

NCHA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CONFERENCE CALL MINUTES

November 14, 2025

2:30PM Central

A conference call of the Executive Committee of the National Cutting Horse Association was held on Friday, November 14, 2025, beginning at 2:30PM central time.

Executive Committee members present were President Barnwell Ramsey, President-Elect Kathleen Moore, Vice President David Costello, Les Jack, Phil Benadum, Kirby Smith, Ora Diehl, Tommy Williams, Steve Smith, and Casey Green. Executive Committee member excused was Byron Green. NCHA Executive Director Jay Winborn, NCHA Treasurer Denise Williams, NCHA Director of Shows Shianne Megel, NCHA Data Technology Administrator Kelley Hartranft and Cathy Marie Aleff were all in attendance at this meeting.

The Executive Committee meeting was called to order at 2:31PM and roll call was taken.

President Barnwell Ramsey stated the purpose of the call to discuss an issue that has been brought to the attention of the committee regarding the Open Semi Finals at the Futurity.

OPEN SEMI FINALS ISSUE

Executive Director Jay Winborn updated the members of the Executive Committee that at the time of the Futurity draw, there were 601 horses entered in the Open Division. Based on the Futurity Terms and Conditions, 601 Open entries would take 75 entries back to the Open Semi finals. After the draw, it was brought to the attention of the office that one of those entries was incorrectly left in the Open and should have been moved to the Non Pro prior to the draw. Moving that entry to the Non Pro caused the number of entries to drop to 600 – which would only take 60 horses to the Semi Finals per the Terms and Conditions.

The Executive Committee discussed the situation in a round table fashion and debated 60 vs 75.

After discussing, a **MOTION** was made by Kirby Smith and **SECONDED** by Ora Diehl to take 75 back to the Open-Semis because at the time of the draw there were a total of 601 entries. **MOTION PASSED by majority of the roll call vote taken with seven (7) committee members FOR (Les Jack, Phil Benadum, Kirby Smith, Ora Diehl, Tommy Williams, Steve Smith and Kathleen Moore) and two (2) committee members AGAINST (Casey Green and David Costello). Executive Committee member Byron Green was not in attendance for this vote.**

NEW BUSINESS

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

OLD BUSINESS

Currently, there is no old 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 Ora Diehl and **SECONDED** by Les Jack to adjourn the call at 3:01PM. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**