

# **Minutes of the Montana Cutting Horse Association (MCHA)**

## **Board of Directors Meeting**

*November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019*  
*Teleconference*

Vice President Kathy Foote called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

**Directors Present:** Vice President Kathy Foote, Shaun Strickland, Jann Parker, Ashley Lee, Gayle Weber, and Kelly Zelikovitz

**Directors Present by Proxy through Vice President Kathy Foote:** President Jeremy Young, Joe Kalt and Brian Anderson

**Others Present:** Secretary/Treasurer Kelly Fraser, Board Members Elect: Roy Oliver, Nancy LaCounte & Michelle Van Dyke, and Kelsey Fraser

**Meeting Minutes:** The minutes of the September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 BOD teleconference meetings were passed unanimously on a voice vote.

### **OLD OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **Year End Show Recap**

Vice President asked Secretary/Treasurer Kelly Fraser to give a recap of the Shoot-out. Secretary/Treasurer Kelly Fraser said the Calcutta netted \$2825 and the pay out was \$1412.51. There was an added expense of the cattle donated by MCHA of \$625.00. Vice President Kathy Foote discussed the need next year to charge the participants a cow charge to cover the cost of cattle. Kelly Zelikovitz noted in the past there had not been a cattle charge, but it needs to be revisited so MCHA does not lose money on the Shoot-out.

Kelly Zelikovitz thanked Nancy LaCounte for taking over the awards for 2020. She said Bambi had done an amazing job in the past and thanked her for her hard work. Roy Oliver asked the Board about the possibility of moving the banquet to a new location for 2020. Shaun Strickland discussed the ease of having the banquet at Millers, allowing members to take care of their horses and not having to worry about getting changed. There was a discussion regarding prior banquets being a more formal affair as well as the success of the banquet held at the Laurel Country Club. Vice President Kathy Foote said the January planning meeting would be a great place to discuss the possibility of a venue change.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **2020 Election Results**

Vice President Kathy Foote asked Secretary/Treasurer Kelly Fraser to recap the election results. Secretary/Treasurer Kelly Fraser told the Board Vice President Elect was Ashley

Lee, Board Members Elect were Roy Oliver, Nancy LaCounte and Michelle Van Dyke. She said the language change to Rule #4 passed. Vice President Kathy Foote thanked the Board members leaving the Board and welcomed the Board members elect.

### **Show Schedule**

Vice President Kathy Foote shared with the Board the possibility of Heart K selling. This will have an impact on the two proposed Livingston shows as the possible new owners do not want to allow events. Vice President Kathy Foote said she and Vice President Elect Ashley Lee have been working on other locations for shows. Discussion followed regarding possible arenas. She encouraged all the Board members to come forward with possible locations to contact.

Kelly Zelikovitz discussed a possible second Big Piney show over the September 3-6 weekend. This may replace one of the proposed Livingston shows. She said there are three possible Utah shows for MCHA to approve for the reciprocal approval of Big Piney. The three shows are in April, May and October. The Board discussed the possibility of approving Wright, WY again in 2020. Jann Parker said all the shows should be on the tentative schedule. She noted there is a great distance between Wright, WY and Ogden, UT and each show would draw from different regions.

Kelsey Fraser asked about approving the SDCHA cutting during the Black Hills Stock Show in January. The Board discussed the time of year and travel conditions. Jann Parker and Shaun Strickland noted the Stock Show is a great venue and a great show. Jann Parker said as a Board it is our responsibility to put shows on the schedule and allow the membership to decide what shows to possibly attend.

Secretary/Treasurer Kelly Fraser asked the Board about the possibility of approving Medora, ND. It was discussed by the Board to help all the surrounding affiliates and try to include some additional shows on our schedule. Kelly Zelikovitz made a motion to include all the shows discussed to be put on a schedule to be presented to the membership and note that the schedule is "tentative pending Board approval". Motion seconded by Jann Parker and carried on a voice vote.

### **MCHA Flag Purchase**

Kelsey Fraser and Roy Oliver had researched possible flags for MCHA to purchase. Kelsey Fraser discussed the benefits of the Pro Cutter over Cow Track. She felt the best option and best price would be the Pro Cutter at \$2299. She also discussed selling the actual flag to a sponsor. Kelly Zelikovitz made a motion to buy the Pro Cutter flag with free shipping and warranty for \$2299. Seconded by Gayle Weber and passed on a voice vote.

### **MCHA License Plate**

Secretary/Treasurer Kelly Fraser let the Board know that during the last legislative session there were new laws passed regarding the Specialty Plates. She said an organization must have 400 registered plates and currently MCHA only had 368. The plates are a significant

income generator for MCHA at around \$5500 per year. The Board discussed possible ways to get people to buy MCHA plates. It was decided to do an eblast encouraging people to buy the plates and to make sure it is pushed on Facebook. The Board feels that if membership knew how much money it brings to MCHA they would be more likely to purchase the plate.

### **MCHA Old Clock**

Secretary/Treasurer Kelly Fraser said the old clock display works fine with all the parts from the new clock. She said if the Board wished to buy parts to complete the old clock it would cost \$664 and if they wished to purchase a new horn it would be an additional \$149. The Board decided that at this time there was no need to spend the money, but it may be revisited next year.

### **MCHA January Planning Meeting**

Vice President Kathy Foote asked the Board if there was any objection to meeting in Bozeman again in January 2020. The Board felt that was a good location. She asked for Board members to let her know if there were certain dates that they would not be available.

### **MCHA Directors Positions to Fill**

Vice President Kathy Foote let the Board know that President Jeremy Young would not be fulfilling his director seat for 2020 and that a replacement for Ashley Lee would be needed as she moves into the Vice President position. She told the Board the results from the election showed that the next two elected people would be Renea Williams and Kelsey Fraser. Kelly Zelikovitz made the motion to appoint Renea Williams and Kelsey Fraser to fill the 1-year terms created by the move of Ashley Lee to Vice President and the resignation of President Jeremy Young. Seconded by Gayle Weber and passed on a voice vote.

### **NCHA Update**

Vice President Kathy Foote gave an update on the new Executive Director for NCHA, Jay Winborn. Jay came from the NRCHA and had done an amazing job for that organization. She said NCHA is also currently working on changing the governing laws of NCHA.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.