

MINUTES OF MCHA DIRECTOR'S MEETING

Conference Call held on
December 7, 2015

The Director's Meeting was called to order by President, Tim Stryker, December 7, 2015 at 7:00pm. Board members present were Kathy Foote, Van Greenwell, Wylie Gustafson, Jann Parker, Rachel Showalter and Secretary/Treasurer Kelly Heiken. Also present was 2016 Directors Todd Banner, Kip Denton, Helen Larsen and oncoming Secretary/Treasurer Sara Pahlke.

The Board discussed the replacement for Rachel Showalter's vacant 1 year Director position. Kathy Foote nominated Kelly Zelikovitz to fill this position. Tim Stryker second the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed the 2016 show schedule. Rachel Showalter has been in contact with Theresa Nelson and working with show producers to get a tentative show schedule put together. Rachel is going to continue to work on dates and locations and get out to the rest of the Board. Below is a draft for the 2016 year:

March 23-26 ICHA Spring Show – Regional Show
April 8-10 OCHA Spring Show – Regional Show
April 16-17 Miller's Horse Palace, Laurel, MT
April Western Nationals
May Sheridan, WY
June NCHA Days
June Briggs Ranch, Whitehall, MT
July Moses Lake, WA – Regional Show
August 6-13 Big Sky Aged Event and Weekend Show – also Regional Show
August 17-20 Henrys Lake Show, ID

Kip Denton stated he has been in contact with J.D. Anderson and he is willing to work with the MCHA and donate his facility for a cutting. Kip stated this is a very nice indoor barn out of Livingston. It does not have pens or panels and some sand may need to be brought in, but would be a good location to look into. Kathy Foote and Kip are going to work on some details and get back to the Board about possibly hosting NCHA Days there. Kip also stated that Karen Fellerhoff is also willing to host a cutting at her facility in Bozeman. The Board discussed that if a show was needed in July that might be a good location.

The Board discussed considering adding the requirement of MCHA members to compete in at least fifty percent of the Montana shows for it to count towards year end standings. They discussed this would possibly help ease some of the concerns with the Regional series. The Board agreed to think about this and discuss it again at the January meeting.

The Board discussed the location and need to meet to have the January planning meeting. They agreed to meet in Billings on Saturday, Jan. 9th. Kathy Foote, Rachel Showalter and Sara Pahlke will work out the details and send out to the rest of the Board.

Sara Pahlke is working on getting the Sponsors for 2016. Kelly Heiken is finishing up the details for the year, and has sent Sara bank statements from the past year. Kelly will have a final 2015 Financial Statement to her soon.

Kathy Foote stated there are not a lot of changes to the Regional Series, they are waiting to find out if Utah will be joining. She will get the 2016 information out when it becomes available.

There being no other new business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm.

MINUTES OF MCHA DIRECTOR'S MEETING
Conference Call held on
October 14, 2015

The Director's Meeting was called to order by President, Tim Stryker, Oct. 14, 2015 at 7:00pm. Board members present were Kathy Foote, Van Greenwell, Rachel Showalter Jeremy Young, Secretary/Treasurer Kelly Heiken and oncoming Secretary/Treasurer Sara Pahlke. National Director Theresa Nelson was also present.

The Board discussed hosting NCHA Days next year. The NCHA weekend for 2016 has been designated as June 3-5, 2016. An affiliate wishing to host the show needs to submit a completed application to the NCHA by November 1st. The Board reviewed the 2014 NCHA Days that was held at the Heart K Land & Cattle Arena in Livingston, MT. Kathy Foote has been in contact with Jan at the Heart K and stated as of Jan. 1, 2016 their daily rates will be increasing to \$1,500 a day, however, they would give us a discount of \$1,000 a day. Kathy stated at this time she has 400 head of cattle at \$40 a head (door to door) lined up. The Board discussed that it is a great facility with plenty of stalls, warm up area, good ground, etc. They discussed if there might be any other facilities that they should look at. It was stated that it helped to have several out of state trainers and clients that came to the 2014 show. There are other associations that will also be submitting their applications and that may affect how many of those people return. The Board was hopeful that some of them will come back. Boise Valley, Utah, and Nevada probably will be submitting and depending on what location they use may affect our numbers. Theresa Nelson stated that in 2014 it really helped to have \$6,000 in sponsorship to offset some of the expenses. The Board agreed if they started now they should be able to come up with a good number of sponsors again. Theresa also stated that she had talked to Lynn at the NCHA and they would accept our application with TBD for the location. The Board discussed if they should include an aged event again, a repeat from the 2014 event. It was stated that the WCHA is looking to have a cutting the weekend after NCHA Days at the Sheridan College. The Board discussed options of working together with the WCHA. Kathy Foote agreed to get in contact with the WCHA to see what their thoughts and plans are so we can try to coordinate and make them both a good event.

Tim Styker and Rachel Showalter stated they have been looking into producing a show at Sheridan the weekend before NCHA Days. Rachel stated the cost of renting the facility is very reasonable but was not sure if they would have a stall issue. If stalls have to be brought in then it is quite a cost to the producer. There was discussion regarding possibly a circuit with these 3 shows, Sheridan, Livingston, and back to Sheridan. The Board agreed it was worth looking into.

The Board asked Theresa Nelson to go ahead with the NCHA Days application with a TBD on the location for now along with an Aged Event prior to the weekend show. Kathy Foote will follow up on some of the details discussed.

There being no other new business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm.

MINUTES OF MCHA DIRECTOR'S MEETING
Conference Call held on
July 17, 2015

The Director's Meeting was called to order by President, Tim Stryker, July 17, 2015 at 7:00pm. Board members present were Kathy Foote, Wylie Gustafson, Jann Parker, Rachel Showalter and Secretary/Treasurer Kelly Heiken. National Director Theresa Nelson was also present.

The Board discussed the 2015 Year End Show to be held on September 18 and 19th. Clayton Miller has stated he is willing to put on this show. They may need a little help from the MCHA, but basically will be the same as what they did this spring (April 17-18, Horse Palace Spring Spectacular). Tim Stryker made a motion to approve the Year End Show to be held at Miller's Horse Palace on Sept. 18-19. Jann Parker second the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board discussed having the Year End Banquet on Saturday following the show. They discussed the banquet went very well this spring and agreed to use the same facility. Rachel Showalter agreed to head the committee to put together the banquet, with the help of Jann Parker. They will ask for assistance from Nancy LaCounte and Tanya Dvarishkis if they are available. Tim Stryker made a motion to have the 2015 Awards Banquet following the show on Saturday, September 19th, at the Holiday Inn, Billings. Rachel Showalter second the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Kelly Heiken will contact Audrey O'Keefe to make sure she is available to order year end awards needed.

Kelly Heiken stated this will be her last year as the MCHA association Secretary/Treasurer. Theresa Nelson stated that Sara Pahlke may be interested in the position. Tim Stryker stated he will give her a call when he gets home to discuss the position.

Tim Stryker stated he has had members asking him about the Membership list and questioned if this is something we need to do again. Kelly Heiken stated in the past she has printed it out and taken to the Awards Banquet, however the last time she printed out 100 of them and took home 90. Theresa Nelson stated that maybe we could put it on the website. Jann Parker stated whenever she needs a number she calls the NCHA office. Kelly also stated that all NCHA member numbers are listed in the Chatter membership issue.

Theresa Nelson addressed the issue of the MCHA website. She had talked to Tom Bruch, our site was done quite some time ago and there are much better versions of the on-line entry now. It will cost around \$200 to \$400 for him to update our site. However, it will be more user friendly with better return entry confirmations and easier to manage. Jann Parker made a motion to approve the website update. Wylie Gustafson second the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Theresa Nelson gave an NCHA Convention recap. There will be some changes to the classes going from \$15,000 Nov. Horse and \$15,000 Nov. Non-Pro to the \$25,000 Nov. Horse and \$25,000 Nov. Non-Pro. The NCHA will be offering association affiliate show producers insurance coverage, this will help on some of the insurance costs. The NCHA is in the process of updating their computer systems that are very outdated. It was a little costly, but a much needed improvement. Overall she felt it was a very good convention which was well attended.

Theresa Nelson also stated that she has been working with Kelly Fraser to become an NCHA Certified show secretary. Kelly came to the Briggs Ranch Cutting and worked with her. Kelly Fraser will be the show secretary at Todd Banners show on Sept. 5-6 at his place.

There being no other new business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:33pm.

MINUTES OF MCHA DIRECTOR'S MEETING
Held at Miller's Horse Palace
April 16, 2015

The Director's Meeting was called to order by President, Tim Stryker, April 16, 2015 at 7:15pm. Board members present were Jim Bower, Van Greenwell, Jann Parker, Rachel Showalter, Jeremy Young and Secretary/Treasurer Kelly Heiken. Kathy Foote called in by phone.

The Board reviewed the 2014 and current Financial Statements presented. Jann Parker made a motion to approve the Financial Statements. Van Greenwell second the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The Board reviewed the minutes from the conference call held on March 31, 2015. Jeremy Young made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Rachel Showalter second the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

The Board discussed that Robert Borick has been in contact with Kathy Foote and like to produce a show at the Sapphire Event Center on July 25-26. Robert still wants to try and put on this show and he is willing to sign a contract with the MCHA. The Board discussed the logistics of putting on a show there, and what it would take for stalls, labor, and ground work. Kathy Foote agreed to look into drawing up some kind of contract, have the Board review it and then present it to Robert. Kathy stated she is willing to work out the details to see if we can make this work. Tim Stryker made a motion to table this discussion until we have some kind of agreement to look at, if needed we could schedule a conference call next week.

The Board discussed Todd Banner would like to move his show to September 5-6. His show is currently scheduled for July 25-26. Tim Stryker made a motion to approve Todd's show dates for Sept. 5-6. Van Greenwell second the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Tim Stryker stated that Tracy Barton had talked to him about MCHA show approval for the September 5-6th dates. The Board discussed this was now the same dates as Todd's show and they would need to pay MCHA approval fees. Tim stated he would call Tracy, but he didn't think they would still want approval.

The Board discussed the 2014 Awards Banquet scheduled for Saturday following the show at Miller's Horse Palace. People are turning in their dinner requests, and we are set with the awards.

Van Greenwell mentioned he had been in contact with Dean and Wendy Briggs and they may be interested in changing or adding Friday as a show date, possibly doing a 3 day show if they have enough cattle available or changing to just Friday and Saturday. The Board agreed this would be up the Briggs on what they want to do.

New Business:

The Board discussed the upcoming NCHA Western Nationals. Kelly had received a request to advertise or be a sponsor at this event. The Board agreed that people watch the slide show on the screen and it would be good to have something from our association there. Jim Bower stated he would be willing to go half with the MCHA to help reduce the associations cost. Jann Parker made a motion to advertise the MCHA on the slide show at NCHA Western Nationals. Rachel second the motions. The motion passed unanimously.

Next the Board discussed the MCHA Youth Scholarships given out to the top 3 in the Sr. Youth class and the Angela Bauer Youth Scholarship. Kelly Heiken stated that is very confusing to the membership this is two separate scholarships. The Board agreed that most people do not understand the difference and it is hard competing for donations for both. Kathy Foote made a motion to incorporate both scholarships into

one fund – The Angela Bauer Scholarship Fund. Jann Park second the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Kathy Foote agreed to remain on as the chair for this fund.

The Board discussed the MT High School Rodeo Association and the buckles that we have given them in the past. Kelly Heiken stated for 2014 she tried to contact them to find out how much the buckles were for that year. She was told they already had a sponsor for the cutting buckles. The Board agreed to not give any money to them this year, but ask if they would like us to set up a trainers help day. If the MHSRA was interested the Board would contact trainers in our association and ask to help at the State Finals in Kalispell.

The Board discussed the 2015 Awards to be given out. Tim Styker made a motion to give out awards to the same classes as last year and to 5 places in those classes. Van Greenwell second the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board discussed how the MCHA Non Pro/Am Horse of the Year award is done. Kelly Heiken read the Awards definition as follows: all class winners in the Non-Pro and Am classes are placed on the ballot, this is a membership vote placed on the ballot. The Board agreed to leave this as it was read. The Board also discussed the Kim Asay Memorial Award and the Most Inspirational Award. Jeremy Young made a motion to combine these two awards into one and be called the Kim Asay Most Inspirational Award. Kathy Foote second the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The Board discussed the NWAB Class and agreed it would be up to the individual show producers if they wanted to include it in their show. In the past years the 3 shows that it has been offered at was Briggs Ranch Cutting, Cascade Cutting and Henry's Lake Cutting. Kelly Heiken stated that Gayle Weber had decided to step down from being the contact person for this class. Jann Parker stated that maybe Nancy LaCounte would be interested and she would speak to her about it.

There being no other new business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:34pm.

MINUTES OF MCHA DIRECTOR'S MEETING
Conference Call held on
March 31, 2015

The Director's Meeting was called to order by President, Tim Stryker, March 31, 2015 at 6:00pm. Board members present were Kathy Foote, Van Greenwell, Wylie Gustafson, Jann Parker, Rachel Showalter, Jeremy Young and Secretary/Treasurer Kelly Heiken. National Director Theresa Nelson and Buddy Westphal were also present.

The Board discussed the 2014 Kim Asay Memorial Award to be given out at the Year End Banquet on April 18, 2015. There was some confusion of the length of time this award would be given. Kelly Heiken reviewed the past minutes and found the MCHA Board had approved this award on August 19, 2011, to be given out for the next 4 to 5 years. Audrey O'Keefe was able to get this award purchased, and the Board agreed to vote on 2 names nominated. Kelly will send out an email for them to vote on tomorrow.

Kathy Foote has been contacted by Robert Borick who is interested in producing a show at the Sapphire Event Center this summer. He has spoken with John Stefka, owner of the Sapphire, and he is on board with doing a show there. Robert says he will find cattle, provide the added money and make sure the facility is in proper order. He would like to work with the MCHA regarding the accounting. Kelly Heiken reported she called the NCHA and talked to Linda Smith about this. Linda stated in order to run the money through our account, we must be Co-Producing the show. The Board discussed possible options including contacting Todd Banner. The Board members were in favor or trying to work something out. Kathy Foote made a motion to approach Todd Banner to inquirer if he would be interested in Co-Producing a show with Robert Borick at the Sapphire Event Center in Corvallis, MT. Jann Parker second the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Vann Greenwell reported the NCHA may be looking to bid out the Western Nationals to an individual association to put on the show. He also stated the NCHA is working on the agenda for the National Convention if anyone has something they would like to be discussed.

Jann Parker reported on the upcoming show at the Millers Horse Palace. At this time it looks like it is going to be well attended.

There being no other new business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05pm.

MINUTES OF MCHA DIRECTOR'S MEETING
Conference Call held on
February 9, 2015

The Director's Meeting was called to order by President, Tim Stryker, February 9, 2015 at 6:30pm. Board members present were Kathy Foote, Van Greenwell, Wylie Gustafson, Jann Parker, Jeremy Young and Secretary/Treasurer Kelly Heiken. National Director Buddy Westphal was also present.

The Board discussed the motion made on the Conference call held on December 29, 2014 that included MCHA members will need to ride in 50% of MCHA approved shows to be eligible for Year End awards. They discussed the Regional Show concept and there was confusion with the motion regarding if you needed to ride in 50% of those shows or if it included all MCHA shows. Kathy Foote has been working with the group pulling together the regional concept, in their rules it states for the Northwest Regional Series, in order to qualify for the "shoot out", the cutter must compete in 50% of the shows. The Board discussed if it would discourage some of our MCHA riders if we have a 50% rule that included all MCHA shows. The Board agreed they did not want to put a number on the amount of shows our members have to go to in order to be able to receive awards. Van Greenwell made a motion to rescind the motion made on December 29, 2014 that read: to approve the Regional Shows concept and that MCHA members will need to ride in 50% of MCHA approved shows to be eligible for Year End awards. Tim Stryker second the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board discussed the Regional Series shows if they would be included in our MCHA standings. The people showing at those out of state shows will only be included in our standings if they are a MCHA member before they show. This would stand for other associations as well which includes ICHA, OCHA, WCHA (Washington), and possibly UCHA. If our members want to be included in their standings, they will need to be a member in that states association prior to showing. The Board agreed the Regional Series shows will give people interest in traveling some more options. Jeremy Young made a motion to approve the Regional Series to be included in the MCHA standings if the rider is an MCHA member prior to showing. Kathy Foote second the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board discussed the Aged Event and Weekend Shows that Tracy Barton will be having in South Dakota the end of August. The tentative dates for this show are Aug. 27-30, 2015. Rachelle Showalter will get more information about this event and send out to the Board later this week. The Board agreed to review this information and revisit approval of the show in the next couple of weeks.

The Board discussed the awards for the 2014 Year End. They reviewed any outstanding awards. The Board voted on Most Inspiration Award, to be announced at banquet to be held on April 18th, 2015.

Kelly Heiken discussed an email send out that morning from Wyoming Cutting Horse Association Secretary, Cindy Carnes. It stated that WCHA will be hosting NCHA days. They have cattle and it will be held in Buffalo, WY. She will get out more details as soon as she has them.

Kathy Foote discussed the May show in Livingston at the Heart K Ranch. Kathy and Jonathan will need to be the producer to make this show work. Jeremy Young stated that the ranch, Crazy Mountain Cutting Horses, would be glad to help with putting on this show. Kathy said she would call him in the morning to discuss details.

There being no other new business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.

MINUTES OF MCHA DIRECTOR'S MEETING

Conference Call held on

December 29, 2014

The Director's Meeting was called to order by Vice President, Tim Stryker, December 29, 2014 at 6:35pm. Board members present were Jim Bower, Wylie Gustafson, Tim Johnson, Jann Parker and Secretary/Treasurer Kelly Heiken. On coming Board members for 2015 present were Van Greenwell, Rachelle Showalter, and Kathy Foote. National Directors Theresa Nelson and Buddy Westphal were also present.

Old Business:

The Board discussed the Regional Shows concept that has been presented by Keith McGinnis the President of the Washington Cutting Horse Association. He is interested in having a Regional Cutting Series to include Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana. They are hoping this would be a bigger show atmosphere and give our membership a different type of show to go to. They would like for each association to put in around \$1,000 to help purchase awards for these shows. The dates they are looking at are March 21-22 in Nampa, ID, April 11-12 in Madras, OR, July 11-12 in Moses Lake, WA, and August 7-8-9 in Kalispell, MT which would be our Big Sky Weekend Cutting. The Board discusses if they would include the results of these cuttings in our standings, or would we just count our Big Sky Weekend Cutting. Theresa Nelson stated that they would like each of these shows approved in each state, without having to pay the association approval fee, and possibly get members from other states to come to these shows. The Board talked about maybe some kind of "shoot out" at the last of the regional cuttings, with the top 3 or 4 horses and riders. It was stated that the Washington Meeting wasn't until the end of January and to get more of these questions answered, we may have to wait and see what they come up with.

The Board discussed if there was a minimum number of shows that riders need to show in to be eligible for yearend awards. Tim Johnson stated that in Wyoming you have to show in 50% of their cuttings to be eligible. Tim Johnson made a motion to approve the Regional Shows concept and that MCHA members will need to ride in 50% of MCHA approved shows to be eligible for Year End awards. Van Greenwell second the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Tim Stryker stated that Tracy Barton would like the Board to consider approving his shows in Faith, South Dakota. It sounded like he would be having a show the beginning of Feb. and March. The Board felt these shows would be too early to put on our schedule. Tim stated that Tracy would also be having an August 1-2 show as well. Tim Stryker made a motion to approve the August 1-2 show in Faith, S.D. Van Greenwell second the motion. One Board member voted no to the approval. The MCHA Rules and Regulations, #4 States, Out-of-state shows must be approved by a unanimous vote of the Board of Directors. The Board tabled this item and stated they could revisit approval of this show at a later time.

The Board reviewed submitted shows and dates as listed below.

April 17-18 Millers Horse Palace Spring Show

May 16-17 Heart K Arena Weekend Show

June 6-7 Area 4 NCHA Days

June 27-28 Briggs Ranch Cutting

July 25-26 Russell County Cutting

Aug. 7-8-9 Big Sky Weekend Cutting

Sept 19-20 Heart K Ranch Cutting/MCHA Year End Show

Tim Stryker made a motion to approve the above listed shows. Rachel Showalter second the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed the August 22-23, Meadow Vue Ranch Weekend cutting. Vann Greenwell made a motion to approve this show. Tim Stryker second the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board discussed having the Never Won A Buckle (NWAB) class in 2015. Rachel Showalter made a motion to approve the NWAB class for show producers who would like to include it in their show. Van Greenwell second the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Theresa Nelson stated the NCHA will be offering a Senior Class this year, which is a class within a class. She stated it will be an extra \$6 fee with the NCHA awarding the top 15. It is a class for anyone above 60 years of age. The person showing has to sign up and pay for it. Theresa stated that Arizona has decided to offer it at their shows. The show secretary will have to include it in the show application that goes into the NCHA. She felt it could be a good thing to add to our shows. It is self-funded, so there would be no cost to the association. Van Greenwell made a motion to include the Senior Classes in our shows. Tim Stryker second the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no other new business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:56pm.