

Minutes of the Montana Cutting Horse Association (MCHA)

Board of Directors' Meeting

August 6th, 2025 Via Zoom

President Doug Pearce called the meeting to order at 7:02pm

Directors Present: President Doug Pearce, Vice President Ashley Lee, Jann Parker, Kelly Fraser, Cody Lee, Mike Hoffman, Michelle Van Dyke, John Delmote

Directors Excused: Cindy Fraser

Others Present: Secretary/Treasurer Valee Miller, Peri Suenram

OLD OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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

John Delmote asked why we still have the Wells Fargo Account opened. Valee Miller told him we were just finalizing a few checks and then it would be closed.

Big Piney

1. President Doug Pearce asked about any discussion before the show started. Valee Miller said we were successful in getting liability insurance on the portable stalls. Valee Miller also stated she had reached out to Andi James & Theresa Nelson to please send her updates to put on facebook throughout the show.

NEW BUSINESS:

Year End Awards

- a. President Doug Pearce stated he had talked with Cindy Fraser and it sounds like all the Year End Awards are ordered and will be ready for the banquet.
- b. Doug Pearce asked about ideas for the Kim Asay Award ideas for this year. Kelly Fraser updated the board on the painting for Jessica Lee's Kim Asay Award from 2022.
- c. Jann Parker led the discussion on awards and gave the board an update on what the awards are going to be.

Annual Membership Meeting

- a. The Annual Membership Meeting will be held Saturday September 13th, 2025 at the Miller's Horse Palace Fall Show.
- b. Kelly Fraser was hoping Peri or/and Michelle will be able to attend to answer any questions on the national level. Kelly Fraser also asked about nominations for board vacancies.

- c. Kelly Fraser reminded Valee Miller to get the announcement out for this, 30 days prior to the meeting.
- d. The board decided to have Teresa Miller make appetizers for the general membership meeting

Other

- e. Peri Suenram stated she would do a write up for the Never Won A Buckle and try to find someone to fill her position on that.

Proposed changes to the Amateur Classes

1. The Amateur Committee is happy with the current structure with the NCHA. The Executive Committee of the NCHA is going to put together a taskforce to look at keeping the amateur class or dissolve it. They are also looking at changing some of the numbers (for example changing the \$2K to \$5K) Peri Suenram's thoughts on Montana is having the board discuss and be vocal on their stance to help with keeping things the way they are or supporting the changes. Peri believes this change was proposed because the Amateur group continues to grow and the Non-Pro is somewhat at a standstill.

John Delmonte made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:36pm, Ashley Lee to second. Motion Passed.