that all requests for information from the NCHA office be handled through Jay so he can appropriately assign the right department and staff member available to complete the task requested. This process also includes contacting Jim for any legal advice; this must be approved by the Executive Director.

In closing, Jim stated, if an Executive Committee member is contacted by a member of a party going through a grievance, please limit your conversation so that you are not subject to being overlooked from serving on an appeal committee, when requested.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REMARKS – JAY WINBORN

Executive Director Jay Winborn highlighted that he would like to continue functioning as a new era of the Executive Committee and the NCHA. He is fully committed, if he can get all the members of the Executive Committee to commit as well to focus on the best interest of the association and its members. The old days of personal agendas, backstabbing and witch hunts are over and have been for some time, let us not fall back in that pattern and move forward with mutual respect for all. The association is in the best place that it has ever been in, let us not damage that business operation.

EC TENTATIVE MEETING DATES (2026-2027)

- August 18-20, 2026 (Proposed)
- October 19-20, 2026 (Proposed)
- January 5-6, 2027 (Proposed)
- March 9-10, 2027 (Proposed)
- June 17 and 20, 2027 (Convention)
 - 2026 NCHA Convention (June 18-20, 2027)

The next in-person Executive Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for August 18-20, 2026.

OLD BUSINESS

LAE Spring Show Calendar (January – March)

2027 Requested	days	added \$	2026 Requested	days	Added \$	2025 Requested	days	Added \$	Show Name	Show City	State	Secretary
**Jan 2-13	12	\$228,500	Jan 1-10	10	\$191,000	Jan 3-12	10	\$161,000	Abilene Spectacular Cutting Event	Abilene	TX	Coleta Rosson
**Jan 16-24	9		Jan 10-17	8	\$350,000	Jan 11-18	8	\$350.00	47nd Annual Augusta Futurity & Classic	Jackson	MS	Gwen Coie
Jan 27-Feb 10	15	\$420,000	Jan 23-Feb 6	15	\$420,000	Jan 22-Feb 1	11	\$208,500	Winter Bash (2026)	Weatherford	TX	Kim Cox
Feb 18-27	10	\$226,000	Feb 11-22	11	\$220,000	Feb 11-23	13	\$198,000	Arbuckle	Ardmore	OK	Della Hillerman
Feb 24-28			Feb 25-Mar 6	10		Feb 27-Mar 8	10		Eastern Natl Championships	West Monroe	LA	NCHA
**Mar 3-13	11	\$274,000	Feb 27-Mar 8	9	\$150,000	Mar 1-9	9	150K/135K	The "Cattlemens" Derby & Classic	Graham	TX	Coleta Rosson
Mar 17-Apr 12			Mar 18-Apr 11	25		Mar 19-Apr 12			NCHA Super Stakes	Fort Worth	TX	NCHA
**Requesting additional days in 2027.												

A **MOTION** was made by Casey Green and **SECONDED** by Phil Bendaum to accept the proposed 2027 LAE Spring Calendar (Jan-Mar) as presented. **MOTION PASSED UNANOMOUSLY.**

EC Liaison Assignments

The Executive Committee discussed these options, and assignments were finalized to reflect the following:

NCHA Standing Committees	Staff Liaison	Staff Leader	EC Liaison
Affiliate Officers/Secretaries	Ashley Kanaman	Shianne Megel	Ernie Beutenmiller, Jr.
Amateur	Linda Welborn	Julie Davis	Chase Lackey
Finance and Audit (Investment Sub-Committee)	Denise Williams	Denise Williams	Ora Diehl Steve Smith
Governance	Cathy Aleff	Julie Davis	Ora Diehl
Growth and Development	Laura Salido	Shannon Stewart	Bradey Davis
Judges Rules	Emily Finch	Andy Adams	David Costello
Limited Age Events	Makinzie McFarland	Shianne Megel	Casey Green
Non-Professional	Suzie Rupert	Julie Davis	Les Jack
Professional Trainers	Logan Lynch	Shannon Stewart	Phil Benadum
Stallion Owners and Breeders	Allison Walker	Jay Winborn	Steve Smith
Weekend Show	Ashley Kanaman	Shianne Megel	Byron Green
Youth	Rianna Storey	Rianna Storey	Casey Green

NEW BUSINESS

Convention Attendance

President Kathleen Moore would like to look at possible changes to the convention to increase participation and attendance. She expressed her thoughts on the disappointing convention attendance turnout especially with multiple standing committees not meeting quorum and unable to conduct business.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Kathleen Moore placed the meeting into Executive Session to discuss NCHA recommendation.

GENERAL SESSION

President Kathleen Moore moved the meeting back into General Session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the committee, a **MOTION** was made by Ora Diehl and **SECONDED** by Les Jack to adjourn the meeting at 1:05 PM. **MOTION PASSED UNANOMOUSLY.**