

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

April 2nd, 2025 Via Zoom

President Doug Pearce called the meeting to order at 7:03pm

Directors Present: President Doug Pearce, Vice President Ashley Lee, Jann Parker, Michelle Van Dyke, Cody Lee, John Delmonte and Cindy Fraser

Directors Excused: Mike Hoffman, Cindy Fraser

Others Present: Secretary/Treasurer Valee Miller & Andi James

OLD OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

President Doug Pearce welcomed everyone to the meeting, Secretary Valee Miller called for the Roll Call.

President Doug Pearce welcomed Andi James. He brought up discussion with Andi James on whether the board liked Schedule Option A or Schedule Option B.

Kelly Fraser brought up the subject of adding re- run classes to help with scheduling of the Big Piney show. She discussed the board needed to decide if they were planning on all fresh cattle or adding some used cattle classes before deciding on a schedule.

Jann Parker discussed that she preferred the shorter schedule to try not to drag it out for as many days. The board, as a whole, felt that the majority of contestants would prefer to not be in Big Piney an extra day. Jann Parker also brought up the option of some of the jackpot class people could step up in their entry to the fresh cattle classes if they didn't want to show on used cattle.

Michelle Van Dyke appreciated the shorter days last year. She thought that last year was a good set up. Michelle Van Dyke would like to go with the rerun cattle option due to time restraints. Andi James stated that the Banquet & Auction does better on Saturday night as there is more people in attendance.

Thursday is going to be the longest day of the event. The goal is to not have more than 10 classes a day.

Ashley Lee suggested either starting the weekend on reruns or finish on reruns. Cody Lee stated that you need to start your show with your best cattle. Doug Pearce reiterated that there would need to be additional penning necessary for the used cattle to be kept in.

Jann Parker suggested making a surcharge for the cattle fee to help cover the costs of cattle, as they are so expensive this year. Andi James said the minimum price for cattle will be \$45 per head.

President Doug Pearce called for a motion on the fresh cattle

Michelle Van Dyke made a motion to adjust entry fees to accommodate fresh cattle in all classes at the Big Piney Show, Jann Parker to second. Motion Passed

Michelle Van Dyke made a motion to go with the option B show schedule, Kelly Fraser to second. Motion Passed

There was general discussion about the insurance for the 2025 Chinook Stalls. Valee Miller & Andi James are still working on it.

President Doug Pearce asked for approval for the 3.5.25 Directors Meeting Minutes

Kelly Fraser was absent in that meeting, Michelle Van Dyke made a motion to approve the 3.5.25 Directors Meeting Minutes with the correction that Kelly Fraser was not in attendance, seconded by John Delmonte, Motion Passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Treasure State Cutting

Carla Camp called President Doug Pearce about having a cutting the weekend before the second Deer Lodge Cutting.

Cody Lee called around looking for sand. Cody Lee brought up discussion about the fact the board has been paying over \$4000 for sand for the first show, and then usually bringing in another 50 yards for the second show.

There was a board discussion about the Treasure State having the show after the MCHA is done with their show. The board agreed that it would be in the best interest of the association to wait until the shows are done.

Michelle Van Dyke stated she thought some of the sand was stockpiled from 2024 for future use. She also stated using the rerun cattle will help with the bottom line of the 2025 shows.

There was a board discussion of the Deer Lodge show. There was discussion of help for the cattle with Doug Pearce being out for this season. There was also discussion about Secretary Susie Reed and making sure she had everything she needs for the show.

Other

Vice President Ashley Lee informed the board there will not be a cutting in Vaughn in 2025. They are working to get dates reserved for 2026

Michelle Van Dyke made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Kelly Fraser to second. Motion Passed.