

Minutes of the Montana Cutting Horse Association (MCHA)
Board of Directors' Meeting

February 1st, 2021
Via Zoom

President Will Nuttall called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

Directors Present: President Will Nuttall, Vice President Cindy Garoutte, Nancy LaCounte, Kelsey Fraser, Wylie Fraser, Kathy Foote, Michelle Van Dyke, Roy Oliver, and Alison Anderson

Others Present: Secretary/Treasurer Kelly Fraser

The minutes of the January 2nd Board of Directors' meeting had been distributed to the Board members prior to the meeting. Minutes were approved on a voice vote.

OLD OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Dillon MT Cutting

President Will Nuttall said that the show planning is moving along. They have decided to do 3 weekend shows over 4 days and 2 LAE shows over 4 days.

Crazy Mountain Cutting

President Will Nuttall told the Board that Jan & Niko contacted Kathy Foote about a possible show two weeks prior to the scheduled May 26-30 Crazy Mountain Cutting at Heart K Arena. Kathy Foote said that they proposed a show May 13-16 and had said we can leave the cutting pen set up and would be ready to roll over into the May 26-30 show. Kathy had looked into area shows and did not see a conflict with the new May dates. The Board agreed that these dates would work. They felt that 3 shows over 4 days would be a good format to continue with. Kathy Foote said that there are plenty of cattle available for both shows.

Secretary/Treasurer Kelly Fraser asked the Board if they were aware of the Boise Valley show that was scheduled May 28-30. Will Nuttall volunteered to contact Cathy Carpenter and see if there is a possibility of them moving their show.

NEW BUSINESS:

Great Falls Show

President Will Nuttall said he had been in contact with Todd Banner regarding a possible show in Great Falls. Todd only had cattle available the first weekend in May this year, which Will did not think could work for this year's schedule. He instead wanted to put a possible July 15-18 date on the schedule for now to hopefully work toward.

Corvallis Show

President Will Nuttall told the Board he wanted to see a show in Corvallis at the Sapphire arena, which has new owners and is now called the 5C Arena. He told the Board that there is a strong possibility that Western Nations may not happen this year. Will felt the Board should consider the dates for a Corvallis show on what would be the first weekend of Western Nationals, June 24-27. He would like to see the dates put on our show calendar same as Great Falls.

The Board decided to put the Great Falls and Corvallis show dates on our calendar and mark them as pending.

Big Piney Show

Secretary/Treasurer Kelly Fraser told the Board that she had received a request from Andi James to have a written proposal from MCHA to the James Family detailing what the payment to them will be as show managers and to list what is expected of them. Kelly told the Board that Andi would also like to add days to the show and wants to make sure that is what everyone agrees with. Kelsey Fraser said that if Andi is show manager, she should have the authority to make the decisions that are best for the show. Kelly said she would draft a contract to send to Will and Cindy for review and after they approve it will be sent to the rest of the Board. Kelly said that Andi is also having trouble getting portable stalls for the show. The supplier that they worked with last year was out of Canada, and at this time they are not sure they can get stalls across the border.

President Will Nuttall told the Board that he would appreciate any Board member who has ideas or wishes about possible shows to please bring it to everyone's attention. He would like to see more shows in the works.

President Will Nuttall adjourn the meeting at 7:36 p.m.