

# **Minutes of the Montana Cutting Horse Association (MCHA)**

## **Board of Directors Meeting**

*September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019*

*Teleconference*

Vice President Kathy Foote called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

**Directors Present:** Vice President Kathy Foote, Joe Kalt, Shaun Strickland, Jann Parker, Ashley Lee, Gayle Weber and Kelly Zelikovitz by proxy (Kathy Foote)

**Directors Absent:** President Jeremy Young and Brian Anderson

**Others Present:** Secretary/Treasurer Kelly Fraser

**Meeting Minutes:** The minutes of the June 19<sup>th</sup> and July 30<sup>th</sup> BOD teleconference meetings were passed unanimously on a voice vote.

### **OLD OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **Profit and Loss Statements for Three MCHA Produced Shows**

Vice President Kathy Foote gave a brief update on the P & L statements that were distributed to the Board of Directors prior to the meeting. Each of the three shows operated at a profit for MCHA. The largest being Big Piney at just over \$20,000. Livingston had an increase in the profit margin this year. The Beaverhead county cutting also had a profit. For being the first show in Dillon this was a positive and shows promise for future shows, which everyone involved would like to see.

Vice President Kathy Foote told the Board that Western States is interested in co-producing a second show in Big Piney for 2020.

Vice President Kathy Foote asked the board to consider gifts for those that helped with the Big Piney show. Jann Parker made a motion to provide gift certificates not to exceed \$250.00 via a pre-paid credit card, seconded by Shaun Strickland, and passed on a voice vote.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **General Membership Meeting, Laurel, MT**

Vice President Kathy Foote opened a discussion regarding the General Membership Meeting. It was decided to have the meeting on Friday October 4<sup>th</sup>. The meeting will start ½ hour after the conclusion of the show. The Board discussed options for snacks and beverages, and it was decided to ask Teresa Miller to provide appetizers and drinks and to allow her to use her discretion on what is served. The Board allowed for a \$250 budget. Secretary/Treasurer Kelly Fraser will contact Teresa Miller regarding the meeting. Vice

President Kathy Foote said the meeting notice must be sent out to the membership no later than 30 days prior to the meeting. Secretary/Treasurer Kelly Fraser said she would put together an e-blast set to go out Wednesday September 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **Rules and Regulations**

Vice President Kathy Foote discussed with the Board issues with the current Rules and Regulations Section 4 of the MCHA Constitution. The Board is currently limited in providing show dates for the next show season or accepting/voting on show approval requests for the next year. Vice President Kathy Foote said that this is an opportunity for the Rules and Regulations to be changed, presented at the General Membership Meeting and allow the membership to vote on the proposal. The Board discussed how important it is for MCHA to be able to provide a tentative show schedule prior to January 1<sup>st</sup> and if need be, to approve shows prior to the new Board being elected. Joe Kalt and Jann Parker noted that most trainers and haulers put together their show schedule before January 1<sup>st</sup>; and if we know there are set dates for shows each year there is no reason not to provide those dates as soon as possible. The Board would like the revised Rules and Regulations to allow for an option of more dates to be added and a tentative schedule to be released prior to a new Board being elected. Gayle Weber made the motion for a revised Rules and Regulations Section #4 be presented to the membership for a vote at the General Membership Meeting on October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019, seconded by Joe Kalt and passed unanimously on a voice vote. Kelly Zelikovitz is the chairperson of the Rules Committee, Vice President Kathy Foote will contact her to draw up the Rule change.

### **Nominations Committee**

Joe Kalt, as the Committee chairperson, asked the board for direction on approaching members willing to run for the Board. Vice President Kathy Foote said she had spoken with several individuals that were interested in running for the Board this year. These individuals will be introduced at the General Membership Meeting. If there are any others interested their name will also be added to the ballot. Joe Kalt discussed the Board members coming off the Board and the 4 open positions up for election. Joe Kalt asked Secretary/Treasurer Kelly Fraser to include on her e-blast his contact email for any individuals interested in running for the Board or Vice President.

### **Special Awards**

Vice President Kathy Foote said the nominations for the Kim Asay award were needed so Bambi Gress could make sure the award was ready for the recipient. Secretary/Treasurer Kelly Fraser told the Board what the requirements are to be nominated and named the past recipients. The Board discussed several outstanding individuals that were nominated. Their names will be placed on a ballot for the Board to vote on within the next few days.

Secretary/Treasurer Kelly Fraser discussed with the Board the requirements for the Adult Rookie of the Year and the Youth Rookie of the Year. This year there were four Adults

eligible and seven Youths eligible. Their names will be placed on the ballot with the Kim Asay award nominees and voted on by the Board.

### **Year End Show**

Vice President Kathy Foote discussed with the Board the options of having a silent auction or a live auction at the Year End Show. She said she had been approached by members who felt MCHA had too many silent auctions. It was decided it would be best to not have a silent or live auction and instead focus on the Calcutta for the Rerun Cattle Shoot-Out. Gayle Weber would like all members to have a great time and enjoy the Calcutta. She pointed out that we need people to understand they can go in with friends and buy a rider for the Calcutta. She asked if Secretary/Treasurer Kelly Fraser could also include the Calcutta on the e-blast.

Ashley Lee told the Board Teresa Miller is going to need a head count for the dinner a week ahead of the show. It will be put with the show email to please put down a head count for the dinner in the comments section of the entry form.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.