

Minutes of the Montana Cutting Horse Association (MCHA)
General Membership Meeting

October 4th, 2019

Millers Horse Palace – Laurel, MT

Vice President Kathy Foote called the meeting to order at 6:37 pm

Directors Present: Kathy Foote, Ashley Lee, Gayle Weber, Kelly Zelikovitz, Jann Parker by Proxy (Wylie Fraser)

Directors Absent: President Jeremy Young, Shaun Strickland, Joe Kalt, Brian Anderson

Others Present: Secretary/Treasurer Kelly Fraser
MCHA Members (Appendix A)

Report of the Officers, Directors, Committees & Other Reports

As proof of due notice, Secretary/Treasurer Kelly Fraser stated the meeting notice was made available on the MCHA website, Facebook and in an email, 30 days prior to the meeting.

Vice President Kathy Foote noted to the members that the minutes of the September 28th, 2018 General Membership Meeting were posted on the website. The motion was made by Kelly Zelikovitz to approve the minutes, seconded by Nancy LaCounte, and carried unanimously.

Reports of Officers

As one of Montana's National Directors, Vice President Kathy Foote told the membership there have been changes within the NCHA and that it will all be a positive process. She said Scott Raftery and Joe Kalt are still working on their class leveling system that will be similar to what the PRCA has used and they will push for a "Circuit Finals", again similar to PRCA. Vice President Kathy Foote said the leveling system will be based on money won in the Open, Non-Pro and Amateur levels. She said the Pacific Coast Cutting Horse Association has used the leveling system and it has worked quite well, they have had positive feedback from it. Jack Enright noted that it is great for those competitors that are not in the upper levels of competition.

Vice President Kathy Foote told the membership that MCHA is working hard to promote cutting in Montana by giving away the two saddles this year, having good shows and making sure we are reaching out to other affiliates. She wants to make sure people around the State and the Northwest know how great cutting in Montana is. Jack Enright asked what could be done to encourage more people to attend both Montana and Wyoming shows. Vice President Kathy Foote said they were going to have a "Producers" conference call which hopefully will allow all the affiliates in the Northwest to keep shows from being scheduled on top of each other.

Secretary/Treasurer Kelly Fraser updated the membership on the increase in the current MCHA bank balance to approximately \$83,000.00. The MCHA account is in great shape and there were two large purchases this year; a new clock and the completion of the MCHA website redesign. Secretary/Treasurer Kelly Fraser said the membership income was slightly less this year and the sponsorship income was down by half. With the purchase of the two saddles the total account did not grow as much this year as it had the past year.

Vice President Kathy Foote and Kelly Zelikovitz discussed the positive income of all three MCHA produced shows this year. Big Piney was of course the largest money maker with around \$16,000 to the positive, Heart K this year made more money than in past years at \$4700, and Dillon, even though it was its first year, made \$1600. All in all, it was a very good year for MCHA produced shows. Kelly Zelikovitz said there is talk about trying to do two shows in Big Piney for 2020 and Vice President Kathy Foote said everyone involved with the Dillon show is very interested in doing another for 2020 as well as the possibility for doing two shows at Heart K.

Committee Reports

Vice President Kathy Foote discussed with the membership the need for a sponsorship committee instead of one person, to contact potential sponsors for 2020. It was discussed how important it is to start the process in the fall of the year for the next years sponsors. She asked the membership for volunteers for the committee. Ali Anderson and Kelsey Fraser both volunteered. Secretary/Treasurer Kelly Fraser said she would create a shared Google Document with Kelsey and Ali so everyone could stay on the same page.

Bambi Gress will be stepping down from the awards committee and Nancy LaCounte has agreed to take on the awards for 2020.

Joe Kalt was not able to attend the meeting, he gave his proxy to Kelly Zelikovitz to report on the nominees for Board of Director positions and Vice President. Kelly Zelikovitz explained that current President Jeremy Young would move into a Board position for 2020, Vice President Kathy Foote would move into the President position for 2020 and the Board members coming off of the Board at the end of the year are Jann Parker, Brian Anderson, Gayle Weber and Kelly Zelikovitz. Kelly Zelikovitz said Ashley Lee has agreed to run for Vice President for 2020. There are 3 Board of Director positions open and there are seven MCHA members who will run: Renea Williams, Ali Anderson, Nancy LaCounte, Roy Oliver, Kelsey Fraser, Michelle Van Dyke and Sandy Gruninger. Kelly Zelikovitz said a ballot will be sent to the membership via email, or by mail if requested, within 7 days. Gayle Weber explained to the membership the requirements of a Board member. She said there are teleconferences and one in person meeting. She said it is a great opportunity for people to participate in MCHA.

Vice President Kathy Foote told the membership there are talks of new shows for 2020 in the works and is looking forward to more shows for MCHA membership to attend.

Vice President Kathy Foote reported on the Angela Bauer Youth Scholarship and its finances. She said that there have been no changes in the past year.

Old Business – None

New Business

Vice President Kathy Foote discussed the need to amend Rule #4 of the MCHA Constitution Rules and Regulations. She said as the Rule is written, the current Board is not able to approve shows for the next calendar year if they are to be scheduled after April. She said it would only benefit MCHA if the current Board is able to approve shows for the next calendar year so a tentative schedule could be published. Kelly Zelikovitz presented the membership with the proposed language change to Rule #4. She said it must be voted on by the membership and would be included on the Vice President and Board of Director election ballot. The proposed Rule change will also be on the home page of the web site for membership to read.

Kelsey Fraser asked the membership to consider purchasing a flag to be used at all MCHA shows. Rob Fraser made a motion for Kelsey Fraser and Roy Oliver to research options on the purchase of a flag and present their findings to the Board for approval. Anne Indreland seconded the motion, motion carried on a voice vote.

Vice President Kathy Foote adjourned the meeting at 7:14 pm

Appendix A

Wylie Fraser
John Enright
Kelsey Fraser
Cody Lee
Nancy LaCounte
Sarah Bauer
Ali Anderson
John Kennedy
Cindy Fraser
Rob Fraser
Mike Hoffman
Sherie Goppert-Keele
Kenny Ingalls
Jeanne Reyher
Darrell Lee
Jessica Lee
Paje Turner
Renea Williams
Roy Oliver
Will Nuttall
Kelsey Harbert
Anne Indreland
Schlyer Tomlinson