

ALAN STEEN AND NCHA SETTLE LAWSUIT OUT OF COURT

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Late last night while most of us were sleeping, Alan Steen, the short-term Executive Director of the NCHA, and NCHA leaders and lawyers hammered out the resolution to the lawsuit that Alan Steen had filed against the NCHA. Although Steen is unable to give out all the details of the settlement, he did say that he came out of the lawsuit with the amount of money he had invested or lost during his short-term employment, which was all that he wanted financially. He said he “did not want to hurt the members.”

On another note, members of the NCHA Board of Directors from across the United States are meeting in Fort Worth during the NCHA Futurity in numbers they hope will be enough to change several of the major problems within the association.

During the past few days, Barry Schlachter, a writer for the Fort Worth Star Telegram has written an article regarding the recent upheaval within the NCHA and it should be published shortly. He gives the history of the current problems within the association and interviewed NCHA officials as well as several disgruntled members. When the article comes out, I will provide a link to it.

Hopefully with all of the above taking place, there will be some major changes made within the NCHA, an organization which has not only taken a hit from the economy but whose members have been jumping ship due to what many are calling “ineffective leadership.”