

December 29, 2012

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Dear Officers:

We are a group of NCHA members and NCHA State Directors from six states who are making a formal charge as provided for in the 2012 NCHA Rule Book.

As a group we are sick and tired of the verbal harassment, vile attacks and intimidating behavior of the following individuals:

Mr. Ron Pietrafeso

Ms. Kristen York

Mr. Jim Cox

Specifically: The on-going virulent assault on Mr. Dave Brian, Mr. Russell McCord, Mr. Rick Ivey, Mr. Jim Morris and other NCHA staff members is a violation of Standing Rule 39 and Section II of our Bylaws and Constitution. "Cleaning House" and the general dismissal of NCHA employees is beyond the duties and responsibilities of NCHA State Directors. To say these three are out of control is an understatement. The Rule Book clearly provides a clear path for change, which does not include belligerent behavior, intimidation, nor, financial destruction.

Ernie, you have placated these individuals and worked both sides of the aisle. Stand up for the members that enjoy NCHA!! We have been told you not only judged in Colorado, but held meetings with competitors, while there. Say it isn't so, please.

Other issues: The on-going text messages between York and Alan Steen during the recent NCHA Directors meeting in Fort Worth did not go unnoticed and brings into question her real motives and desire to humiliate NCHA. Her motives are questionable, but lives for recognition. Big mistake to have on the Amateur Committee.

Mr. Pietrafeso's financial interest in the 2013 Western Nationals in Las Vegas, Nevada is a big problem for our group. He had a dog in the hunt and was part and parcel of the Las Vegas bid. His written and

formal assessment of the Reno, Nevada facility was made without ever stepping into the building or attending the 2012 event. NCHA must have the formal files on all this nonsense created by Steen and Pietrafeso. For a fact Steen was in on the Las Vegas bid. Pietrafeso leaves the Directors meeting and verbally assaults the Western Blood Stock staff, stops the sale and insults the NCHA and Western Bloodstock with his comments. Someone we all need to listen to!

Jim Cox is a follower and a non-participant in any and all NCHA events or activities but a leader in dissention and misinformation, bordering on outright falsehood. He cultivates the most unhappy among NCHA members. We were told his remarks at the Directors meeting verged on babble.

The verbal stench created by these individuals has had a negative effect on our Texas "Special" Monies. Members of our group from California believe these three individuals have soured and impacted our relationship with the State of Texas. York, Alan Steen and Mark Rutherford have participated in bashing NCHA through social media and direct Texas contacts to influence the flow of NCHA Fort Worth Special Events money. It remains to be seen what the outcome of this upheaval will be, but serious under any circumstances carried out by disgruntled, ill-informed NCHA members.

NCHA leadership must be ready for difficult times ahead. Destructive behaviors based on personal agendas will not go away soon, even at the cost of beating a good organization into the ground.

Appoint your hearing committee and force the issue. The turmoil must be met with strength and leadership, knowing full well "cherry picking" issues is always a popular topic which covers up positive work in other areas. We are long on sheep and short on cattle!!!

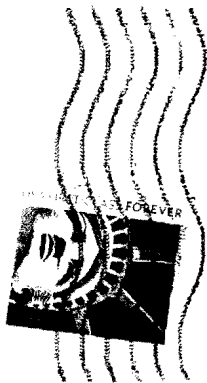
Sincerely,

The Gang of Twenty-One

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