

**NCHA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
TELEPHONIC MEETING
JUNE 18, 2018**

A telephonic meeting of the NCHA Executive Committee was held on Monday, June 18, 2018, at 4:00 p.m., CDT. Those present were President Phil Rapp, President-Elect Ron Pietrafeso, Vice President Steve Norris, Ernie Beutenmiller, Rock Hedlund, Skip Jones, Jay Klamon, Matt Miller, Tommy Neal, Lachlan Perks, David Pilcher, Tatum Rice, Ronnie Smith, and Kristen York. Also present were NCHA Interim Executive Director Lewis Wray, NCHA Legal Counsel Jim Morris, NCHA Chief Operating Officer Cathy Cheugh and Executive Assistant Cathy Aleff.

HORSE SUBSTITUTION FOR NCHA TRIPLE CROWN EVENTS

Interim Executive Director Lewis Wray advised the members of a situation wherein a horse entered in the Summer Stakes had died at a show in Las Vegas. The owner has a certificate of death certified by a veterinarian. The owner of the horse has inquired whether he must pay the substitution fee to enter another horse he owns in the Summer Stakes.

After discussion, **MOTION** was made by Tatum Rice and **SECONDED** by Rock Hedlund that if a horse that is paid up to enter the Summer Spectacular, and that horse subsequently dies, the owner of the deceased horse may enter another horse he owns into the Summer Spectacular without being assessed a fee or penalty. Further, the Executive Committee will charge the Limited Age Events Committee with reviewing and considering changing the rule for other shows. After further discussion, **MOTION PASSED**.

PROPOSED REVISION TO STANDING RULE 20

NCHA Legal Counsel Jim Morris presented a draft of a proposed revision to Standing Rule 20. Discussion ensued regarding the ambiguity of the current verbiage of the rule, especially for new members. After further discussion, **MOTION** was made by Skip Jones and **SECONDED** by Kristen York to adopt the revision to Standing Rule 20, as amended:

STANDING RULE 20 (EC APPROVED VERSION 6/18/18)

*Each horse is allotted two and one-half (2 ½) minutes to work during a run.
The working time starts when the rider crosses the official time line.
As soon as the horse, owner and rider's name are called to the herd by the announcer (the "Rider Announcement"), the announcer will start the 1-2 ½ minute clock to let the rider know how much time the rider has to cross the official time line and begin the rider's run. If the rider has helped the contestant immediately preceding the rider's run or has drawn back to back in the working order, the rider will have 2 ½ minutes from the Rider Announcement to cross the official time line and start their run. If the rider has not helped the contestant immediately preceding the rider's run or has not drawn back to back in the working order, the*

rider will have 1 minute from the time of the Rider Announcement to cross the official time line and start their run. This is referred to as the 1-2 ½ Minute Clock.

If the rider fails to cross the official time line in the time allotted under the 1-2 ½ Minute Clock, a buzzer will sound and one additional minute will be added to the 1- 2 ½ Minute Clock. This buzzer is the only warning that the rider will receive relating to the 1- 2 ½ Minute Clock. If the rider receives any additional buzzers relating to the 1- 2 ½ Minute Clock at any time during that show, it will result in a \$500 fine per occurrence (i.e.- second buzzer is a \$500 fine, third buzzer is an additional \$500 fine, etc.) All fines assessed under this rule must be paid prior to the rider's exhibiting a horse in any future NCHA produced event.

All NCHA produced events will use the 1- 2 ½ Minute Clock as described above. It will be optional for all other NCHA sanctioned events to use the 1- 2 ½ Minute Clock as described above.

REVIEW OF LIMITED AGE SHOW PRODUCERS

Lewis Wray advised the Executive Committee that a conference call with Cheryl Callis, Chair of the Limited Age Show Producers, has been set for Thursday, June 21, 2018, at 9:00 a.m., CDT to address the issue of conflicting dates with other premier shows. The LAE Show Producers are requesting adjustments to the schedule.

REVIEW OF CURRENT GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

Interim Executive Director Lewis Wray advised the members that the appeal in the Dufurrena is moving forward. A conference call is scheduled for July 6 and an Appeals meeting is scheduled to take place in NCHA offices on July 9.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION was made by Ron Pietrafeso and **SECONDED** by Ernie Beutenmiller to move the meeting into executive session. **MOTION PASSED.**

GENERAL SESSION

MOTION was made by Ron Pietrafeso and **SECONDED** by Jay Klamon to move the meeting into general session.

NEW BUSINESS

YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP CUTTING DEADLINE EXTENSION

Discussion was held regarding the advisability of extending the Youth Scholarship Cutting deadline. **MOTION** was made by Ernie Beutenmiller and **SECONDED** by Tatum Rice to extend the deadline from June 13 with a 10-day grace period to July 16, 2018, 5:00 p.m., CDT, with no grace period. **MOTION PASSED.**

BOX SEATS AT DICKIES ARENA

Lewis Wray advised the committee that Angie Highland has contacted the Dickies Arena box seats contract personnel regarding securing box seats for NCHA. Ms. Highland was advised that currently none are available and that NCHA will be placed on a waiting list until further notice.

Dickies Arena is the newest addition to the Will Roger's Event Complex and will mark the opening of major entertainment venue for the city of Fort Worth. By purchasing a box at the event center, the NCHA will have the opportunity to be more involved with the community and entertainment events that will take place at Dickies Arena. Having a presence at these types of venues will allow for more exposure in the community and increase brand recognition for the association. NCHA has a long-standing relationship with the city of Fort Worth and should support new opportunities, like this entertainment venue.

NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL RODEO EVENT

Interim Executive Director Lewis Wray advised the committee that he has received a call from Kathy Daughn regarding NCHA having a presence at this event and the possibility of presenting a clinic while there. After discussion, Rock Hedlund and Kristen York agreed to facilitate a clinic. Kristen York will act as the point of contact for the event. Any NCHA DVD's and marketing materials currently inhouse will be sent to Kristen York.

Our association's goal has been to grow our membership and get more of the youth involved in the sport of cutting. By allowing the NCHA to host a clinic during the National High School Rodeo Finals we believe that it will not only make the youth more successful at the sport but promote the association and the industry to the youth and their families.

A majority of the parents have chosen to have their kids compete at the NHSRA events or other local cutting events due to the lower costs and family atmosphere. We need to show these parents that NCHA has a strong youth program that is committed to seeing the youth and their families get more involved in the industry and have success in the show pen

2018 SUPER STAKES ADJUSTMENTS

Discussion was held regarding the disposition of the approximately \$2500 that was inappropriately paid out recently to the owner of a stallion that had not been subscribed to the Stallion Breeders Program. After discussion, **MOTION** was made by Ron Pietrafeso and **SECONDED** by Steve Norris to have NCHA Controller James Burris contact each individual affected by this payout to offer the following options: 1) accept a check even if the amount is as low as \$0.37, 2) decline the receipt of a check, or 3) donate the assigned earnings to the NCHA Foundation. Further, regardless of their decision, all earnings will be reported appropriately to Equistat. **MOTION PASSED.**

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Executive Committee, **MOTION** was made by Skip Jones and **SECONDED** by Rock Hedlund to adjourn the meeting. **MOTION PASSED.**