

MINUTES OF MCHA DIRECTOR'S MEETING  
Conference Call held on  
November 10, 2014

The Director's Meeting was called to order by Vice President, Tim Stryker, November 10, 2014 at 6:35pm. Board members present were Jim Bower, Wylie Gustafson, Tim Johnson, Cody Lee, Jann Parker and Tim Stryker. Oncoming Board members for 2015 present were Vann Greenwell, Rachelle Showalter and Jeremy Young along with Awards committee Audrey O'Keefe and Secretary/Treasurer Kelly Heiken. National Directors Theresa Nelson and Buddy Westphal were also present.

New Business:

The Board discussed the 2014 Year End Banquet. Dates and locations were the main concern and the board discussed several options including having the banquet in January in Bozeman to having it at the first show of the year. The discussion included what events are scheduled in January which may be a drawback for people to be able to attend. The Board discussed dates in January 2015 may also be a problem with other events already scheduled. Tim Stryker made a motion to have the 2014 Year End Banquet at the first (in state) 2015 show. Tim Johnson second the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Audrey O'Keefe talked to the Board about the Year End Awards. She has been able to keep the budget in line and has come across a special offer to purchase saddles. The Board discussed options to purchase a saddle or saddles and help generate interest in showing next year - 2015. Vann Greenwell made a motion to purchase a saddle and give away in 2015 to the highest money earner in the Amateur/Non-Pro Classes. Tim Johnson second the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board discussed if they would like to purchase a second saddle. The Board discussed taking all the approved 2015 MCHA class champions, Calcutta them off in a special cutting class at the end of the Year End show. The winner of this event would win a saddle. Jann Parker made a motion to go forward with the above stated discussion. Kathy Foote second the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board discussed the special awards that need to be voted on including Most Inspirational, along with Sr. and Jr. Youth Rockier of the Year.

The Board discussed the 2015 Show Schedule. Next year NCHA Days will be hosted by the Wyoming Cutting Horse Association. Theresa Nelson stated that they have submitted their application to the NCHA with possible having it in New Castle or Casper. Other shows that are in the works are Parkers again at Silesia, Livingston, Briggs Ranch Cutting in Whitehall, Trout Creek Ranch possible in Cody, Todd Banners show in Cascade, Big Sky Weekend Cutting, Meadow Vue Ranch Cutting at Henry's Lake, and a Year End Show in Livingston. Tim Stryker stated there may be a possibility of Rob Fraser having a show in Miles City, but he will need to check back with him.

Jann Parker and Theresa Nelson spoke to the Board about being approached by Keith McGinnis who is the President of the Washington Cutting Horse Association. He is interested in having a Regional Cutting Series to include states such as Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana if we would be interested. They would like for each association to put in around \$1,000 for these shows. If a cutter was a member of one of these association, they wouldn't have to pay for all association fees. The series would be for these specified 4 shows, to earn points towards awards. They were looking for shows in Idaho in March, Oregon in April 9-12, Washington mid July 18-19, and Montana August at the Big Sky Weekend Cutting to count. There was much discussion regarding the pros and cons of trying to do something like this. They would like to know before the beginning of 2015 if Montana is interested in being included. It was decided that Jann Parker, Kathy Foote, Theresa Nelson would get more information and get back to the Board to help make a decision.

There being no other new business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:38pm.

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MCHA Board Meeting on January 11, 2014  
Bozeman, Montana

The MCHA Board meeting was called to order at 10:30 AM on Saturday, January 11, 2014, at the Prudential Realty Office, conference room in Bozeman, Montana, by President Tom Campbell. Board members present were Todd Banner, Tim Johnson, Cody Lee, Will Nuttall, Jann Parker and secretary/treasurer Kelly Heiken. Board members Wylie Gustafson and Jim Bower were present via speaker phone. Also present were National Director Theresa Nelson and MCHA members Audrey O'Keefe and Michelle Van Dyke.

The financial statement dated Jan. 1, 2013 through Dec. 31, 2013 was reviewed. A motion was made by Tim Johnson to approve the financial statement as presented and to give awards to the top five for the 2013 show year. The motion was seconded by Will Nuttall. The motion passed unanimously.

#### Correspondence

Kelly Heiken had received a thank you card from the Dennis Model family for the donation made by the MCHA in his remembrance.

#### Old or Unfinished Business

National Directors Report was given by Theresa Nelson. She stated the \$3,000 Novice Horse class will change to be the \$5,000 Novice Horse Class. The \$10,000 Novice Horse class will change to be the \$15,000 Novice Horse class. Theresa stated the NCHA will be having the Western Nationals this year in Denver, but they will go back to Reno next. They are looking at alternating between those locations.

The Board discussed having a General membership meeting after the April trainers' clinic if a meeting is needed.

The Board discussed the first cutting being held in the month of March vs. April. Jann Parker stated she had lined up to have her first show on March 8-9 at the Cottonwood Equestrian Center out of Laurel. She has been trying to work with Ralph Young and Melissa Frazee at the Columbus barn, but there may be a problem with dates for them in April. They have other events already scheduled. If that location won't work, she will have her April show at Cottonwood as well.

The Board discussed the 2013 awards banquet. Kelly Heiken had checked in to locations in the Billings and Laurel area. She had contacted Holiday Inn, Billings Hotel Center, Briarwood and the Fort Rockvale Restaurant out of Joliet and presented the information from each location. Tim Johnson made a motion to have the 2013 Year End Awards Banquet at the Fort Rockvale Restaurant on March 7th.

Audrey O'Keefe talked to the Board regarding the 2013 awards. She will need to check with her suppliers to make sure the awards will be here in time for the banquet.

#### New Business:

The first item of discussion was whether to continue the MCHA Senior Youth Scholarships, 1st place to receive \$400, 2nd place \$200, and 3rd place \$100. The board agreed they would like to keep them in place. Will Nuttall made a motion to continue giving the Senior Youth Scholarships at the same amounts. Cody Lee second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

MCHA has in the past sponsored the High School Rodeo Cutting Buckles. The Board discussed the cost

of the buckles. Kelly Heiken stated that in 2012 and 2013 we paid \$550 for one girls and one boys buckle. Will Nuttall made a motion to continue to provide the two buckles for the MT High School Rodeo Association girls and boys cutting. The motion was seconded by Cody Lee. The motion passed unanimously. The Board discussed options to help the MHSRA members learn more about cutting. It was discussed that maybe we could host a youth clinic or possibly do something before a scheduled MHSRA cutting. The Board asked if we could get more information regarding the MHSRA schedule. Wylie stated he could get their schedule. Jann Parker and Theresa Nelson stated we did pick up some of the High School cutters last year at some of our shows. They felt it was a good to give the High School cutters a MCHA membership. The Board agreed they want to continue to encourage them to attend our shows. The Board asked Jann is she will still host a High School cutting at her April show. Jann stated she is checking into it, however, the MHSRA has not gotten back to her to answer some of her questions. In order to have a High School cutting it has to be in conjunction with a rodeo at a close location. She will need to check on the April dates to see if this will be possible.

Next the Board discussed the Sponsor program. The Board members agreed they liked the new Sponsorship Program set up last year. They agreed to continue with this format of Gold, Silver, Bronze, Never Won A Buckle and Youth Sponsors. Kelly Heiken and Theresa Nelson will continue to work with the Sponsors for this year. Audrey O'Keefe discussed with the board about developing a program to put the sponsors in some kind of race, possibly having a rider in each class assigned to the sponsor.

Next on the agenda the Board discussed the Horse of the Year, Open/Novice Horse is determined by money won and Non-Pro/Amateur is voted on by the membership. It was unanimously agreed to keep the same format for the Horse of the Year awards.

A discussion ensued regarding the slate of classes to be approved for 2014. The Board agreed they would like to continue with the Never Won a Buckle Class. Gayle Weber has agreed to continue to help with the NWAB Class. The Board discussed the "Rerun Cattle Win A Saddle" event from last year. Tim Johnson has generously donated the saddle back to the association, and the Board agreed they would like to do it again this year.

The Board discussed the order of classes for 2013. Theresa Nelson presented a new class order to the Board. The Board reviewed the new class order as follows – Open, Non-Pro, \$50,000 Am, \$15,000 Nov. Horse, \$15,000 NNP, Youth – Jr/Sr, Derby Open, Derby NP, \$35,000 NP, \$15,000 Am, \$5,000 Nov. Horse, \$5,000 NNP, \$2,000 LR, \$1,500 Nov. Horse, \$1,000 Am, \$800 Rider. Will Nuttall made a motion to approve the class order as presented. Tim Johnson second the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The Board agreed to continue to give 2014 Year-End awards the same as the past year.

The Board discussed the committees and the following people were appointed:

Show Committee: Tim Stryker, chairman with Todd Banner, and all Board members

Never Won a Buckle: Gayle Weber

Corporate Sponsors/Sponsorship: Kelly Heiken, Theresa Nelson

Year- End awards: Audrey O'Keefe, Tim Johnson, Gayle Weber and Theresa Nelson

Nominating: Betty Lou Weeding, Theresa Nelson, Cody Lee, Todd Banner and Tim Stryker

Election: Betty Lou Weeding

Year End Banquet: Michelle Van Dyke

The MCHA tentative show schedule and dates were discussed. Below are the dates presented:  
MCHA 2013 Awards Banquet on March 7.

Parkers March Kickoff Show on March 8 & 9 at Cottonwood Equestrian Center.  
Parkers Spring Fling Clinic on April 10, Spring Fling Cutting on April 12 & 13 (Jann - date may change)  
Saddle Peak Arena middle of May at Bozeman, MT  
NCHA Days on May 30-June 1 at Heart K Arena, Livingston, MT  
Briggs Ranch Cutting on June 28 & 29 at Whitehall, MT  
Russell County Cutting on July 19 & 20 (Todd needs to check on date) at Cascade, MT  
Big Sky Weekend Cutting on Aug. 9 & 10 at Kalispell, MT  
Meadow Vue Ranch Cutting on Aug. 23 & 24 at Henry's Lake, ID

Tom Campbell made a motion to approve the above listed shows. Will Nuttall second the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Cody Lee to adjourn, seconded by Todd Banner and motion passed.  
Meeting adjourned at 12:45pm.

Respectfully submitted by Kelly Heiken.  
MCHA , Secretary/Treasurer