

NCHA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CONFERENCE CALL MINUTES

June 2, 2021

2:00PM Central

A conference call of the Executive Committee of the National Cutting Horse Association was held on Tuesday, June 2, 2021 at 2:00PM central time.

Members present were: 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, Tatum Rice and outgoing President Steve Norris. Members excused were: Ernie Beutenmiller and Matt Miller. NCHA Executive Director Jay Winborn and Cathy Marie Aleff were also in attendance for this call.

The Executive Committee conference call was called to order by President Ora Diehl at 2:02PM and roll call was taken.

President Ora Diehl welcomed our new EC positions and gave thanks to our outgoing President Steve Norris.

WELCOME MESSAGE

President Ora Diehl addressed the members of the Executive Committee excited about the positive direction that the Association is headed. Ora is looking forward to surrounding herself with this committee and our Executive Director Jay Winborn. She is fully engaged and ready to serve as President of the National Cutting Horse Association for the 2021-2022 year. NCHA has the opportunity to celebrate the 75th year anniversary from when we were established back in 1946. Ora closed with a message she read, "If you would stop being afraid about what could go wrong and start being excited about what could go right, just imagine what we could get accomplished."

APPROVAL OF MINUTES/ STREAMLINING THE PROCESS

A **MOTION** was made by Ted Sokol and **SECONDED** by Tatum Rice to approve the minutes from the April 27, 2021 Executive Committee conference call with a suggestive edit to NCHA reference on page 2. **MOTION CARRIED.**

A **MOTION** was made by Tatum Rice and **SECONDED** by Kristen York to approve the minutes from the May 11, 2021 Executive Committee conference call. **MOTION CARRIED.**

A **MOTION** was made by Byron Green and **SECONDED** by Skip Jones to approve the minutes from the May 19, 2021 Executive Committee conference call. **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Executive Committee discussed a streamlined process to get the Executive Committee minutes approved and out earlier rather than later to the Directors and the members.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW EC POSITIONS

- President-Elect Ted Sokol
- Vice President Toddy Pitard
- Kristen York - Region 1 (Re-Elected)
- Tommy Williams – Region 6 (Elected)
- Skip Jones – Region 7 (Re-Elected)
- At Large – TBA (Election to take place after the annual meeting)

The Executive Committee was also provided an updated list of 2021-2022 NCHA Directors and Standing Committee Members for the Association.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACTIONS ON ARTICLE V, SECTION THREE

2020-2021

A **MOTION** was made by Skip Jones and **SECONDED** by Kristen York to act on Article V, Section Three, which states that the Executive Committee shall manage the affairs of the Association between meetings of the Board of Directors, and all powers of the Board of Directors shall be vested in the Executive Committee except the power to amend this Constitution and Bylaws and except as otherwise limited by the Board of directors or by statute. At all times, the Executive Committee shall be subject to the direction of the Board of directors, and the authority of the Executive Committee may be limited by the Board of Directors as the Board deems best. Ratifying the regional elections Board of Directors results given to the Executive Committee on May 29, 2020 reflecting the outcome of each regions Simply Voting tabulations. **MOTION PASSED.**

2021-2022

A **MOTION** was made by Kirby Smith and **SECONDED** by Byron Green to act on Article V, Section Three, which states that the Executive Committee shall manage the affairs of the Association between meetings of the Board of Directors, and all powers of the Board of Directors shall be vested in the Executive Committee except the power to amend this Constitution and Bylaws and except as otherwise limited by the Board of directors or by statute. At all times, the Executive Committee shall be subject to the direction of the Board of directors, and the authority of the Executive Committee may be limited by the Board of Directors as the Board deems best. Ratifying the regional elections Board of Directors results given to the Executive Committee on June 1, 2021 reflecting the outcome of each regions Simply Voting tabulations. **MOTION PASSED.**

AVAILABILITY FOR JUNE EC MEETING

President Ora Diehl requested with Vice President Toddy Pitard's suggestion that Cathy Marie Aleff submit a questionnaire to the members of the Executive Committee proposing two dates

for the next in person EC Meeting with the option of either June 22, 23, 24 or June 29-30 and July 1. Results will be determined by majority for the June meeting dates. This upcoming meeting is scheduled to be videoed to share with the members so that they can get a feel for how we operate and who each member on the committee is and who they represent.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATES

Executive Director Jay Winborn addressed the members of the Executive Committee by recognizing Steve Norris and his successful run as NCHA President during this past year with the unprecedented pandemic. Jay also welcomed Ora Diehl, Ted Sokol and Toddy Pitard to their new positions as well as Tommy Williams to the Executive Committee.

Triple Crown Entries

Jay provided a quick update with the 2021 Summer Spectacular entries by an increase of 12% from last year with some in the Open and more in the Amateur and Non Pro. As for the 2021 Futurity, we are at 621 in the Open and 175 in the Non Pro as of today.

A suggestion was made by Vice President Toddy Pitard to go back and compare entries to the 2018 and 2019 stats as well.

Office Updates

Jay Winborn also provided an update on some changes in the office. The IT department has implemented a new search engine to launch to the membership for easy access on show entries. He encouraged all members to go out to the Summer Spectacular entry page and try it out. ACH payment process is still a work in progress and getting closer to a release, goal is to make payments more convenient for our members. There are also some additional updates to the website that will enhance performance and provide a better experience for our members.

Jay also added that the production of the new concept introduced to the Executive Committee back at the March 17-18 meeting is well on the way.

Executive Committee member Byron Green expressed gratitude for getting the 2021 NCHA Super Stakes televised on the Cowboy Channel.

Jay closed with his enthusiasm that on how things are moving in the right direction for the association as we come out of this pandemic. Our future for the NCHA looks promising.

TENTATIVE EC MEETING DATES

2021-2022

- June 2, 2021 - Conference Call
- June 22-24, 2021 - NCHA Office
- August 24-26, 2021 - NCHA Office
- October 19-20, 2021 - NCHA Office
- January 12, 2022 - Conference Call
- March 22-23, 2022 - NCHA Office
- May 10, 2022 - Conference Call
- June 2, 2022 - TBD (Convention)
- June 3-5, 2022 - NCHA Convention

OLD BUSINESS

A couple of the Executive Committee members requested to revisit the expedited show approval process that is scheduled to expire at the end of July.

After much discussion, the Executive Committee made the decision moving forward to let the amended expedited show approval process expire effective July 31st as motioned and passed at the last March 17-18 EC Meeting. The show approval process will revert back to the original form effective August 1st.

NEW BUSINESS

- Skip Jones recommended that the Executive Committee review the rollback rule for open competition at our leveled shows with emphasis on Hall of Fame riders being able to rollback to the intermediate class.

A **MOTION** was made by Skip Jones and **SECONDED** by Sharon Overstreet to send this rollback item to the Competition Committee to re-evaluate this rollback process and provide feedback to the Executive Committee by the August meeting. **MOTION PASSED.**

- There were concerns raised by Tommy Williams with the entry forms being delivered to the NCHA office by deadlines with the delay in the US mail system.
- Concerns were raised by Rock Hedlund and Byron Green that shows have been altered last minute at end of point year which allowed opportunities for members to show twice in one day.
- Recommendation was made by Toddy Pitard to be more transparent with how EC votes are recorded in the minutes, members have a right to know how the EC members are voting. To add to this recommendation, agenda and all back up materials should be distributed two weeks prior to meetings for the opportunity to address agenda items with Directors in each region. The Executive Committee should not be required to hear

last minute items that are not on the agenda unless it is an urgent matter.

A **MOTION** was initiated by Toddy Pitard and **RESCINDED**. This item regarding EC agendas and revised minutes format will be added to the agenda for the next EC meeting.

- Request was made by Skip Jones to evaluate and look at developing a program to assist the smaller Futurities in the fall. This program would offer an invitational process where you invite the top horses at the smaller Futurities to Fort Worth at the NCHA Futurity to compete under a separate class with added money.
- Request was made by Rock Hedlund to review the Amateur division at the NCHA Futurity by opening it up to 3YO horses that have been shown at smaller Futurities.
- Recommendation was made by Kirby Smith to get a status update on the National Circuit Program and Circuit Finals.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the committee, a **MOTION** was made by Rock Hedlund and **SECONDED** by Skip Jones to adjourn the meeting at 3:43PM. **MOTION PASSED.**