

Minutes of the Montana Cutting Horse Association (MCHA)

Board of Directors' Meeting

June 11th, 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, Kelly Fraser, Cody Lee, John Delmonte, Mike Hoffman, Michelle Van Dyke and Cindy Fraser

Directors Excused:

Others Present: Secretary/Treasurer Valee Miller

OLD OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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

President Doug Pearce asked for approval for the 4.2.25 Directors Meeting Minutes

Kelly Fraser made a motion to approve the 4.2.25 Directors Meeting Minutes, seconded by John Delmonte, Motion Passed.

Cattle King Shows 1&2

1. Review of P & L of both shows
 - a. Secretary Valee Miller led the discussion on the P&L of the Cattle King shows. She spoke with Kelly Knight, the new Deer Lodge Facility contact. The MCHA paid them a little over \$17,000 for both shows, in which they did not charge the association for either Thursday. There was discussion about upping the RV charges for future years to cover the facility costs and leave room for profit. There was no break in cost of the facility for the sand that was purchased by the MCHA.
 - b. The board carried discussion of both shows in which both came out in the black, which is a great thing. There was discussion about how the show went with Susie Reed as the show secretary. Discussion was made regarding a bad check that was written at the Cattle King #2 show, in which it was rectified. President Doug Pearce questioned Valee Miller about the \$60 overdraft fee which was incurred after the first Cattle King show, it was caused by the money not getting back to Billings from the show until Wednesday.
 - c. President Doug Pearce asked the board members who were at the Cattle King shows if they felt there was any room for improvement. Kelly Fraser expressed that she enjoys going to Deer Lodge, Jann Parker stated her opinions on the show and the possibly of conflicts which made the second show not have as many entries. Michelle Van Dyke expressed the importance of sending Thank You's to Darrel Lee & Peri Suenram for all their work on

the show. Michelle Van Dyke made a motion to give both Darrel & Peri a \$250 gift certificate for their hard work setting up the show, Kelly Fraser to second, motion passed. John Delmonte expressed that it would good business to send a thank you from him as well as the president of the association.

NCHA Grievance Status

1. President Doug Pearce talked to NCHA and the grievance committee has met on this subject. There is 10 days to reply and 21 days to file appeal from Will Nuttal.

Big Piney Show

1. Secretary Valee Miller updated the board on trying to get liability insurance for the Chinook stalls being used at the Big Piney show. There was a board discussion, and a plan was made.
2. Jann Parker led the discussion of added money of Big Piney and the difference between the Pro & Non-Pro Classes added money. Michelle Van Dyke informed the board that is what has been done in the past. Jann Parker led the discussion on the fact the non-pros help the show grow. Cindy Fraser asked if the entry fee would match the added money, which would have to happen. Kelly Fraser brought up the point that the board had never discussed any of the added money amongst themselves, and they would like to reach out to Andi James & Theresa Nelson to discuss. There was board discussion about why Big Piney in 2024 did not have as good of bottom line as years past. Jann Parker discussed how the board needed to sell Big Piney to anyone and everyone, to make the show get back on track of being the biggest show for the MCHA. Board discussion happened on extra costs that happened in 2024, like paying for 2 secretaries, extra shavings and other items that could be rectified for 2025.
3. President Doug Pearce stated he would reach out to Andi James about all the board concerns to see if he could get some answers before the show. Jann Parker mentioned bringing in an additional flag and practice pen to help generate more money as well as make the show more efficient.
4. Kelly Fraser made a motion to buy a new Electric Eye and Scoreboard for a secondary backup, Cindy Fraser to second, motion passed.
5. There was discussion about getting stalls somewhere besides using Chinook Stalls, possibility of looking into this for 2026

NEW BUSINESS:

Other

Michelle Van Dyke made a motion to adjourn the meeting, John Delmonte to second. Motion Passed.