

**NCHA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
TELEPHONIC MEETING
SEPTEMBER 20, 2018**

A telephonic meeting of the NCHA Executive Committee was held on September 20, 2018. Those present were: President Phil Rapp, President-Elect Ron Pietrafeso, Vice President Steven Norris, Ernie Beutenmiller, Rock Hedlund, Skip Jones, Matt Miller, Tommy Neal, Lachlan Perks, David Pilcher, Tatum Rice, Ronnie Smith and Kristin York. Also present were NCHA Interim Executive Director Lewis Wray, NCHA Chief Operating Officer Catherine Cheugh and NCHA Lobbyist Jim Short.

President Phil Rapp called the meeting to order and asked David Pilcher to lead the committee in prayer.

Update from NCHA Lobbyist Jim Short

Mr. Short brought the Executive Committee members up to date regarding Texas Lt. Governor Dan Patrick's request for an audit of the Texas Major Events Trust Program. Mr. Short advised the members that the request is routine and that there is no suggestion that the MERP will be discontinued. President Rapp thanked Mr. Short for the information.

Box Sponsorship Letter Update

NCHA Interim Executive Director Lewis Wray advised the members that the letter notifying current box seat holders of the change to a box sponsorship program have gone out and that the information also is on the NCHA website and social media sites.

Youth Committee Status

President-Elect Ron Pietrafeso advised the Executive Committee that the Youth Committee is now complete and that the Committee members elected Michael Simmons as Chair and Cindy Smith as Vice Chair. Mr. Pietrafeso reported that a job description is being developed for a Youth Coordinator and that Youth Committee member Janet Cagley is leading the effort. Mr. Pietrafeso advised the Executive Committee that it is the intent of the Youth Committee to split into various subcommittees in order to assist in attaining Youth Committee goals and thereby dividing the work equitably for all.

Executive Committee to Explore and Refine Long-Range Planning Committee Proposal for Internal Audit

It was determined that this subcommittee be comprised of David Pilcher, Lachlan Perks, Steve Smith, Jim Gandy and James Rutherford.

Director of Judges Search Committee

Chair of the Executive Committee Subcommittee for Director of Judges Search Rock Hedlund reported to the members the progress of the group to date. He advised that the position will be advertised in *Cutting Horse Chatter* in November, and that the position opening along with a position description and application will be posted on the NCHA website and social media sites as of October 19, 2018. The solicitation of applicants will be closed as of December 31, 2018. Mr. Hedlund reported that it is the goal of the Subcommittee to recommend 2-3 candidates for the Executive Committee to interview at the January Executive Committee.

Executive Session

MOTION was made by David Pilcher and **SECONDED** by Ernie Beutenmiller to move the meeting into Executive Session. **MOTION PASSED.**

General Session

MOTION was made by Rock Hedlund and **SECONDED** by Steven Norris to move the meeting back into General Session. **MOTION PASSED.**

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Executive Committee **MOTION** was made by Ernie Beutenmiller and **SECONDED** by Steven Norris to adjourn the meeting. **MOTION PASSED.**