

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

*March 3rd, 2021
Via Zoom*

President Will Nuttall called the meeting to order at 6:36 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 February 1st 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:

MCHA Membership Poll

This has been tabled for discussion until a later date.

NEW BUSINESS:

Corvallis Show

President Will Nuttall thanked the Board members for calling in to discuss possible dates for the Corvallis show. He presented to the Board the idea of having two shows over 10 days in Corvallis at the 5C Arena with a two-day break in between. Kelsey Fraser noted that this would make it more appealing for haulers as it could make it worth their while to come to Montana for a long duration. Cindy Garoutte clarified that the dates would encompass June 20th to July 2nd. Kelly Fraser pointed out it may be important to show over the weekend of June 25-27 to attract those individuals that may not be able to come to a show during the week. Will stated he would like to be done before the July 4th weekend as that is an important family vacation for most people. Michelle Van Dyke expressed concern that the proposed length of the show dates are too long to be a profitable venture. Roy Oliver and Ali Anderson feel that this could be a great show option. They both felt strongly that it is important to make this show fun with the possibility of clinics or family friendly BBQ. After discussion Will felt that it may be best for the association to have 5 shows over 6 days or 4 shows over 5 days. Ali Anderson made the motion for MCHA to produce a show at the 5C Arena in Corvallis, the details of the exact dates are yet to be determined. Roy Oliver seconded; motion carried on a voice vote. Will clarified the individuals who make up the "Task Force"; Will Nuttall, Roy Oliver, Wylie Fraser, Ali Anderson, Kelsey Fraser, and Cindy Garoutte. These individuals will be responsible for pulling the details of the show together. Roy Oliver and Wylie Fraser will be responsible for contacting possible cattle suppliers.

Will asked if there had been any discussion with 5C Arena regarding sand. The Board felt that it will be necessary to haul in sand for both the show pen and loping pen. Cindy said that there are currently 10 RV hookups and 35 to 50 stalls. Cindy has been working on portable stalls and currently has 80 scheduled to be delivered. She is continuing to work on additional portables. Kathy Foote expressed concern of having a show that large and not having more stalls available to participants. Will said there is always the possibility of stalling around the Bitterroot Valley as had been done in the past.

Kelly Fraser asked the Board if MCHA would still consider the July dates in Great Falls. Will said at this time he does not feel MCHA would have the ability to pull a show together there. Those dates will be taken off the current show schedule. Kelly also asked about the fall Crazy Mountain Show dates and if that was something MCHA was going to pursue. Will said at this time there are several LAE's on the books for September which does not leave MCHA room to produce a show. He said this topic could be revisited sometime after Corvallis.

Will brought up the possibility of approving the Bonina Cutting in Eltopia, WA May 21-23 and the Boise Valley Cutting Horse Assoc. show in Star ID May 28-30. He understood some individuals may be concerned with how this could affect year end awards but on the other hand maybe it will encourage people to get out and go cut. Will also feels this would be good show of support for surrounding affiliates since Montana has received support in the past by heavy Washington, Oregon, and Idaho participants at MCHA produced shows. Roy Oliver made the motion to approve both shows. Motion was seconded by Ali Anderson and passed on a voice vote.

President Will Nuttall adjourn the meeting at 7:33 p.m.