

## **MINUTES OF MONTANA CUTTING HORSE ASSOCIATION (MCHA) DIRECTORS' MEETING**

January 9, 2016

Best Western Plus Clock Tower Inn - Conference Room

Billings, Montana

President Kathy Foote called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

**Members Present:** President Kathy Foote, Vice President Rachel Showalter, Van Greenwell (Telephonic), Tim Stryker, Jeremy Young, Kelly Zelikovitz, Todd Banner (Telephonic), Kip Denton, Helen Larsen

**Members Absent:** None

**Others Present:** Secretary / Treasurer Sara Pahlke, National Director Theresa Nelson (Telephonic)

### **FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

Sara Pahlke provided a 3 year financial statement comparison for fiscal years 2015, 2014, and 2013. She said the 2015 financial statement was prepared by former Secretary / Treasurer Kelly Heiken and is preliminary. Rachel Showalter made a motion to postpone the vote to approve the 2015 financial statement, in order to provide time for Sara to review and finalize 2015 numbers. Helen Larsen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **OLD OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **Montana National Directors' Report**

MCHA National Director Theresa Nelson reported the NCHA has launched a preview of their new website. She said a preview of the new beta version of [nchacutting.com](http://nchacutting.com) is available through a link on the top right hand corner of the homepage of the NCHA website. She said Fastercut, the current software utilized by show secretary's to run shows and maintain standings, is being replaced and updates to the NCHA website will improve the process of reporting results and standings through the new software to the website.

Theresa reported that Region 1 has a new representative on the NCHA Executive Committee, Jack Holt of Bend, Oregon.

Theresa said the NCHA Executive Committee voted to change the \$15,000 Novice Horse and \$15,000 Novice Non-Pro class to the \$25,000 Novice Horse and the \$25,000 Novice Non-Pro for 2016.

Theresa requested that the MCHA directors continue to let her or Buddy Westphal know if there is anything they would like brought up at the NCHA National Directors meeting in June 2016.

## **50% Rule – Year End Standings**

The MCHA directors considered whether to initiate a requirement that contestants compete in at least fifty percent of the Montana approved shows in order to be eligible for yearend awards. Kathy Foote said the Northwest Regional Series is considering changing their standings to be based off of a point system versus money earned. She said the Northwest Regional Series would make this decision at their next meeting Monday, January 11, 2016. Kelly Zelikovitz made a motion that if the Northwest Regional Series **does not** approve point based standings, then a requirement that contestants compete in at least fifty percent of the Montana approved shows in order to be eligible for yearend awards be approved and placed in effect. Tim Stryker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Northwest Regional Series decided to base standings off of money earned at their meeting Monday, January 11, 2016. Consequently, a requirement that contestants compete in at least fifty percent of the Montana approved shows in order to be eligible for yearend awards is in effect.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Sponsors Status / Membership Rates**

Sara Pahlke reported that the MCHA lost Triple Crown Feeds as the Wrangler subscription sponsor. She said the Wrangler informed her in 2015, approximately 127 households received subscriptions at a cost of \$8 / household or \$1,016. She said the MCHA could find another subscription sponsor and that the Wrangler would charge the sponsor \$75 / issue and provide the sponsor a 3" ad and feature story.

Sara Pahlke provided a summary of 2015 sponsors she had contacted regarding 2016 sponsorship, she said to date \$1,200 in sponsorships for 2016 has been received and \$2,000 more has been confirmed. Kelly Zelikovitz said she had some ideas for 2016 sponsors and may be interested in the sponsor committee appointment.

Sara Pahlke said the MCHA 2016 membership form has been published in the Wrangler and is available on the website and that the rates were continued from 2015 at; \$50 for family, \$35 for individual, and \$10 for youth membership. She said in 2016 the NCHA is no longer offering a family membership rate. Kathy Foote said the Board of Directors would review membership rates at the end of 2016 and determine whether to continue the family membership rate for 2017.

## 2016 MCHA Classes

The MCHA directors considered what classes to continue offering in 2016 for year-end awards. Kathy Foote asked whether the directors would like to add Open and Non-Pro Classic classes. Rachel Showalter said adding the Classic classes to a weekend show could potentially affect entries in the novice horse classes. Kathy said the \$1,000 AM and \$800 rider classes rarely filled in the 2015 show year. Sara Pahlke reported that in 2015 there were no year-end awards given in the \$1,000 AM and \$800 rider classes. Jeremy Young made a motion to **remove** the \$1,000 AM and \$800 Rider classes from the approved MCHA class list for year-end awards. Kelly Zelikovitz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The 2016 MCHA approved class list for year-end awards is as follows:

Open
NP
\$50AM
\$25 Nov - (\$15 Nov changed in 2016 by NCHA)
\$25 Nov NP - (\$15 Nov NP changed in 2016 by NCHA)
Youth
Open Derby
NP Derby
\$35NP
\$15AM
\$5 Nov
\$5 Nov NP
\$2 LR
\$1,500 NH

Jeremy Young made a motion to approve continuation of the Never Won a Buckle class for show producers who would like to include it in their show, with an amendment to the rules that contestants are eligible to compete in the class if they have never won an MCHA or NCHA buckle. Rachel Showalter seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Rachel Showalter made a motion to continue the Horizon Yacht / NCHA Senior World Tour class within a class for 2016. Kip Denton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Kelly Zelikovitz made a motion to remove any monetary cap placed on what show producers may offer as added money per class. Jeremy Young seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Rachel Showalter made a motion to limit the entry fee for the \$2,000 Rider and Never Won a Buckle class to \$100 for 2016, in order to encourage attendance by members of club cuttings such as the Treasure State Cutting Series and the Central Wyoming Cutting Club. Helen Larsen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **Committee Assignments**

President Kathy Foote made the following committee appointments:

- Show Committee – Rachel Showalter (MCHA Constitution – Article V -Section 4a)
- Sponsor Committee – Kelly Zelikovitz
- Nominating Committee – Helen Larsen (MCHA Constitution – Article III -Section 7)
- Year End Banquet / Auction Committee – Tanya Dvarishkis
- Year End Awards Committee – Audrey O’Keefe
- Rules Committee – Kelly Zelikovitz

Kelly Zelikovitz said throughout the year she would maintain a list of clarifications / changes to be made to the MCHA Constitution / Bylaws. She said prior to the general membership meeting and election, the directors would determine which clarifications / changes to be included on the ballot for the membership to vote on pursuant to MCHA Constitution – Article VI -Section 1.

Kathy Foote said in the past Gayle Weber and Nancy LaCounte had helped with the Never Won A Buckle Class and that she would contact them to see if either or both would be interested in staffing the Never Won A Buckle committee in 2016.

Kathy Foote said in the past Betty Lou Weeding has managed and overseen the election process for the MCHA. She said she would contact Betty Lou Weeding to see if she would be interested in staffing the Election Committee in 2016.

## **2016 Show Schedule**

Rachel Showalter provided an overview of 2016 shows and dates. She said the April 16-17 – Laurel, MT show would be produced by Clayton with Miller’s Horse Palace. She said Showdown Productions LLC would be producing the May 20-22 – Shootout in Sheridan - Sheridan, WY, LAE and weekend show. Rachel said the Shootout in Sheridan will be held at the new equestrian facility in Sheridan, WY, 100 covered stalls will be available, and that lodging is limited, be sure to make reservations early. Rachel said the Shootout in Sheridan will be approved by Western States and possibly Wyoming cutting horse associations. Kathy Foote said Jonathan Foote would follow up with his contacts in the Wyoming Cutting Horse Association to seek approval. Rachel said Robert Borick with the help of Cody Lee will produce the July 15-17 – Corvallis, MT, show under Showdown Productions LLC, at the Sapphire Event Center.

Van Greenwell said he has been in contact with Dean Briggs and the June 25-26 Briggs Ranch Cutting in Whitehall, MT, has been confirmed. Van said there may be a problem with having cattle for the August 17-20 Meadow Vue Ranch show in Henrys Lake, ID, but more would be known in March 2016.

Kathy Foote provided information on the two venues under consideration for the location of NCHA Days – June 3-5; Heart K and Jay Dee Anderson’s facility, both in Livingston, MT. Kathy said the Heart K would cost \$1,500 / day, with \$3,000 of the cost donated by Heart K, and that stalls would be \$25 / day plus \$9 shavings. She said Jay Dee Anderson’s facility would be \$500 / day, stalls costing \$95 / day, and would require setup of cattle pens. Kathy said she has cattle available at \$40-\$42 / head including hauling. Tim Stryker said the Heart K may be a better location for hosting the larger NCHA days show, and asked if Jay Dee Anderson’s facility would be available for a year end show. Kathy said she would follow up with Jay Dee Anderson.

The MCHA Directors reviewed and approved the submitted shows and dates as listed below.

2016 Montana Cutting Horse Association Show Schedule				
March 2-6	<a href="#">Rooster Rush Winter Circuit - Northwood Ranch</a>	Pierre, SD		
March 23-26	<a href="#">ICHA Spring Show</a>	Nampa, ID	*	
April 8-10	<a href="#">OCHA Spring Show - Norton Ranch</a>	Madras, OR	*	
April 16-17	Miller's Horse Palace	Laurel, MT		
	Western Nationals	Denver, CO		
May 20-22	Shootout in Sheridan - LAE and Weekend Show	Sheridan, WY		AB
June 3-5	NCHA Days - Heart K	Livingston, MT		AB
June 25-26	Briggs Ranch Cutting	Whitehall, MT		
July 8-10	<a href="#">WCHA Weekend Show</a>	TBD	*	
July 15-17	Sapphire Event Center	Corvallis, MT		
August 6-13	Big Sky Aged Event and Weekend Show	Kalispell, MT	*	AB
August 17-20	Meadow Vue Ranch	Henrys Lake, ID		
September	Year End Show	TBD		
<b>* Northwest Regional Show Series - Idaho, Oregon, <a href="#">Utah</a> (TBD), Washington, Montana</b> <b>AB - Angela Bauer Youth Scholarship Cutting</b>				

Pursuant to MCHA Rules and Regulations, all out of state shows were approved by a unanimous vote of the MCHA Directors. Kathy Foote said Utah will be participating in the Northwest Regional Show Series and that the show would need to be considered for approval when a date has been determined.

The Board of Directors discussed whether there should be a silent auction at NCHA Days as well as the MCHA Year End Show to benefit MCHA. Kelly Zelikovitz said Tanya Dvarishkis, as appointed Year End Banquet / Auction Committee, would be willing to organize a silent auction at NCHA Days.

## **MCHA Youth**

Tim Stryker said the Angela Bauer Youth Scholarship cutting dates should be in conjunction with the largest Montana produced shows. The MCHA Directors determined the Angela Bauer Youth Scholarship cutting dates to be:

- May 20-22 - Sheridan, WY
- June 3-5 – NCHA Days – Livingston, MT
- August 6-7 – BSAE Weekend Show – Kalispell, MT

Kathy Foote said pursuant to MCHA Rules and Regulations, the MCHA Directors may vote to donate buckles / trophies for Montana High School State Cutting Champions. The MCHA Directors postponed the vote, deciding a vote would be made when / if the Montana High School Rodeo Association requested the donation from MCHA.

Kathy Foote said she and Jonathan Foote would like to host a youth / beginner clinic in April or May of 2016 at their T Square Ranch in Livingston, MT. Kathy said T Square Ranch would provide cattle and the facility to host a clinic. She said she would follow up with trainers and provide specific dates at a later time.

## **2016 Year End Show / Banquet / Auction**

Kathy Foote said she would follow up with Jay Dee Anderson regarding the availability of his facility in Livingston, MT, on September 10-11 for the yearend show. The MCHA Directors discussed holding the year end banquet immediately following the show. The MCHA Directors postponed the discussion until a year end show location is determined and show is approved.

## **Other New Business**

Kathy Foote said in January 2011, Jann Parker was hired as a PR representative to assist with MCHA Promotions including revamping the Web Page, e-news and Facebook updates, and write-ups of our members' successes at a fee of \$150 / month. Rachel Showalter said Jann Parker had contacted her regarding the possibility of Sara Pahlke taking over the position. Rachel Showalter made a motion to hire Sara Pahlke as the PR Representative, replacing Jann Parker, at a fee of \$150 / month. Helen Larsen seconded the motion. All MCHA Directors members were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

## **DISCUSSION AND DIRECTIVES**

Kathy Foote announced the next meeting will be a teleconference and is tentatively scheduled for 6 p.m. Monday, February 22, 2016.

No further business appearing, Tim Stryker made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kelly Zelikovitz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Kathy Foote adjourned the meeting at 1:50 p.m.

## **MINUTES OF MONTANA CUTTING HORSE ASSOCIATION (MCHA) DIRECTORS' MEETING**

February 22, 2016

Conference Call

President Kathy Foote called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Members Present:** President Kathy Foote, Vice President Rachel Showalter, Van Greenwell, Tim Stryker, Jeremy Young, Kelly Zelikovitz, Todd Banner, Kip Denton, Helen Larsen

**Members Absent:** None

**Others Present:** Secretary / Treasurer Sara Pahlke, National Directors Theresa Nelson and Buddy Westphal

It was moved by Van Greenwell, seconded by Vice President Rachel Showalter, and carried on a voice vote that the minutes of the January 9, 2016, meeting be approved as distributed.

### **FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

Secretary / Treasurer Sara Pahlke provided the 2015 financial statement (Appendix A) for the MCHA directors review and approval. Van Greenwell made a motion to approve the 2015 financial statement. Vice President Rachel Showalter seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Secretary / Treasurer Sara Pahlke presented the following information on the fiscal impact of the Northwest Regional Series (NRS) on MCHA financials:

- 2015 MCHA Membership Income \$4,315 - 202 Members
  - 2015 NRS Participants were required to pay memberships to participating affiliates
  - 2014 Membership Income \$3,165 – 178 Members
  - 2013 Membership Income \$3,915
- 2015 MCHA Cost to participate in NRS \$2,000
- Show Secretary Fee to Record Results \$617
  - ICHA - \$140
  - OCHA - \$75
  - WCHA - \$0
  - BSAE - \$402



## OLD OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### 2016 Northwest Regional Series

President Kathy Foote provided information on the 2016 Northwest Regional Series (NRS). She said the Idaho Cutting Horse Association (ICHA), Oregon Cutting Horse Association (OCHA), Washington Cutting Horse Association (WCHA), Montana Cutting Horse Association (MCHA), and Utah Cutting Horse Association (UCHA) would all be participating in the 2016 NRS. Kathy said an NRS Committee is finalizing rules and regulations that should be available by the end of February 2016. She said the NRS Shoot-out will be held on October 30, 2016, in Farmington, UT. Kathy said that 2 days of regular weekend classes from each of the following association shows will count toward NRS Standings:

2016 Northwest Regional Series Schedule		
March 24-26	<a href="#">ICHA</a>	Nampa, ID
April 8-10	<a href="#">OCHA</a>	Madras, OR
July 8-10	<a href="#">WCHA</a>	Cle Elum, WA
August 6-7	<a href="#">MCHA</a>	Kalispell, MT
October 28-29	<a href="#">UCHA</a>	Farmington, UT

### 50% Rule – Year-end Standings

The MCHA directors reviewed a motion from the MCHA directors' meeting on January 9, 2016, that put in place a requirement that contestants compete in at least 50% of the Montana approved shows in order to be eligible for year-end awards.

President Kathy Foote said the NRS provides each participating state affiliate discretion on how to incorporate results from the NRS shows into year-end standings.

Kelly Zelikovitz suggested that in order for an MCHA member to be eligible for MCHA year-end awards, they are required to compete in at least 50% of the Montana approved shows, not including the ICHA, OCHA, WCHA, and the UCHA NRS shows ("Excluded NRS Shows"). She said the rationale for the 50% Rule is 3-part: 1) the Excluded NRS Shows are out-of-state shows that are a part of the Northwest Regional Cutting Series, which operates separately from MCHA and which has its own year-end awards; 2) to preserve for MCHA members who may not have the time or resources to show out-of-state the opportunity to still be competitive for MCHA year-end awards; and 3) to encourage and promote the sport of cutting in the state of Montana as required by the MCHA Constitution.

Jeremy Young made a motion to amend the previously adopted rule that contestants compete in at least 50% of the Montana approved shows in order to be eligible for year-end awards, to include that 50% constitutes competition in at least 50% of the Montana approved shows regular weekend schedule of classes, not including the ICHA, OCHA, WCHA, and the UCHA NRS shows ("Excluded NRS Shows"). Van Greenwell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The MCHA directors concluded that even though participation in the Excluded NRS Shows would not apply toward satisfying the 50% Rule, it should be clarified that if a contestant otherwise satisfies the 50% Rule, any monies earned by such contestant in the Excluded NRS Shows will still be included for purposes of determining that contestant's eligibility for MCHA year-end awards. The MCHA directors determined that if a participant signs up for a class and the class is not held because of insufficient entries, the class will still be considered as having been held for purposes of the participant satisfying the 50% Rule.

## **2016 MCHA Classes**

The MCHA directors reviewed a motion from the MCHA directors' meeting on January 9, 2016, to limit the entry fee for the \$2,000 Rider to \$100 for 2016, in order to encourage attendance by members of club cuttings such as the Treasure State Cutting Series and the Central Wyoming Cutting Club.

President Kathy Foote said she was concerned about the effect a reduced entry fee would have on earnings and consequently on the capability of MCHA members running for a top 15 place in NCHA World Standings.

Tim Stryker made a motion to rescind the previously adopted rule to limit the entry fee for the \$2,000 Rider to \$100 for 2016, thereby providing show producers the discretion to set the entry fee in establishment with NCHA guidelines. Todd Banner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

National Director Theresa Nelson said to encourage attendance by members of club cuttings such as the Treasure State Cutting Series and the Central Wyoming Cutting Club the MCHA directors may want to consider adding an \$800 rider class that would also count toward the standings within the club cuttings. President Kathy Foote requested that MCHA directors follow up with their contacts within the cutting clubs to see if this is something the clubs may be interested in.

Kelly Zelikovitz said she had been contacted by an MCHA member interested in adding the Open / Non-Pro Classic classes as a 2016 MCHA approved class eligible for year-end awards. Kelly said adding the Open / Non-Pro Classic class would increase entries at weekend shows without a LAE, by enticing trainers and owners not wanting to impact eligibility of horses by showing in weekend classes to show in an aged event class.

Helen Larsen said a concern may be whether the class would have enough entries to fill and that requiring the class be offered is an additional cost burden to show producers.

Kelly Zelikovitz said an option may be to approve the class for a year-end award if the class was offered and held at a set percentage of MCHA approved shows, versus mandatorily requiring that show producers offer the class.

Todd Banner said the Classic Non-Pro class most often draws more entries than the Derby Non-Pro. He said entries in the Classic class are most likely driven by added money not year-end awards.

Jeremy Young made a motion that show producers be given the option whether to offer Open / Non-Pro Classic classes and that participation in these classes throughout 2016 be reviewed at year-end to determine whether the class be included as a 2017 MCHA approved class eligible for year-end awards. Vice President Rachel Showalter seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **2016 NCHA Days**

President Kathy Foote said that the Heart K facility in Livingston, MT and cattle have been confirmed for 2016 NCHA Days. She said that NCHA AAAA-rated judge Rock Hedlund has agreed to judge 2016 NCHA Days.

Kelly Zelikovitz said the Wyoming Cutting Horse Association held a silent auction in conjunction with 2015 NCHA Days. She said members of the Year-end Banquet / Auction Committee would be interested in organizing a silent auction and / or raffle if MCHA directors approved a budget to do so.

Van Greenwell said he would donate a pair of custom made chaps as a raffle item.

President Kathy Foote requested that Kelly Zelikovitz work with the Year-end Banquet / Auction Committee members to determine a budget amount to be considered for approval by the MCHA directors at the next meeting.

## **MCHA Youth / Beginner Clinic**

President Kathy Foote said a youth / beginner clinic is tentatively scheduled for April 23, 2016, at Crazy Mountain Cutting Horse facility in Livingston, MT. She said details are being firmed up with trainers and specifics will be posted to the MCHA website when available.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **2016 Sponsorships**

Kelly Zelikovitz provided information on 2016 sponsorships confirmed to date (Appendix B). She said the Sponsor Committee consists of Sheila Rubey, Vice President Rachel Showalter, Peri Suenram, and Tanya Dvarishkis. Kelly said about 30 sponsorships have been confirmed to date, over half of the sponsorships are from new sponsors, and approximately \$10,000 has been committed to date. Kelly provided information on 2016 sponsorship levels (Appendix C). She said in 2016 sponsors will receive a tax receipt for donating to MCHA which is organized as a 501(c)(3) entity.

Kelly Zelikovitz said the Sponsor Committee goal is to double the amount of sponsorship income received in 2015, which was \$6,425. Kelly asked the MCHA directors to consider allowing a portion of this additional sponsorship income to be utilized for purchasing fresh cattle in the \$35K NP and \$15 AM.

Todd Banner said a concern may be if the MCHA provides money for fresh cattle in the \$35K NP and \$15AM, other rerun cattle classes may question fairness. He said MCHA providing money to show producers to cover the cost of cattle may set expectations of always receiving such money going forward.

Kelly Zelikovitz said an option may be to raise cattle charge fees for purchasing fresh cattle in the \$35K NP and \$15 AM, in combination with utilizing sponsorship income. She said it has been her experience that riders in these classes have expressed interest in paying higher fees for fresh cattle.

Tim Stryker said a main reason fresh cattle are not offered in the traditional rerun cattle classes is that the required number of cattle to do so just isn't available to show producers.

Helen Larsen said an option to reward and recognize the hardship of showing on rerun cattle may be to bring back the "Rerun Cattle - Win a Saddle" standings, where a saddle is awarded to the highest cumulative money earning rider of the \$35K NP, \$15 AM, and \$2,000 Rider classes.

## **2016 Memberships**

Secretary / Treasurer Sara Pahlke said 2016 memberships to date include 54 members. She said the membership listing received from former Secretary / Treasurer Kelly Heiken included free memberships provided to the 2015 sponsors, as well as select members and trainers who had donated substantial time to the organization in 2015. Sara said in addition to reviewing membership rates at the end of 2016, the MCHA directors may also want to review the practice of continuing free memberships.

Vice President Rachel Showalter made a motion to approve the free MCHA memberships provided to 2015 sponsors in 2016. Helen Larsen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **Directors and Officers Liability Insurance**

Kelly Zelikovitz said it would be advisable for the MCHA directors to look into obtaining Directors and Officers (D&O) Liability Insurance. She said D&O is payable to the directors and officers of a company, or to the organization itself, as indemnification (reimbursement) for losses or advancement of defense costs in the event an insured suffers such a loss as a result of a legal action brought for alleged wrongful acts in their capacity as directors and officers. President Kathy Foote request that Kelly look into the cost and availability of D&O coverage for MCHA for the MCHA directors' consideration of approval at the next meeting.

## 2016 Show Schedule

The MCHA directors reviewed and approved new submitted shows and dates as listed below:

- July 8-10 - WCHA NRS Show - Cle Elum, WA
- September 17-18 - Jay Dee Anderson Facility – Livingston, MT
- October 1-2 – Year-end Show – Laurel, MT
- October 28-29 – UCHA NRS Show – Farmington, UT

Pursuant to MCHA Rules and Regulations, all out of state shows were approved by a unanimous vote of the MCHA directors.

Kelly Zelikovitz made a motion that as a condition of approving the UCHA NRS Show, a stipulation is in effect that for MCHA year-end award purposes, any MCHA member monies earned at that show will be included in the 2017 MCHA year-end results as applicable under the 50% Rule. Jeremy Young seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The revised 2016 show schedule is as follows:

2016 Montana Cutting Horse Association Show Schedule				
March 4-6	<a href="#">Rooster Rush Winter Circuit - Northwood Ranch</a>	Pierre, SD		
March 24-26	<a href="#">ICHA NRS Show</a>	Nampa, ID	* **	
April 8-10	<a href="#">OCHA NRS Show</a>	Madras, OR	* **	
April 16-17	Miller's Horse Palace	Laurel, MT		
May 20-22	Shootout in Sheridan - LAE and Weekend Show	Sheridan, WY		AB
June 3-5	NCHA Days - Heart K	Livingston, MT		AB
June 17-19	Briggs Ranch Cutting	Whitehall, MT		
July 8-10	<a href="#">WCHA NRS Show</a>	Cle Elum, WA	* **	
July 15-17	Sapphire Event Center	Corvallis, MT		
August 6-13	Big Sky Aged Event and Weekend Show	Kalispell, MT	*	AB
August 17-20	Meadow Vue Ranch	Henrys Lake, ID		
September 17-18	Jay Dee Anderson	Livingston, MT		
October 1-2	Year-end Show	Laurel, MT		
October 28-29	<a href="#">UCHA NRS Show</a>	Farmington, UT	* **	2017
* Northwest Regional Series (NRS) - Idaho, Oregon, Washington, Montana, Utah,				
** Excluded NRS Shows do not apply toward satisfying the 50% Rule, if a contestant otherwise satisfies the 50% Rule, any monies earned in the Excluded NRS Shows will be included for purposes of determining that contestant's eligibility for MCHA year-end awards				
AB - Angela Bauer Youth Scholarship Cutting				
2017 - any MCHA member monies earned will be included in the 2017 MCHA year-end results				

Vice President Rachel Showalter said the July 15-17 show at Sapphire Event Center in Corvallis, MT, is being reconsidered and may not be held.

Van Greenwell said there still may be a problem with having cattle for the August 17-20 Meadow Vue Ranch show in Henrys Lake, ID, but more would be known in March 2016.

President Kathy Foote said the September 17-18 show planned at Jay Dee Anderson's facility in Livingston, MT, is contingent upon cattle availability.

## **DISCUSSION AND DIRECTIVES**

President Kathy Foote announced the next meeting will be a teleconference and is tentatively scheduled for 6 p.m. Monday, March 28, 2016.

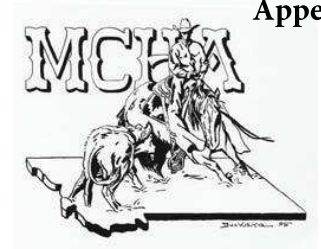
President Kathy Foote adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

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please email request to: [info@montanacha.com](mailto:info@montanacha.com)**

2016 MCHA Class			Sponsorship \$		
Open					
	Silver				
	Montana Ranch - Sandra & Dave Sabey	400	Verbal - Rachel	emailed 2/16	
NP					
	Gold				
	Chris Ray	600	* Paid (Rachel has check)		
\$50AM					
	Silver				
	Kathy & Jonathan Foote - Square T Ranch	400	* Verbal commitment		
	Bronze				
	Michelle Van Dyke - Montana RancheProperties Real Estate Broker	200	* Paid		
	Sandra Brown - ERA / Lambros Real Estate Broker	200	* Paid		
\$25 Nov					
	Silver				
	High Brow Tuesday - Helen Larsen	400	Paid		
\$25 Nov NP					
	Gold				
	Trout Creek Ranch	600	Paid		
Youth					
	Silver				
	Tim Stryker Cutting Horses / Rachel Showalter	400	Verbal commitment		
Open Derby					
	None				
NP Derby					
	Gold				
	Bower Trading, Inc	600	Paid		
\$35NP					
	Platinum				
	Moon Creek Market - Sheila Rubey	1,000	* Paid		
	Gold				
	Mountain West Farm Bureau Insurance	600	* Verbal commitment	emailed 2/9	
	Silver				
	Kelly & Steve Zelikovitz	400	* Verbal commitment		
	Bronze				
	Gayle & Brien Weber	200	Paid		
	Hall Ranch LLC - Bev Hall	200	Paid		
\$15AM					
	Silver				
	Weeding Ranch - Donald & Betty Lou	400	Paid		
	Bronze				
	Pam & Jerry Rankin	200	* Verbal commitment	emailed 2/9	
\$5 Nov					
	Gold				
	Copper Springs Ranch	600	* Verbal - Rachel	emailed 1/15	
\$5 Nov NP					
	Silver				
	Lil Catbaloo - Gene & Michelle Morris	400	Verbal commitment	emailed 2/16	
\$2 LR					
	Silver				
	Billings Livestock Commission	400	Verbal commitment	emailed 2/16	
\$1,500 NH					
	Bronze				
	Diamond H Trailer Sales	200	Verbal - Peri	emailed 2/16	
TBD					
	Sharon Waggoner	100	* Verbal commitment		
	Peri Suenram		* Verbal commitment		
	Tanya Dvarishkis	200	* Verbal commitment		
Never Won A Buckle					
	Prairie States Insurance Agency, Inc.	150	* Paid		
	Beartooth Fencing - Cindy & Brandon Garoutte	150	Verbal commitment		
	Gayle & Brien Weber	150	Verbal commitment		
YTD 2016 Sponsorships		\$ 9,150			

\*New Sponsor in 2016





## **MONTANA CUTTING HORSE ASSOCIATION SPONSOR PROGRAMS FOR 2016**

### **MCHA Platinum Sponsor – Minimum of \$1,000**

Your money will be used towards purchasing Year –End Awards, Sponsors receive:

- Advertisement on the front page of our web-site with link to your site
- Name and recognition in MCHA publication (The Wrangler)
- Name announced throughout the day at cuttings
- Name on MCHA E-News emailed to our members
- Banner displayed at in-state cuttings (banner paid for by MCHA, sponsor provides artwork specs)
- 2 tickets to the Year-End Awards

### **MCHA Gold Sponsor – Cost \$600**

Your money will be used towards purchasing Year –End Awards, Sponsors receive:

- Advertisement on the front page of our web-site with link to your site
- Name and recognition in MCHA publication (The Wrangler)
- Name announced throughout the day at cuttings
- Name on MCHA E-News emailed to our members
- Banner displayed at in-state cuttings (banner supplied by sponsor)
- 2 tickets to the Year-End Awards

### **MCHA Silver Sponsor – Cost \$400**

Your money will be used towards purchasing Year –End Awards, Sponsors receive:

- Name recognition on our web-site
- Name and recognition in MCHA publication (The Wrangler)
- Name announced at cuttings before class that you are assigned to
- You will receive 2 tickets to the Year-End Awards.

### **MCHA Bronze Sponsor – Cost \$200**

Your money will be used towards purchasing Year –End Awards, Sponsors receive:

- Name recognition on our web-site
- Name and recognition in MCHA publication (The Wrangler)
- Name announced at cuttings before class that you are assigned to

### **MCHA Never Won A Buckle Sponsor – Cost \$150 or Co-Sponsor for \$75**

Your money will be used towards purchasing the Buckle to be awarded at NWAB shows, Sponsors receive:

- Name recognition on our web-site
- Name recognition in MCHA publication (The Wrangler)
- Name announced at cuttings that host the NWAB class
- Option to present the buckle if you are present.

### **MCHA Youth Sponsor – Cost \$250**

Your money will be used to help pay for fresh cattle in the Youth classes and for Year-End Awards, Sponsors receive:

- Name recognition on our web-site
- Name recognition in MCHA publication (The Wrangler)
- Name announced at cuttings before the youth class

## **MINUTES OF MONTANA CUTTING HORSE ASSOCIATION (MCHA) DIRECTORS' MEETING**

March 28, 2016  
Conference Call

President Kathy Foote called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

**Members Present:** President Kathy Foote, Van Greenwell, Kelly Zelikovitz, Todd Banner, Helen Larsen

**Members Absent:** Vice President Rachel Showalter, Tim Stryker, Jeremy Young, Kip Denton

**Others Present:** Secretary / Treasurer Sara Pahlke

It was moved by Kelly Zelikovitz, seconded by Van Greenwell, and carried on a voice vote that the minutes of the February 22, 2016, meeting be approved as distributed.

### **2016 PROJECTED FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

Secretary / Treasurer Sara Pahlke provided a 2016 projected financial statement (Appendix A) for the Directors review and use in establishing a budget for the 2016 variable expenses of fundraising auctions, year-end banquet, and awards. The Directors postponed setting specific monetary amounts for these variable expenses until the next Directors' meeting when more Directors may be present.

Sara said one of the clarifications to the bylaws the Directors are considering is provisions for review, approval, and revision of an annual budget. She suggested as part of the clarification a guideline be incorporated as to how the ending bank balance should be left for the following year's operations. She said for example, "an objective of the operating budget may be to provide for savings which would increase the ending bank balance by 15%, this savings would remain in MCHA account to be utilized for unforeseen future contingencies".

### **OLD OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **2016 Northwest Regional Series**

President Kathy Foote provided information on the 2016 Northwest Regional Series (NRS). She said an NRS Committee has finalized rules and regulations, which are available on the MCHA website under the "Show Information" drop down tab. Kathy said NRS news and updates will be posted on the NRS Facebook page, "Northwest Cutting Series". Kathy said there were 266 entries at the Idaho Cutting Horse Association show held March 24-26 in Nampa, ID, and that the NRS was a contributing factor to the increased number of entries.

## **2016 Show Schedule Update**

Secretary / Treasurer Sara Pahlke shared information from Vice President Rachel Showalter that the July 15-17 show at Sapphire Event Center in Corvallis, MT, has been cancelled.

Van Greenwell said the August 17-20 Meadow Vue Ranch show in Henrys Lake, ID, is contingent upon cattle availability.

President Kathy Foote said the September 17-18 show planned at Jay Dee Anderson's facility in Livingston, MT, is contingent upon cattle availability.

President Kathy Foote said the year-end show planned for October 1-2 in Laurel, MT, may be in conflict with the Wyoming Cutting Horse Association futurity and weekend show that is tentatively scheduled the same weekend.

## **2016 Western Nationals Sponsorship**

Secretary / Treasurer Sara Pahlke said MCHA was asked to sponsor a lunch at the 2016 Western Nationals and that Directors voted by email prior to the meeting regarding their preferred donation amount. Sara said for a \$1,000 sponsorship MCHA would receive a full page program ad, website acknowledgment, marquee mention at the show, and a banner hung at the sponsored lunch. She said in 2015, MCHA donated \$400 and the donation was combined with other affiliates to sponsor a lunch. Sara said results of the email vote indicated the majority of Directors were in favor of providing a \$400 donation; 7 voted in favor of \$400, 1 voted in favor of \$1,000, and 1 voted in favor of not providing a donation.

## **MCHA Youth / Beginner Clinic**

President Kathy Foote said a youth / beginner clinic is scheduled for May 14, 2016, at Crazy Mountain Cutting Horse facility in Livingston, MT. She said details are being firmed up with trainers and specifics will be posted to the MCHA website when available.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **2016 Sponsorships**

Kelly Zelikovitz provided information on 2016 sponsorships confirmed to date. She said 33 sponsorships have been confirmed at approximately \$12,125, double the amount collected in any previous year. Kelly said over half of the sponsorships are from new sponsors, approximately 20 new sponsors which broadens the sponsorship base and insures that it is not always only the same people who sponsor MCHA every year.

Secretary / Treasurer Sara Pahlke said a new Wrangler subscription sponsor has not been found. She said the cost of being a subscription sponsor is \$75 per issue for approximately 19 issues per year, and that the Wrangler requests sponsors sign on for a full year. Sara said as a subscription sponsor, the Wrangler provides a 1 time feature story on the business and a 3" ad in every issue. She said if a sponsor cannot be found, the MCHA would also have the option to pay \$8 / household for members to receive a subscription. Directors requested that Sara follow up with the Wrangler to see if the organization would still be permitted to publish in the Wrangler if a subscription sponsor is not found.

Secretary / Treasurer Sara Pahlke said a condition of Platinum level sponsorship requires MCHA to purchase arena banners for Platinum level sponsors. She said in 2015, MCHA purchased a 4' x 6' arena banner for the organization for approximately \$100. Directors agreed that Platinum level sponsor banners should be of a similar size and cost.

### **South Dakota Cutting Horse Association Shows**

Secretary / Treasurer Sara Pahlke said there were 231 entries at the South Dakota Cutting Horse Association (SDCHA) show held March 4-6 in Pierre, SD. She said show results are available on the MCHA website. Sara said SDCHA paid \$2 per horse entry for approval fees versus the standard MCHA approval fee of \$4 per horse entry.

President Kathy Foote said she had contacted SDCHA president Tracy Barton, he told her there was no discussion prior to the show and his understanding was that MCHA charged \$2 per horse entry for approval fees. Kathy said Tracy is aware that any future SDCHA show approved by the MCHA will require a \$4 per horse entry approval fee.

The Directors reviewed a request by the SDCHA to approve a show to be held April 21-24 in Pierre, SD. The Directors determined not to approve the show for the following reasons;

- Pursuant to MCHA Rules and Regulations, all out of state shows must be approved by a unanimous vote of the MCHA Directors, not all Directors were present
- Pursuant to MCHA Rules and Regulations, show applications must be received for review 50 days prior to the show, the show application was not received 50 days prior
- The effect approving two SDCHA shows would have on determining MCHA member eligibility for year-end awards under the 50% rule

## **Affiliate Show Approval Application**

Secretary / Treasurer Sara Pahlke provided an Affiliate Show Approval Application (Appendix B) modeled after what is used by the Western States Cutting Horse Association for the Directors review and consideration of using as a standardized show application.

## **Rerun Cattle - Win a Saddle**

The Directors considered whether to bring back the “Rerun Cattle – Win a Saddle” year-end award offered in previous years. Kelly Zelikovitz said offering a saddle would be a means to reward and recognize the hardship of showing on rerun cattle, as Helen Larsen had suggested at the February 22, 2016, meeting. Kelly said with the additional sponsorship money collected this year there should be enough funds in the budget for a saddle award.

President Kathy Foote made a motion that MCHA award a saddle as a year end award to the highest cumulative money earning rider of the \$35K NP, \$15 AM, and \$2,000 Rider classes, as calculated under current MCHA year-end award eligibility rules. Kelly Zelikovitz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **Other New Business**

The Directors discussed how to encourage attendance by members of club cuttings such as the Treasure State Cutting Series and the Central Wyoming Cutting Club at MCHA events. Secretary / Treasurer Sara Pahlke reviewed a suggestion made at the February 22, 2016, meeting:

*National Director Theresa Nelson said to encourage attendance by members of club cuttings such as the Treasure State Cutting Series and the Central Wyoming Cutting Club the MCHA directors may want to consider adding an \$800 rider class that would also count toward the standings within the club cuttings.*

The Directors also discussed whether the cutting clubs may be interested in approving an entire MCHA show to count towards their standings.

President Kathy Foote requested that Directors follow up with their contacts within the cutting clubs to see if either of the opportunities discussed would be something the clubs may be interested in.

## **DISCUSSION AND DIRECTIVES**

President Kathy Foote announced the next meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. Friday, April 15, 2016, at Miller's Horse Palace in Laurel, MT.

President Kathy Foote adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

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# Application for Affiliate Show Approval

In an effort to guarantee quality cuttings, the Montana Cutting Horse Association (MCHA) has developed the guidelines listed below. By requesting affiliate show approval from MCHA, you are agreeing to achieve these guidelines and understand that failure to do so will affect any future application. In the event of a violation of any one of these rules, there will be action taken, up to and including a one-year suspension of future affiliate approval.

Upon receipt of the signed Affiliate Application, each application will be submitted to our Board of Directors for a vote. Applications will be considered on a first come first served basis. Notice of approval or denial will be given to the applicant within a timely manner. MCHA will not approve any affiliate show that takes place on the same date as a MCHA produced show.

1. The following classes must be offered:

Open	\$25 Nov	Open Derby	\$15 AM	\$2K LR
Non-Pro	\$25 Nov NP	NP Derby	\$5 Nov	\$1,500 NH
\$50 AM	Youth	\$35 NP	\$5 Nov NP	

2. All cattle used are to be fresh at the start of the show. Fresh cattle are defined as cattle that have not been worked in **any** cattle event or practice, prior to entering the show pen. Once the cattle have been used at the show, it is up to the show management to rerun cattle as they choose, in classes that do not charge fresh cattle prices.
3. Payout checks to participants or staff are to be guaranteed. Any check returned NSF is a violation of NCHA and MCHA rules.
4. Show results and affiliate fees are due to MCHA within 10 days. \$4.00 per entry will be paid to MCHA for all classes.
5. Application must be received a minimum of 50 days prior to the show date.
6. Producer must have general liability insurance in place for the event with a minimum of \$1,000,000 for injury to any one person in any single occurrence; \$1,000,000 for injury to two or more persons in any single occurrence.

Producer \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Show Location \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

As a MCHA Affiliate Show Producer, I agree to abide by all NCHA rules and the guidelines listed above. I also understand that a violation of any one of the above guidelines will cause action to be taken up to and including a one-year suspension of future MCHA affiliate approval.

Producer \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature

Accepted by \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 MCHA \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature



## **MINUTES OF MONTANA CUTTING HORSE ASSOCIATION (MCHA) DIRECTORS' MEETING**

April 16, 2016  
Miller Horse Palace  
Laurel, MT

President Kathy Foote called the meeting to order at 5:50 p.m.

**Members Present:** President Kathy Foote, Vice President Rachel Showalter, Tim Stryker, Jeremy Young, Kelly Zelikovitz, Kip Denton, Helen Larsen

**Members Absent:** Van Greenwell, Todd Banner

**Others Present:** Secretary / Treasurer Sara Pahlke  
Year-End Banquet / Auction Committee Chair– Tanya Dvarishkis  
Year End Awards Committee Chair – Audrey O’Keefe

It was moved by Helen Larsen, seconded by Jeremy Young, and carried on a voice vote that the minutes of the March 28, 2016, meeting be approved as distributed.

### **OLD OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **2016 Sponsorships**

Kelly Zelikovitz provided information on 2016 sponsorships confirmed to date. She said 33 sponsorships have been confirmed at approximately \$12,125, and that the committee is actively working to collect 12 unpaid sponsor commitments totaling \$3,950. The MCHA Directors determined any sponsor that has not paid by April 30, 2016, will no longer receive sponsor benefits including advertisement on the MCHA website and arena banners displayed at MCHA shows. Kelly said the revamped sponsorship levels available in 2016 provide that only Platinum and Gold level sponsors are eligible to display a banner in the arena at MCHA events, banners on hand from prior years sponsors will not be hung unless the sponsor is a 2016 Platinum or Gold level sponsor.

Secretary / Treasurer Sara Pahlke said a new Wrangler subscription sponsor has not been found. She said in order for the MCHA to continue publishing in the Wrangler without a subscription sponsor, the Wrangler would require MCHA to pay \$8 / household for members to receive a subscription. Kathy Foote said MCHA is able to distribute news to members through the website, Facebook page, and e-news in real time versus the publishing delay incurred through the Wrangler. Rachel Showalter made a motion that MCHA no longer publish in the Wrangler due to the expense placed upon the organization. Kip Denton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

## **2016 Year-End Awards**

The MCHA Directors considered what place to provide year end awards to and what special year-end awards to continue offering in 2016. The MCHA Directors determined to provide awards to 4 places in 2016, a reduction from 5 places in prior years.

Jeremy Young made a motion to combine the Senior Youth Rookie and Junior Youth Rookie award to one Youth Rookie award. Kip Denton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The MCHA Directors determined to provide the following special year-end awards:

- MCHA Open Horse of the Year – Based on Money Won
- MCHA Non-Pro Horse of the Year – Voted on by MCHA Membership
- MCHA Most Money Won – Non-Pro / Amateur
- Adult Rookie of the Year – Based on Money Won
- Youth Rookie of the Year – Based on Points
- Kim Asay / Most Inspirational Award

The MCHA Directors considered what to provide as a “Rerun Cattle – Win a Saddle” award for the highest cumulative money earning rider of the \$35K NP, \$15 AM, and \$2,000 Rider classes, as calculated under current MCHA year-end award eligibility rules. Kelly Zelikovitz provided information on the cost of award saddles from Stray Star Custom Saddles, Jeys Custom Saddles, Jeff Smith, and Roohide ranging from \$1,400 to \$2,800. Kelly Zelikovitz made a motion to award the “Rerun Cattle – Win a Saddle” winning rider a monetary voucher in the amount of \$2,000 to the saddle maker of their choice to be used towards the purchase of a saddle. Rachel Showalter seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Secretary / Treasurer Sara Pahlke said MCHA will receive an approval fee for each NCHA Senior World Tour class entry. The MCHA Directors determined to utilize the approval fee to provide a year-end award to the top Senior World Tour rider, based on the NCHA point system, with a voucher to Scootem-n-Shootem Photography to use towards the photo purchase of their choice.

## **2016 Year-End Banquet**

Year-End Banquet / Auction Committee Chair Tanya Dvarishkis said the committee is in the process of reviewing venue options where to hold the 2016 year-end awards banquet following the year-end show planned at Miller Horse Palace in Laurel, MT, October 1-2. She said the Year-End Banquet / Auction Committee would like to put on a silent auction during NCHA Days with approximate cost of \$1,000 and a silent and live auction at the year-end banquet with approximate cost of \$2,000.

President Kathy Foote said she would need to ask Heart K management whether the NCHA Days silent auction would be permitted. Kathy suggested the MCHA Directors postpone the discussion of establishing a budget for a silent auction during NCHA Days until it was known whether it would be permitted by Heart K management.

Secretary / Treasurer Sara Pahlke said Van Greenwell had previously said he would donate a pair of custom made chaps and perhaps those could be used as a raffle item at NCHA Days.

### **Montana High School – Cutting Donation**

President Kathy Foote said pursuant to MCHA Rules and Regulations, the MCHA Directors may vote to donate buckles / trophies for Montana High School State Cutting Champions if the finals are judged by an approved NCHA-MCHA judge. She said the Montana High School Rodeo Association requested a donation from MCHA in the form of a \$750 buckle donation or \$500 stirrup donation. Tim Stryker said only a few Montana High School cutters participate in MCHA events and that Montana High School cuttings are not required to be judged by NCHA approved judges. President Kathy Foote suggested the MCHA Directors postpone the discussion of donating to the Montana High School Rodeo Association until it was determined whether an NCHA approved judge would be used at state finals.

### **Directors and Officers Liability Insurance**

Kelly Zelikovitz said she is working with Mountain West Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company and Prairie States Insurance Agency to obtain quotes on Directors and Officers (D&O) Liability Insurance. She said in addition to D&O Insurance, it would be advisable for the MCHA Directors to look into obtaining general liability insurance, especially because MCHA is producing the NCHA Days show in 2016. President Kathy Foote request that Kelly obtain quotes for both D&O Insurance for MCHA Directors and general liability coverage for MCHA.

### **DISCUSSION AND DIRECTIVES**

President Kathy Foote said as information becomes available on the following items, MCHA Directors will receive an email and be requested to vote via email (APPENDIX A):

- Heart K management approval of MCHA silent auction at NCHA Days show, MCHA Directors to consider budget amount
- Montana High School Rodeo Association usage of NCHA approved judge at state finals, MCHA Directors to consider donation amount; \$750 buckle donation / \$500 stirrup donation / \$0
- Quotes for both D&O Insurance for MCHA Directors and general liability coverage for MCHA, MCHA Directors to consider purchase

President Kathy Foote adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

## APPENDIX A

On May 16, 2016, MCHA Directors voted online regarding the following:

- Heart K management permitted MCHA to hold a silent auction at no additional cost during the NCHA Days show. MCHA Directors voted to approve a budget of up to \$1,000 for silent auction items, 8 votes to 1. Three silent auction items were purchased, totaling \$402.55.
- MCHA Directors voted to approve hosting a dinner Saturday night of NCHA Days, 6 votes to 3. Paul Lambert of GFK Trailer Sales committed to co-sponsor the dinner providing \$250.
- MCHA Directors voted to approve paying for NCHA Days Photographer, Laurie Errington of Scootemnshootem Photography, lodging @ \$119 / night and Heart K booth fee of \$50, 5 votes to 4.
- MCHA receives one vote in the NCHA Vice President Election, MCHA Directors voted for Ron Pietrafeso over Phil Rapp, 6 votes to 3.

MCHA did not donate to the Montana High School Rodeo Association.

D&O Insurance for MCHA Directors and general liability coverage for MCHA is still under review and scheduled to be discussed at the next MCHA Directors' meeting.

## **MINUTES OF MONTANA CUTTING HORSE ASSOCIATION (MCHA) DIRECTORS' MEETING**

June 13, 2016  
Teleconference

President Kathy Foote called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

**Members Present:** President Kathy Foote, Vice President Rachel Showalter, Tim Stryker, Van Greenwell, Jeremy Young, Kelly Zelikovitz, Kip Denton, Helen Larsen

**Members Absent:** Todd Banner

**Others Present:** Secretary / Treasurer Sara Pahlke

It was moved by Kelly Zelikovitz, seconded by Helen Larsen, and carried on a voice vote that the minutes of the April 16, 2016, meeting be approved as distributed.

### **OLD OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **2016 NCHA Days Show Summary**

Secretary / Treasurer Sara Pahlke provided preliminary financial information on the 2016 NCHA Days Show held at the Heart K Ranch in Livingston, MT (Appendix A). She said information indicated NCHA Days Show income of approximately \$1,050. Sara Pahlke said there were 38 entries at the aged event on Friday 6/3 and 250 weekend entries Saturday 6/4 to Sunday 6/5.

Sara Pahlke said of the \$1,000 approved budget for the purchase of silent auction items, \$403 was utilized. She said along with other donated items, proceeds from the silent auction totaled \$1,990.

Sara Pahlke said Van Greenwell donated a pair of custom made chaps as a raffle item at NCHA Days. She said proceeds from the raffle totaled \$630.

President Kathy Foote recognized and gave thanks to everyone who helped make the 2016 NCHA Days Show a success.

#### **2016 Sponsorships**

Kelly Zelikovitz provided information on 2016 sponsorships. She said 32 sponsorships have been collected at approximately \$12,225, and that the committee is actively working to collect 2 unpaid Never Won A Buckle sponsor commitments totaling \$300. Kelly Zelikovitz said of the 34 sponsorships, 21 sponsors are new in 2016. She said Peri Suenram has expressed interest in leading the Sponsor Committee in 2017.

## **Directors and Officers Liability Insurance**

Kelly Zelikovitz provided information on insurance available through NCHA partner Wortham Insurance and Risk Management that will serve as Directors and Officers (D&O) Liability Insurance and general liability insurance for MCHA (Appendix B). She said MCHA has requested and obtained two insurance certificates for 2016; one policy to cover MCHA as producer of the NCHA Days Show and another to cover MCHA as approver on all MCHA approved 2016 shows.

Kelly Zelikovitz said this coverage through the NCHA is available at no cost to MCHA. She said although there is no cost for this coverage, it is not automatic; it must be applied for and the appropriate certificate(s) of coverage obtained. Kelly Zelikovitz said in addition, affiliate applicants must post specific release and waiver language in conjunction with show entries and applicable state equine limitation of liability laws must be posted at the shows. She said the required waiver language is posted on the MCHA website underneath the show calendar and it is also posted at the shows next to the confirmations and signup sheets.

Kelly Zelikovitz said there is one significant exclusion in coverage -- the policy does not cover participants while they are horseback and either practicing or competing. She said it is not feasible for an individual affiliate to buy out this exclusion or to purchase supplemental coverage for this exclusion in the private markets, however NCHA can buy out the exclusion and this is something that should be further explored and lobbied for.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **South Dakota Cutting Horse Association - Application for Show Approval**

The MCHA Directors reviewed an application for show approval by the South Dakota Cutting Horse Association (SDCHA) to approve a show to be held July 28<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> in Rapid City, SD (Appendix C). Secretary / Treasurer Sara Pahlke said the application had been returned indicating SDCHA would pay \$2 per horse entry approval fee.

President Kathy Foote said SDCHA paid \$2 versus the MCHA approval fee of \$4 per horse entry for the show MCHA approved in March 2016, and that she had discussed with SDCHA President Tracy Barton any future SDCHA show approved by the MCHA will require a \$4 per horse entry approval fee.

Helen Larsen said a concern of approving the SDCHA show is the impact a 4 day show would have on the 50% participation rule and the hardship placed on MCHA members to travel to the out of state show to remain eligible for year-end awards.

Tim Stryker said MCHA members may be willing to travel the distance for 4 full days of weekend classes.

Kelly Zelikovitz said an option to lessen the impact the SDCHA 4 day show would have on the 50% participation rule would be to exclude show days from the calculation of what constitutes 50%, similar to how Northwest Regional Series shows are treated.

President Kathy Foote said Pursuant to MCHA Rules and Regulations, all out of state shows must be approved by a unanimous vote of the MCHA Directors, and not all Directors are present to vote. She request Secretary / Treasurer Sara Pahlke follow up with SDCHA to see if the association would pay \$4 per horse entry approval fee. She said if SDCHA agrees to the \$4 per horse entry approval fee, then MCHA Directors would further consider the application for show approval otherwise the show will not be approved as the approval fee is not in accordance with MCHA Rules and Regulations. (Appendix D)

Vice President Rachel Showalter said through her experience of producing the show in Sheridan, WY, that MCHA approval fees are double what Wyoming Cutting Horse Association and Western States Cutting Horse Association charges (\$2). She suggested the MCHA approval fee be reconsidered at the annual membership meeting.

### **2016 Year-End Show / Banquet / General Membership Meeting**

The MCHA Directors discussed scheduling the 2016 year-end show, banquet and general membership meeting similar to 2015 with the show held Friday to Saturday, banquet Saturday night, and general membership meeting Sunday morning.

Vice President Rachel Showalter said she would confirm with Millers Horse Palace in Laurel, MT, that the year-end show would be held Friday September 30<sup>th</sup> to Saturday October 1<sup>st</sup> and that the general membership meeting could be held at the facility Sunday October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Helen Larsen, chair of the Nominating Committee, said pursuant to MCHA Constitution – Article III - Section 7, she would have a list of persons for the 3 open Director positions and the Vice President position prepared for members to vote on 30 days prior to the General Membership Meeting, tentatively by 9/2/2016. Helen Larsen said Betty Lou Weeding has agreed to manage and oversee the election process as she has done in previous years for the MCHA.

Kelly Zelikovitz, chair of the Rules Committee, said pursuant to MCHA Constitution – Article VI -Section 1, any proposed modification, amendment or new by-law(s) will be provided to all members for consideration 30 days prior to the General Membership Meeting, tentatively by 9/2/2016. She said items to be voted on would be mailed with the election ballots. Kelly Zelikovitz said she is continuing to work on the initial list of clarifications / changes that she provided at the January planning meeting (Appendix E). She said MCHA rules specify changes are to be provided to the Secretary 60 days prior (8/3/2016) to the General Membership Meeting, and that the MCHA Directors would need to determine which clarifications / changes to be included on the ballot for the membership to vote on accordingly.

## **DISCUSSION AND DIRECTIVES**

President Kathy Foote adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.



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June 30, 2015

Dear NCHA Affiliate/Show Producer:

The National Cutting Horse Association is proud to announce that it has partnered with Wortham Insurance and Risk Management to develop a comprehensive insurance program that offers the protection needed for your event.

By utilizing a master policy to provide commercial general liability insurance to NCHA-sanctioned cutting events, we're able to offer this exciting opportunity to all of our affiliates and show producers for weekend and weekend limited age events. Through this program, show producers will automatically receive event liability insurance for no additional cost.

The program benefits include:

- 1 Million Per Occurrence, 3 Million Aggregate per event- No shared limits
- 5 Million Excess of the 1 Million Per Occurrence, 3 Million Aggregate
- Additional Insureds Include:
  - Officers
  - Directors
  - Sponsors
  - Employees
  - Volunteers
- All other additional insured need to complete attached application

We are launching this program effective 7/1/2015. In order to be covered under this program you will need to appropriately post the Equestrian Liability Limitation Laws that are appropriate to your state, and include the recommended liability waiver language on all entry forms and sign-in sheets. Attached you will find some information related to the Equestrian Liability Limitation Laws per state. If you have questions, we encourage you to seek counsel from an expert familiar with your area. Please note this program covers liability insurance only, and does not waive the bond requirement.

If you have questions about the policy details, exclusions or the process, please feel free to contact:

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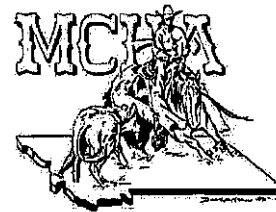
Thank you for all that you do for the NCHA!

Sincerely,

Jim Bret Campbell  
Executive Director

#### RELEASE FROM LIABILITY AND WAIVER OF RESPONSIBILITY

As a condition to participate in this event, the NCHA, its affiliates, show producers, directors, officers, employees, members, agents and representatives ARE HEREBY RELEASED from all claims, demands, or causes of action of any kind or nature whatsoever; whether now existing or to hereafter accrue, on account of any damage, cost or expense (i) AS A RESULT OF ANY BODILY INJURY, LOSS OR DAMAGE TO ANY ANIMALS, EQUIPMENT OR OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY FROM ANY CAUSE WHATSOEVER INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE SOLE OR CONCURRENT NEGLIGENCE OF NCHA, ITS DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES, AGENTS OR REPRESENTATIVES; or (ii) as a result of the interpretation or enforcement of the NCHA Constitution, Bylaws, Rules or Regulations and the risk of any such damage, costs or expense which may occur by reason of foregoing is hereby assumed and accepted. This waiver is binding on the undersigned as well as all riders, grooms and other helpers associated with the participation of the horse(s) described herein in this event and the undersigned indemnifies the NCHA from all claims, demands, or causes of action based on any of the foregoing.



## Application for Affiliate Show Approval

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3. Payout checks to participants or staff are to be guaranteed. Any check returned NSF is a violation of NCHA and MCHA rules.
4. Show results and affiliate fees are due to MCHA within 10 days. ~~\$4.00~~ <sup>\$2.00</sup> per entry will be paid to MCHA for all classes.
5. Application must be received a minimum of 50 days prior to the show date.

Producer South Dakota Cutting Asso Phone 540-263-0261  
651-303-6382

Show Location Rapid City, SD Dates July 27 -31, 2016

Secretary Name LeAnn Bates Phone 620-664-7230

As a MCHA Affiliate Show Producer, I agree to abide by all NCHA rules and the guidelines listed above. I also understand that a violation of any one of the above guidelines will cause action to be taken up to and including a one-year suspension of future MCHA affiliate approval.

Producer \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

Accepted by \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
MCHA Signature



## Limited Aged Event & NCHA Weekend Cutting

July 27 – 31, 2016

Rapid City, SD, Fairgrounds, 800 San Francisco Street, Rapid City, SD

Information Call: Tracy Barton [540-263-0261](tel:540-263-0261) or Staci Hine [651-303-6382](tel:651-303-6382)

**5 DAYS - OPEN & NON PRO, with \$1,000 added**

**5 DAYS – 25,000 NOVICE with \$220 added, 5,000 NOVICE with \$150 added  
\$35,000 NP, \$15,000 AM**

**4 DAYS – 4 YR OLD OPEN & NON PRO with \$400 prorated**

**3 DAYS – 3 YR OLD OPEN & NON PRO with \$400 prorated**

**4 DAYS - WEEKEND CLASSES including Open & Non Pro with \$1,000 added,  
25,000 Novice Horse & NP Classes with \$220 added, 5,000 Novice Horse & NP Classes with \$150  
added, 50,000 AM with \$150 added**

### **July 27, 2016 – Wednesday – 8 am Start**

Open & Non Pro with \$1,000 added, 25,000 Novice with \$220 added, 5,000 Novice with \$150 added,  
35,000 Non Pro and 15,000 AM, 3 yr old Futurity works

### **July 28 - 30, 2016 – Thursday – Saturday – 8 am Start**

3 yr Old Open & Non Pro, with \$400 prorated, 4 yr Old Open & Non Pro, with \$400 prorated,  
Weekend Classes including Open & Non Pro, with \$1,000 added,  
25,000 Novice Horse & NP Classes with \$220 added, 5,000 Novice Horse & NP Classes with \$150 added,  
50,000 AM with \$150 added

### **July 31, 2016 – Sunday – 8 am Start**

4 yr Old Open & Non Pro, with \$400 prorated,  
Weekend Classes including Open & Non Pro, with \$1,000 added,  
25,000 Novice Horse & NP Classes, with \$220 added, 5,000 Novice Horse & NP Classes, with \$150 added,  
50,000 AM, with \$150 added

**Show Secretary: LeAnn Bates (620) 664-7230 Judge: To Be Determined  
Approving Affiliate: South Dakota Cutting Horse and Wyoming Cutting Horse**

**Reserve Stalls with Tracy Barton (540) 263-0216 Day of Show Phone: 651-303-6382**

Host Hotels: Holiday Inn: 605-348-4000 / Howard Johnson: 605-737-4656- Ask for SD Cutting Horse, for discount and block of rooms before June 27

**Health Papers:** Health papers and coggins required. A copy of horse registration papers and current NCHA member card for both Owner and Rider required for entry.

**PLEASE NOTE** all LAE classes will be held before weekend classes. Open riders are permitted to ride 2 horses. All classes one go round. Entries close day of show. There will be a \$7 video fee.

**DIRECTIONS and Address:** 800 San Francisco Street, Rapid City, SD and here is the directions I see, From I90, Take Exit 59 and travel South on LaCrosse St. Approximately 2 1/2 Miles. All Horse Events and horse stalls are located at the Central States Fairgrounds.

**Subject: Re: [FWD: MCHA - Application for Affiliate Show Approval]**  
**From: Staci Hine <sdchaofsd@gmail.com>**  
**Date: Tue, Jun 14, 2016 11:17 am**  
**To: info@montanacha.com**  
**Attach: sigimg0**

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SDCHA appreciates Montana Cutting Horse taking the time to discuss approval of our show with your Directors and offering to approve the July 27<sup>th</sup> show in Rapid City, SD.

SDCHA appreciates the support we get from all the cutters of MCHA, we looked forward to the show being Montana approved. Unfortunately, we financially can't afford the \$4 dollar entry fee.

Thank you for considering our show for approval, maybe another time.

Regards

Tracy Barton

Staci Hine

*Staci Hine - SDCHA Secretary*  
*651-303-6382*

**Clarification to Bylaws** – *Maintain list throughout year of items to be voted on, list of voting items to be mailed out with each member's election ballot:*

- A Director is not required to resign from the Board in order to run for another office.
- Any person approved by the Board to fill a vacant position on the Board for less than the full term of that position shall not be prevented from running for a position immediately after the expiration of such partial term.
- Email notification is sufficient to serve as written notice in all matters except elections and notices of violations of the rules (alternatively, provide that email notice or publication on the MCHA website shall be sufficient notice for certain enumerated purposes)
- Eliminate the conflicts in the bylaws in Article IV, Section 3 and Article V, Section 2
- Provisions for review/approval/revision of annual budgets/expenditures

## **MINUTES OF MONTANA CUTTING HORSE ASSOCIATION (MCHA) DIRECTORS' MEETING**

July 14, 2016

Teleconference

President Kathy Foote called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

**Members Present:** President Kathy Foote, Vice President Rachel Showalter, Van Greenwell, Jeremy Young, Todd Banner, Kelly Zelikovitz, Helen Larsen

**Members Present by Proxy:** Tim Stryker (via Rachel Showalter), Kip Denton (via Kathy Foote)

**Members Absent:** NA

**Others Present:** Secretary / Treasurer Sara Pahlke

It was moved by Rachel Showalter, seconded by Van Greenwell, and carried on a voice vote that the minutes of the June 13, 2016, meeting be approved as distributed.

### **OLD OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **Henry Lake, ID – 2016 Show Cancellation**

Van Greenwell said for various reasons the producers of the Henrys Lake, ID, show had cancelled the 2016 show planned for August 17<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Big Piney, WY – Consideration of Approving / Producing 2016 Show**

President Kathy Foote said members of the Wyoming Cutting Horse Association (WCHA) had presented an opportunity to hold a show at the Sublette County Fairgrounds in Big Piney, WY, over the same dates as the cancelled Henrys Lake, ID, show. She said WCHA had held a Board of Directors' meeting to discuss producing the Big Piney, WY, show and that for financial reasons the association voted against producing or co-producing a show with MCHA. President Kathy Foote said MCHA producing the show in Big Piney, WY, would be in line with the initiative set forth at the general membership meeting in September 2015, to work with Wyoming to help grow cutting in NCHA Area 4.

Kelly Zelikovitz said WCHA Board of Directors determined the WCHA would approve and support a show in Big Piney, WY, produced by MCHA. She said WCHA would agree to waive the WCHA approval fee in an effort to help the show financially.



Kelly Zelikovitz said the Sublette County Fairgrounds in Big Piney, WY, would charge a facility rental fee of \$100 per day <sup>1</sup>, a refundable deposit of \$500, stall fee of \$15 per day (56 covered and 70 uncovered with tarped sides), and RV fee between \$12 to \$22 per day (\$12 water / electric or \$22 water / electric / septic). Kelly Zelikovitz said included in facility fee, the Sublette County Fairgrounds staff would set up pens as specified and provide 2 arena drags per day, additional arena drags would be at a rate of \$10 per drag. She said Andi James and Steve James had experience in producing a show at the facility and in the last week had personally been to inspect the ground, buildings, and stalls, reporting no concerns. Kelly Zelikovitz said Andi James and Steve James live in the area and had offered to help MCHA with production of the show.

Kelly Zelikovitz said she had been in contact with a cattle supplier who had 1,500 head of cattle available and would charge \$40 per head. She said this cost included delivery, hay for the cattle, and cattle management throughout the show.

President Kathy Foote said a block of rooms could be reserved at Marbleton Inn in Big Piney, WY, for \$75.00 plus tax.

Kelly Zelikovitz said a nearby restaurant has capability and expressed interest in providing concessions and potentially catered dinners.

Secretary / Treasurer Sara Pahlke said as a replacement show to Henrys Lake, ID, for the 2016 show year, the Directors may want to consider similar show dates for the Big Piney, WY, show. She said the planned Henrys Lake, ID, show included an Aged Event and Futurity August 17<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup> and weekend classes August 19<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>. Secretary / Treasurer Sara Pahlke said entry fees and added money would need to be reviewed to find the optimal mix to ensure the show was financially sound. She said for comparison, the 2015 added money from the Henrys Lake, ID, show included:

Futurity Open	\$3,000	Open	\$300
Futurity Open	\$300	Non-Pro	\$300
Derby Open	\$700	\$50 Amateur	\$100
Derby Non-Pro	\$300	\$25 Novice Horse	\$100
Classic Open	\$700	\$25 Novice Horse Non-Pro	\$100
Classic Non-Pro	\$300	\$5 Novice Horse	\$100
		\$5 Novice Horse Non-Pro	\$100

Secretary / Treasurer Sara Pahlke said because the proposed show date is less than 40 days away, the National Cutting Horse Association (NCHA) approval would require payment of a \$500 late fee. She said a show application for NCHA approval would need to be submitted no later than 30 days from the proposed show date, ideally by the next day, Friday, July 15, 2016.

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<sup>1</sup> Sublette County Fairgrounds had initially provided an outdated sample user agreement stating rental fee of \$100 per day, the revised rental fee is \$200 per day.

President Kathy Foote said Pursuant to MCHA Rules and Regulations, all out of state shows must be approved by a unanimous vote of the Directors.

Helen Larsen made a motion that MCHA produce and approve the Big Piney, WY, show to include an Aged Event and Futurity August 17<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup> and weekend classes August 19<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> . Todd Banner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with Tim Stryker proxy vote via Rachel Showalter and Kip Denton proxy vote via Kathy Foote.

Secretary / Treasurer Sara Pahlke said a safeguard on ensuring classes with added money are not held at a loss, may be to require a set number of entries in order for the class to be held. Todd Banner said he would like to see this policy implemented as permitted. <sup>2</sup>

Kelly Zelikovitz said if the same class schedule of the Henrys Lake, ID, show were implemented for the Big Piney, WY, show, the Derby Open and Derby Non-Pro classes would not be held within the weekend schedule of classes. She suggested the Directors consider permitting those classes from the aged event to count towards year-end standings. Van Greenwell and Helen Larsen said permitting classes from the aged event to count towards year-end standings provided an unfair advantage because of the added money compared to other shows and they would be opposed. <sup>3</sup>

Due to the short time frame in which a show application would need to be submitted to the NCHA for approval, the Directors determined a show committee consisting of President Kathy Foote, Vice President Rachel Showalter, and Kelly Zelikovitz would be in charge of finalizing details of the show.  
**(Attachment A)**

## **DISCUSSION AND DIRECTIVES**

President Kathy Foote adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

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<sup>2</sup> The show committee determined not to implement a policy of canceling classes due to low entries; the concern being that negative feelings / public response to a cancelled class may not be worth the \$300 added out of pocket expense if there are low entries and the class is ran at a loss. The show committee was advised entry restrictions are typically for aged events that have considerable added money, significantly more than what is offered at this show.

<sup>3</sup> The Show Committee changed the schedule of classes from what Henrys Lake, ID, show offered to include the Derby Open and Non-Pro classes within the weekend schedule of classes.

**Show Name: Big Piney Cutting – Aged Event and Weekend****Show Location:** Sublette County Fairgrounds - 10937 Hwy 189, Big Piney, WY 83113**Show Dates:** August 17 - 20, 2016**Show Producer:** Montana Cutting Horse Association**Show Secretary:** Theresa Nelson (406) 369-2024 nelson@usadig.com**Directions:** Coming from the south-Head north out of big piney/Marbleton for about 2 miles, arena will be on West side of hwy 189. Coming from the north-head south on hwy 189 through Daniel and about 20 miles. Arena will be on west side of hwy 189. Coming from the south east- from highway 191 take State hwy 351. State highway 351 will end right at the fairgrounds entrance.**Judges:** TBD**Show Approval:** NCHA, MontanaCHA, WyomingCHA**Entries:** Entries due **Mon 8/15**-enter online at [www.montanacha.com](http://www.montanacha.com) **\*All classes will be drawn & posted the day before\*****Stall Info:** Stalling & RV's onsite. Please reserve with Kathy Foote at 406-223-7801 or [kathy@tsquareranch.com](mailto:kathy@tsquareranch.com)**Motels:** Marbleton Inn, Big Piney, WY - 307-276-5231**Practice Pen:** Fresh cattle practice Wednesday 8/17 -8 AM for LAE. Sign up at the show. Practice pen and flag available throughout show.**LAE Format:** Two days with separate shows each day.**NOTE:** Health/Coggins and Import Permit Number required for all out-of-state horses. **Be prepared to show horse's registration papers and NCHA membership card.****Big Piney LAE Schedule:****Wednesday, August 17<sup>th</sup> 12:00 p.m.**

Open Futurity – \$2000 added  
 Non Pro Futurity – \$300 added  
 Open Derby – \$500 added  
 Non Pro Derby – \$300 added  
 Open Classic/Chall – \$500 added  
 Non Pro Classic/Chall – \$300 added

**Thursday, August 18<sup>th</sup> 8:00 a.m.**

Open Classic/Chall – \$500 added  
 Non Pro Classic/Chall – \$300 added  
 Open Derby – \$500 added  
 Non Pro Derby – \$300 added  
 Open Futurity – \$2000 added  
 Non Pro Futurity – \$300 added

**Fri & Sat Aug 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>**

<u>Class Order</u>	<u>Purse</u>	<u>EF/CF/O</u>	<u>Total</u>
1. Open	300	120/120/35	275
2. Non-Pro	300	120/120/35	275
3. 50,000 Am	300	120/120/35	275
4. 25,000 Nov	300	120/120/35	275
5. 25,000 NNP	300	120/120/35	275
6. Youth Jr/Sr		30/30/35	95
7. Open Derby	300	120/120/35	275
8. Non Pro Derby	300	120/120/35	275
9. 35,000 Non Pro	0	70/65/35	170
10. 15,000 Am	0	70/65/35	170
11. 5,000 Nov	300	120/120/35	275
12. 5,000 NNP	300	120/120/35	275
13. 2,000 LR	0	70/65/35	170
14. 1,500 Novice Horse	0	70/65/35	170

**Aged Event:**

	<u>Purse</u>	<u>EF/CF/O</u>	<u>Total</u>
Open Futurity	2000	200/200/35	435
NP Futurity	300	120/120/35	275
Open Derby	500	135/135/35	305
NP Derby	300	120/120/35	275
Open 5-6 yr	500	135/135/35	305
NP 5-6 yr old	300	120/120/35	275

**\*NCHA Sr World Tour \$20**

## **MINUTES OF MONTANA CUTTING HORSE ASSOCIATION (MCHA) DIRECTORS' MEETING**

August 30, 2016

Teleconference

President Kathy Foote called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

**Members Present:** President Kathy Foote, Vice President Rachel Showalter, Van Greenwell, Tim Stryker, Jeremy Young, Kelly Zelikovitz, Todd Banner, Kip Denton, Helen Larsen

**Members Absent:** NA

**Others Present:** Secretary / Treasurer Sara Pahlke

It was moved by Helen Larsen, seconded by Van Greenwell, and carried on a voice vote that the minutes of the July 14, 2016, meeting be approved as distributed.

### **OLD OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **Big Piney, WY – Preliminary Financial Overview**

Secretary / Treasurer Sara Pahlke provided a preliminary financial overview of the Big Piney, WY, show (Appendix A). She said information indicated show income of approximately \$10,732. Sara Pahlke said there were 62 entries at the aged event on Wednesday 8/17, 57 entries at the aged event on Thursday 8/18, and 177 weekend entries Friday 8/19 to Saturday 8/20.

President Kathy Foote recognized and gave thanks to everyone who helped make the Big Piney, WY, show such a success.

#### **50% Rule – Current Standings**

Secretary / Treasurer Sara Pahlke provided a worksheet that highlighted by class whether horse and riders have met the 50% Rule requirements in order to be eligible for year-end awards (Appendix B). She said the worksheet would be posted to MCHA's website for members to check eligibility.

Vice President Rachel Showalter said she would like provisions of the 50% Rule to be reconsidered for the 2017 show year at the January planning meeting.

#### **MCHA Year End Show & Awards Banquet**

President Kathy Foote said she would follow up with Theresa Miller of Millers Horse Palace to finalize details of the year-end show planned at their facility Friday 9/30 to Saturday 10/1 and the General Membership Meeting Sunday 10/2.

Secretary / Treasurer Sara Pahlke said the Year-End Banquet / Auction Committee had reserved the Laurel Golf Club for the awards banquet to begin around 7 pm following the year-end show Saturday 10/1. She said the Committee plans to hold a live auction at the awards banquet with approximate cost of \$2,000.

Todd Banner said versus having all high ticket items at the live auction, a mix of high and low ticket items may sell better.

Secretary / Treasurer Sara Pahlke said special awards to be given at the awards banquet include;

- MCHA Open Horse of the Year – Based on Money Won
- MCHA Non-Pro Horse of the Year – Voted on by MCHA Membership at the awards banquet
- MCHA Most Money Won – Non-Pro / Amateur
- Adult Rookie of the Year - *Eligible candidates include Adult MCHA Members in good standing having \$0 NCHA Lifetime Earnings at the beginning of the 2016 show year.*
- Youth Rookie of the Year - *Eligible candidates include Youth MCHA Members in good standing having \$0 NCHA Lifetime Earnings and 0 NCHA Youth Points at the beginning of the 2016 show year.*
- Kim Asay / Most Inspirational Award – *The award goes to someone thought to be a fierce competitor, showing great sportsmanship both in and out of the arena, while continuing to place a high value on family, friends and faith. Prior award recipients include:*

*2015 - Brian Anderson*

*2014 - Tami Allen*

*2013 - Jann Parker*

*2012 - Todd Banner*

*2011 - Donald Weeding*

*Most Inspirational Award*

*2015 - Combined with Kim Asay Award*

*2014 - Theresa Nelson*

*2013 - Helen Larsen*

*2012 - Richard Neustaedter*

*2011 - Theresa Nelson*

*2010 - Audrey O'Keefe*

Secretary / Treasurer Sara Pahlke said MCHA Directors would be asked to vote for Adult Rookie of the Year, Youth Rookie of the Year, and the Kim Asay / Most Inspirational Award via email prior to the awards banquet.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Nominating Committee Report**

Pursuant to MCHA Constitution – Article III -Section 7, Helen Larsen, chair of the Nominating Committee, provided a list of persons for the 3 open Director positions and the Vice President position:

- **Director Positions - 2017 - 2019**

Vickie Bass  
Sandy Brown  
Ken Cantrell  
Tanya Dvarishkis<sup>1</sup>  
Andrea James  
Nancy LaCounte  
Cody Lee  
Michelle Van Dyke

- **Vice President**

Kelly Zelikovitz

Helen said Betty Lou Weeding has agreed to manage and oversee the election process as she has done in previous years for the MCHA.

### **Rules Committee Report**

Kelly Zelikovitz, chair of the Rules Committee, said pursuant to the MCHA Constitution – Article VI -Section 1, any proposed modification, amendment or new by-law(s) will need to be provided to all members for consideration 30 days prior to the General Membership Meeting planned for Sunday 10/2. She provided a summary of proposed changes to the MCHA Constitution with a markup version of the MCHA Constitution (Appendix C) and clean version of the MCHA Constitution with proposed changes implemented (Appendix D).

Todd Banner made a motion to give MCHA members notice of the proposed changes to the MCHA Constitution by posting the markup and clean version of the proposed MCHA Constitution to the MCHA website for MCHA members to review. Jeremy Young seconded the motion. President Kathy Foote, Jeremy Young, Kelly Zelikovitz, Todd Banner, Helen Larsen, and Kip Denton voted in favor. Vice President Rachel Showalter, Tim Stryker, and Van Greenwell were no longer present to vote.

### **DISCUSSION AND DIRECTIVES**

President Kathy Foote adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

<sup>1</sup> Following the meeting, Tanya Dvarishkis request to be removed from consideration due to other commitments.

## APPENDIX A

**Available upon request by any current Montana Cutting Horse Association member,  
please email request to: [info@montanacha.com](mailto:info@montanacha.com)**

APPENDIX B

MCHA - 50% Rule

2016	SDCHA	SDCHA	SDCHA	Laurel, MT		Sheridan, WY		Livingston, MT		Whitehall, MT		Kalispell, MT	Big Piney, WY	Livingston, MT	Laurel, MT	Total	50%
	ACTUAL DAYS													ESTIMATED			
Recognized Classes	3/4/2016	3/5/2016	3/6/2016	4/16/2016	4/17/2016	5/21/2016	5/22/2016	6/4/2016	6/5/2016	6/18/2016	6/19/2016	8/6 - 8/7	8/19 - 8/20	9/17 - 9/18	10/1 - 10/2		
Open	±	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			2	2	-2	2	12	6
NP	±	1	1			1	1	1	1			2	2	-2	2	10	5
\$50AM				1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	-2	2	12	6
\$25 Nov	±	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	-2	2	14	7
\$25 Nov NP	±	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	-2	2	14	7
Youth																	
Senior		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			2		-2	2	10	5
Junior		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			2		-2	2	10	5
Open Derby	±	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	-2	2	14	7
NP Derby	±	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	-2	2	14	7
\$35NP	±	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	-2	2	14	7
\$15AM	±	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	-2	2	14	7
\$5 Nov	±	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	-2	2	14	7
\$5 Nov NP	±	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	-2	2	14	7
\$2 LR	±	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		2	2	-2	2	13	6
\$1,500 NH				1	1	1	1	1		1		2		-2	2	8	4

\*\* Excluded NRS Shows do not apply toward satisfying the 50% Rule, if a contestant otherwise satisfies the 50% Rule, any monies earned in the Excluded NRS Shows will be included for purposes of determining that contestant's eligibility for MCHA year-end awards

ICHA 3/25/16 - 3/26/16  
OCHA 4 /8/16 - 4/10/16  
WCHA 7/8/16 - 7/10/16  
UCHA 10/28/16 - 10/29/16



## MCHA 50% Rule

8/20/2016

Yellow Highlight - Meets 50% Rule

Red Highlight - Will not make 50%

Class	50%	Horse/Rider	Times Shown
<b>Open</b>	<b>6</b>		
		Flips Smore	4
		To High For Sue	4
		Catnaps	2
		Sues So Smart	0
		One Pepto Cat	3
		Cat Light	2
		Monster Cat	5
		Huntin Time	2
		Sues Last Time	1
		Starlight Smoothie	2
<b>Non-Pro</b>	<b>5</b>		
		Bambi Gress	6
		Hank True	6
		Susan Swanberg	8
		Heidi Hadlock-Evans	1
		Cindy Mann	3
		Dianne Schaeffer	3
<b>\$50,000 Amateur</b>	<b>6</b>		
		Kelly Zelikovitz	10
		Karen True	6
		Darrell Lee	8
		Hank True	4
		LeAnn Wilson	2
		Jeanne McGinnis	2
		Cindy Garoutte	12
		Jerry Rankin	6
		Robert Keith	2
		Ehrin Dawson	0
		Lisa Haldane	2
		Cody Lee	6
		Ellie Rome	7
		Cindy Mann	2
		James Bower	2
		Peri Suenram	0
		Sandra Brown	9
		Michelle Van Dyke	2
		Dorothy Seymour	9
		Doyl Fritz	4
		Darlene Wardley	2
		Kathleen Guffey	6

\* Earnings were from an excluded NRS Show; do not apply toward satisfying the 50% Rule

## MCHA 50% Rule

8/20/2016

Yellow Highlight - Meets 50% Rule

Red Highlight - Will not make 50%

Class	50%	Horse/Rider	Times Shown
<b>\$25,000 Novice Horse</b>	<b>7</b>		
		Cat Tricks	13
		Cats Smart Ricochet	7
		Dainty Smoothie King	1
		Bay Watch 408	9
		Scat Cats	2
		Sues Stylish Oak	2
		Dropslikereyn	5
		Cats Lil Peptolena	2
		Catnaps	1
		Huntin Time	2
		Stellas Sweet N Low	2
		Peptostruck	6
		Reagun	6
		Pretty Smart Cat	4
		Spoonful of Rey	2
<b>\$25,000 N.H. Non Pro</b>	<b>7</b>		
		Smart Short Cat	10
		Mr Snorty	10
		Cornball	7
		Pretty Smart Cat	6
		Shrimp Shack Shooter	2
		Flips Smore	4
		Reagun	6
		Merada Jo	2
		Highbrow Superchic	10
		Spoonful of Finesse	3
		Cat N Cabootal	2
		Cat B Smart	2
		Cat Tricks	1
		Smart Solita	1
		Dualnlorris San Reba	6
		Wata Pepto	2
		SDP Hot Cat	9
		Telechex Lena	2
		Rat A Too E	2
		Cat Light	2

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## MCHA 50% Rule

8/20/2016

Yellow Highlight - Meets 50% Rule

Red Highlight - Will not make 50%

Class	50%	Horse/Rider	Times Shown
<b>Youth</b>	<b>5</b>		
<b>SR</b>			
		Ouana Harkins	6
		Abigail Brogger	3
		Wes Bray	4
		Emma Schmidt	1
		Rory Scilacci	2
<b>JR</b>			
		Taytin Young	8
		Faith Showalter	6
		Ryan Elrod	2
<b>Open Derby</b>	<b>7</b>		
		Boon Olenas	10
		TC Star Dancer	4
		RW Cats Boss	10
		Mr Opus Time	1
		Smokin Corn	4
		May I Be Wild	1
		Nickles An Dimes	7
		SG Catty Deville	11
		Vera Twang	7
		Hott On Your Heels	5
		Jades Little Lizzy	5
		Candlelights	4
		Cash In This Cat	3
		On A Cuttin Hy	1
		Smoother Than Petro	7
		Smart Pink Cat	2
		xHot On Your Heels	1
		Boomer Reys	2
		Curb Your Urges	2
<b>Non-Pro Derby</b>	<b>7</b>		
		Sara Pahlke	10
		Rachel Showalter	5
		Audrey Okeefe	10
		Dolly Lau Martin	2
		Vicki Bass	2
		Michelle Van Dyke	3
		Gina Macdonald	2
		John Seymour	8
		Kevin Wyse	5
		Jimmy Kemp Jr	1
		Ken Cantrell	4

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Red Highlight - Will not make 50%

Class	50%	Horse/Rider	Times Shown
<b>\$35,000 Non Pro</b>	<b>7</b>		
		Dakota Arno	10
		Tanya Dvarishkis	9
		Nancy LaCounte	11
		Marcia Cantrell	10
		Peri Suenram	12
		Jayne Moffatt	2
		Ehrin Dawson	2
		PETE SARTIN	1
		Margarita Church	2
		Donald Weeding	6
		Mitchell Wagner	2
		Robert Keith	4
		Sandra Brown	1
		Sheila Rubey	2
		Melinda Knight	2
<b>\$15,000 Amateur</b>	<b>7</b>		
		Nancy LaCounte	13
		Peri Suenram	12
		Dakota Arno	10
		Jim Townsend	2
		Tanya Dvarishkis	9
		Abigail Brogger	3
		Kellie Porter	2
		Doyl Fritz	1
		Sherie Goppert-keele	2
		George Shaeffer	4

\* Earnings were from an excluded NRS Show; do not apply toward satisfying the 50% Rule

## MCHA 50% Rule

8/20/2016

Yellow Highlight - Meets 50% Rule

Red Highlight - Will not make 50%

Class	50%	Horse/Rider	Times Shown
<b>\$5,000 Novice Horse</b>	<b>7</b>		
		Light Up At Noon	13
		RW Contessa	7
		Stylin Short Catt	3
		One Smart Bobbi Sock	9
		Justa Smart Lil Boss	4
		Debra T Badger	4
		Merada Jo	4
		Tershortsophisticatt	9
		Monster Cat	4
		Smart Short Cat	4
		Scoot N Thru Life	1
		Smooth As A Hawk	12
		Cat Tricks	1
		Spoonful of Rey	2
		Boo Lightly	2
		Cats Black Metal	3
		Melodious Cat	5
		Millie Highlight	2
		Purdy Please	8
		To High For Sue	3
		Cattin Dually	2
		Hallo Kitty	1
		Smooth Catiblack	6
		Sisters Cat	2
		Sues Little Gem	9
		Paralyzer	3
<b>\$5,000 N.H., Non Pro</b>	<b>7</b>		
		Merada Jo	13
		Light Up At Noon	10
		Her Pinkness	4
		Cat N Cabootal	2
		Peptos Pocket Pistol	3
		Smart Short Cat	5
		Sues Little Gem	8
		Diamonds N Aces	1
		Cats Lil Peptolena	1
		Smooth As A Hawk	11
		Stylin Short Catt	3
		Purdy Please	5
		Oh Brother Boon	2
		Flashing Some Reys	3
		Reys War Badger	2
		Not Suen Enough	4
		Monster Cat	2

\* Earnings were from an excluded NRS Show; do not apply toward satisfying the 50% Rule

**MCHA 50% Rule****8/20/2016**

Yellow Highlight - Meets 50% Rule

Red Highlight - Will not make 50%

<b>Class</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>Horse/Rider</b>	<b>Times Shown</b>
<b>\$2,000 Limit Rider</b>	<b>6</b>		
		Alison Clair Anderson	9
		Lindsey Wilson	9
		Taytin Young	5
		Faith Showalter	3
		Mackenzie Banner	2
		Sarah Bauer	3
		Esther Peterson	5
		Logan Warren	2
		Rory Scilacci	2
		Connie Taverna	3
		Dion Prow	1
		Margarita Church	6
		Kara Jo Webster	3
<b>\$1,500 Novice Horse</b>	<b>4</b>		
		Smooth Catiblack	6
		Purdy Please	2
		Dualin Dot Comma	3

\* Earnings were from an excluded NRS Show; do not apply toward satisfying the 50% Rule

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## **MINUTES OF MONTANA CUTTING HORSE ASSOCIATION (MCHA) DIRECTORS' MEETING**

September 19, 2016  
Teleconference

President Kathy Foote called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

**Members Present:** President Kathy Foote, Vice President Rachel Showalter, Van Greenwell, Tim Stryker, Jeremy Young, Kelly Zelikovitz, Todd Banner, Helen Larsen

**Members Absent:** Kip Denton

**Others Present:** Secretary / Treasurer Sara Pahlke  
Jonathan Foote - Former NCHA Executive Board Member / MCHA President

It was moved by Todd Banner, seconded by Kelly Zelikovitz, and carried on a voice vote that the minutes of the August 29, 2016, meeting be approved as distributed.

### **OLD OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **MCHA Year End Special Award Determination**

President Kathy Foote said the Directors' vote for Adult Rookie of the Year resulted in a tie vote. Van Greenwell made a motion to break the tie by giving the Adult Rookie of the Year award to the highest money earner of the two candidates tied for the award, provided that calculation of the highest money earner is not to include application of the 50% rule. Tim Stryker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

President Kathy Foote said the special awards for Open Horse of the Year and Most Money Won – Non Pro / Amateur Rider have previously been awarded to the highest cumulative money earner from the qualifying classes for each award. She said qualifying classes for Open Horse of the Year included the Open, \$25,000 Novice Horse, \$5 Novice Horse, Open Derby, and \$1,500 Novice Horse. She said qualifying classes for the Most Money Won – Non Pro / Amateur Rider included the Non Pro, \$50,000 Amateur, \$25 Novice Horse Non Pro, Non Pro Derby, \$35,000 Non Pro, \$15,000 Amateur, \$5 Novice Horse Non Pro and the \$2,000 Limit Rider. Secretary / Treasurer Sara Pahlke requested that the Directors clarify whether the 50% rule should be applied to earnings in the determination of Open Horse of the Year and Most Money Won – NP / Amateur Rider. Todd Banner made a motion to award the special awards of Open Horse of the Year and Most Money Won – Non Pro / Amateur Rider to the highest cumulative money earner of the award's designated classes, provided that calculation of the highest money earner is not to include application of the 50% rule. Helen Larsen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Secretary / Treasurer Sara Pahlke said in 8 of the 15 classes where year-end awards are offered, there are not currently 4 eligible award recipients based on the estimate of eligibility under the 50% rule. She said this may change depending on the classes held and horse / riders that compete in the year-end show. The Directors considered the option of distributing the remaining awards to the highest money earners that did not meet the 50% rule versus not distributing awards to 4 places for classes without 4 eligible award recipients. Van Greenwell made a motion that awards not be distributed to 4 places for classes not having 4 eligible award recipients. Tim Stryker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.



## **Rules Committee Report**

President Kathy Foote said the meeting was called in order to further review proposed changes to the MCHA Constitution (Appendix A) and address any questions or concerns prior to the General Membership Meeting Sunday 10/2.

Kelly Zelikovitz, chair of the Rules Committee, said the majority of proposed changes to the MCHA Constitution are targeted at areas that have been identified over time as needing corrections to eliminate internal conflicts in provisions, updating to reflect current MCHA operating practices that have evolved, and to answer questions that have come up that are not currently addressed. She said there are also substantive changes proposed that are aimed at 1) allowing notices to members by email or by publication on the MCHA website and 2) allowing electronic voting via email with an option for MCHA members to receive a paper ballot if so desired.

The Directors were polled whether they were in favor of allowing electronic notices and electronic voting, with an option to receive a paper ballot if desired. All Directors present were in favor of both these changes.

Helen Larsen said Article III, Section 4, that provides a family membership entitles the family 1 vote per adult family member was of concern to her, because her understanding was that the MCHA family membership level was to be re-considered going forward to closer align with membership levels offered by NCHA. Secretary / Treasurer Sara Pahlke said if MCHA membership levels are to be reconsidered, a decision would need to be made prior to the Utah Cutting Horse Association – Northwest Regional Show on October 28<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016, that MCHA had approved to count towards 2017 standings, to ensure that 2017 membership applications were accurate. President Kathy Foote suggested that this discussion be tabled until more information was available from former MCHA President / Secretary / Treasurer, Theresa Nelson, who helped implement the MCHA family membership level.

Helen Larsen said she was also concerned with a number of the other changes proposed, but declined to provide specifics.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

## **DISCUSSION AND DIRECTIVES**

President Kathy Foote adjourned the meeting at 9:25 p.m.

**Montana Cutting Horse Association, Inc.  
Constitution**

Revised ~~June 2013~~ **October 2016**

**Article I – Name and Purpose**

Section 1: The name of this association shall be Montana Cutting Horse Association, Inc., hereinafter referred to as the “MCHA” **or the “Association”**.

Section 2: The purpose of this Association shall be to encourage education in equine activities, interest in cutting horses and to promote the sport of cutting in **and around** the State of Montana as hereinafter specified:

- a. By providing a venue for equine education,
- b. By promoting cutting horse contests,
- c. To encourage the development of, and public interest in, better horses and the ever increasing popularity of the true cutting horse,
- d. By encouraging cutting horse contests wherever such contest shall be deemed to be in the ~~public interest~~ **of the members of MCHA** and by offering year-end awards as deemed appropriate,
- e. By assisting the producers and managers of any approved contest in organizing and running such contest,
- f. By striving to maintain a high standard of sportsmanship and fair play in the conduct of approved contests,
- g. And by understanding any other actions which will further the purposes herein set forth.

Section 3: Any person, firm, or corporation having joined this Association shall be subject to expulsion or suspension from the MCHA as provided by **this Constitution (also sometimes referenced to herein as “these By-laws”)** and ~~these By-Laws and those of the by-laws of the~~ National Cutting Horse Association (“NCHA”). Members of the MCHA shall ~~be admitted, retained and expelled in accordance with~~ **also be subject to** such rules and regulations (herein collectively, “the Rules”) as the MCHA Board of Directors (herein, the “Board” or the “Board of Directors”) ~~and membership may from time to time adopt. Upon a unanimous vote of the Board of Directors present, suspension shall be immediate and while in suspension any points earned by a member shall not count toward any award and shall be forfeited. All other privileges will also be denied during the period of suspension. Any member under suspension or expulsion or suspension from the NCHA will also be deemed to be suspended or expelled from the MCHA. Any points or earnings (herein collectively, “Points”) earned by an MCHA member while under expulsion or suspension shall not count toward any MCHA awards and shall be forfeited. The Board of Directors may, upon majority vote, place a MCHA member on probation to be decided upon by the Board.~~ No restriction may be placed on membership because of race, color, creed, gender, or sexual orientation.

Section 4: The principal office and legal address of this Association shall be the home or office of the Secretary of the Association.

Section 5: The Association shall have no capital stock, ~~but membership cards shall be issued to all members and such cards~~ **Membership** shall be nontransferable.

## **Article II – Membership Dues**

Section 1: Any individual, firm or corporation may become a member of this Association.

Section 2: The Association shall have no initial membership fee, but shall assess annual membership dues for each fiscal year in such amounts as the Board of Directors shall from time to time determine in advance **by majority vote**. ~~Dues will be payable on January 1<sup>st</sup> and shall be delinquent after this date. Nonpayment of dues shall automatically forfeit membership and all privileges of the MCHA. Points earned by a member while delinquent shall not count toward MCHA awards and any points earned by a member prior to being delinquent in his/her dues shall be forfeited upon his/her delinquency. Where there are no other objections, a member in arrears may be reinstated by paying up in full. Benefits and privileges shall be granted only after membership dues are paid in full.~~ **Any contestant competing in an MCHA approved show shall be required to be an MCHA member prior to or at the conclusion of such show. If a contestant has not paid his / her MCHA membership at the conclusion of such show, no Points earned at that show will be counted toward MCHA year-end standings.**

Section 3: Any youth 18 years of age and younger at the beginning of the year may become a Youth Member of the MCHA. Membership dues shall be determined by the Board of Directors. A youth membership shall entitle the youth to be included in the year-end standings of all the MCHA classes.

Section 4: Before an Owner and/or Rider enter a contest he/she must be a paid member with dues paid to the MCHA Secretary at the time of competition in order to be deemed a member and qualify for such benefits as MCHA year-end awards or any such awards sponsored by MCHA.

Section 5: The fiscal year of the MCHA shall be concurrent with the NCHA fiscal year. The MCHA point year will be concurrent with the NCHA point year. There will be no show approval given by MCHA after the year-end awards have been given, until the beginning of the new point year. All MCHA shows must be approved by the Board of Directors **as provided in the Rules**.

Section 6: ~~Nonmembers of the Association may compete in Association shows, but are not eligible for any MCHA awards. However, NCHA membership is required to compete in the NCHA classes.~~ **In order to compete in an MCHA approved show, both the “owner and rider” must have an NCHA membership. Such membership must be current at the conclusion of such show in order for money earned to count toward MCHA year-end awards.**

### Article III – Meetings of the Membership

Section 1: Each member who has paid his/her current dues shall be considered to be in good standing.

Section 2: A single adult membership shall entitle the member to one vote.

Section 3: A youth membership does not entitle the youth member to vote at any meeting of the membership. A youth holding an adult membership is entitled to one vote.

Section 4: A family membership shall entitle the family to 1 vote per adult family member.

Section 4 5: The annual meeting of the members of this Association (“Annual Meeting”) shall be held at a time and place designated by the Board of Directors. Whenever possible, such meetings shall be held following a cutting horse contest, during the fall of each year. Written notice of such meetings shall be given by the Secretary thirty (30) days prior to the date thereof.

Section 5 6: Special meetings (“Special Meeting(s)”) of the members of this Association may be called by the President or any three (3) board members, at any time or place upon ten (10) days written notice; or a special meeting of the members may be called by a signed petition by not less than 1/3 of the total members residing in Montana at a time and place designated by them with not less than fourteen (14) days written notice to all members.

Section 6 7: Fifteen (15) members shall constitute a quorum at any such Annual or Special meeting and unless otherwise specifically provided in the Rules or in this Constitution, a majority of such quorum shall decide any question that may arise. All membership meetings may be adjourned from day to day and time to time until a quorum is present.

Section 7 8: Not less than thirty (30) days prior to the Annual Meeting of the members, the President shall appoint a Nominating Committee consisting of members in good standing. It shall prepare a list of one or more persons for each office and each position on the Board of Directors to be presented at the Annual Meeting. The members will then receive ballots by mail with the nominations and spaces for write-in candidates. Members will then mail in ballots, validated by their signed MCHA membership verification form; said ballots will be counted and new officers will be announced at the annual meeting. No later than 7 days after the Annual Meeting, the electronic ballot will be emailed to members. Members will have 30 days to vote by electronic ballot for the candidate of their choice. The electronic ballot will allow members the option to vote for a write-in candidate. In the event the member is unable or unwilling to vote by electronic ballot, such member may contact MCHA’s Executive Secretary – Treasurer (herein, the “Secretary”) no later than 21 days prior to the election deadline and request him / her to mail such member a paper ballot. Candidates shall be elected by a majority of the MCHA members who voted.

Section 8 9: The order of business at any meeting of the members shall be as follows:

1. Meeting called to order
2. Roll call
3. Proof of due notice
4. Reading of the minutes
5. Report of Officers, Directors & Committees
6. Election (if any)
7. Unfinished business
8. New business
9. Adjournment

In all meetings of the MCHA, Roberts Rules of Order of Parliamentary Procedure, Revised, shall be used to conduct the meetings, unless otherwise provided by these By-Laws.

#### **Article IV – Directors and Meetings of the Directors**

Section 1: The Board of Directors shall consist of two (2) officers; President and Vice-President and seven (7) elected Board members. All members of the Board of Directors must be in good standing with the MCHA and in good standing with the NCHA. The Directors shall be elected by a majority vote of the membership **that voted**. Each MCHA member shall have the right to vote with one vote each for as many persons as there are Directors to be elected to the Board of Directors, but no cumulative voting shall be allowed.

Section 2: In case of any vacancy in the Board of Directors by death, resignation, disqualification, increase in number or other cause, the remaining Directors, by affirmative vote of the majority present, will elect a successor at their next meeting.

Section 3: The term of office for Directors shall be two (2) years and shall be staggered terms.

The term for President and Vice President shall be one (1) year. After their 1 year term, the Vice President will automatically move into the President position for one year and the President will automatically move into a 1 year Director position. Therefore, each year we will vote for one Vice President and 3 Director Positions. Directors may not succeed themselves. Once having served a full two (2) year term a person is not eligible to run for Director for one (1) year but may run for another position. **A Director may run for an officer position without having to resign his / her Director position. In the event such Director is not elected to such officer position he / she may serve the remainder of his / her Director term.**

Section 4: The Board of Directors shall manage the affairs of the MCHA and is empowered to transact any business within the scope of such a Board in representing the entire membership by its actions.

Section 5: Any Director who is absent from three (3) Directors meetings per year ~~will automatically~~ **may** be removed as a Director ~~without further action~~. At their next meeting the Board of Directors will appoint another person **by a majority vote of the Board** to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term. An excused absence for extenuating circumstances may be taken into account.

Section 6: The Directors of the MCHA shall hold meetings at least semiannually or as often as deemed necessary by the Board of Directors or the President. The President or any three (3) Board members may call a meeting. The Board meetings are open to all members to attend but written notice to be included on the agenda is required for participation. The Directors may meet telephonically.

Section 6.1: The Board of Directors or any designated committee may participate in a Board or committee meeting by means of a conference telephone or similar communications equipment, provided all persons entitled to participate in the meeting received ~~proper~~ notice of the telephone meeting. A Director participating in a conference or telephone meeting is deemed in person at the meeting. The president or chairperson of the meeting may establish reasonable rules as to conducting the meeting by phone.

Section 6.2: Upon circumstances requiring immediate action or decision by the Board, the President **or Secretary** may poll all Directors **by phone or email** to seek their input and vote on an issue. If all Directors consent to this procedure upon being contacted by the President, then the Directors shall be deemed to have acted at a normal Director's meeting or telephonic meeting.

Section 7: A quorum at any meeting of the Directors shall consist of a majority of the duly elected Directors. A majority of such quorum shall decide any question that may come before such meetings, except in matters of suspension where an unanimous vote is required, or except in other matters where the Constitution, ~~By-Laws~~, or Rules ~~may~~ **specifically** require a vote greater than the majority.

Section 8: The order of business of all meetings of the Board of Directors shall be as follows:

1. Meeting called to order
2. Roll call
3. Reading and disposal of minutes
4. Report of officers and committees
5. Election (if any)
6. Unfinished business
7. New business
8. Adjournment

In all meetings of the MCHA, Roberts Rules of Order of Parliamentary Procedure, Revised, shall be used to conduct the meetings, unless otherwise provided by these By-Laws.

Section 9: At the beginning of each calendar year the Board shall prepare and approve a proposed budget for the year. Approval of such budget shall require a majority vote by the Board.

Section 10: Unless specifically provided otherwise herein, any matter requiring determination or approval by the Board hereunder may be determined or approved by a majority vote of the Board.

## **Article V – Officers**

Section 1: The officers consisting of the President and Vice-President; shall be elected by the membership, ~~by mail in ballot~~ as provided in Article III, Section 7, above.

Section 2: The elected officers will automatically become members of the Board of Directors. The President and Vice President terms shall ~~hold office for two (2) years~~ be as provided in Article IV, Section 3, above. ~~The Executive Secretary-Treasurer shall be appointed by the Board of Directors of MCHA. The Past President will not automatically be on the Board of Directors. After the two-year term the President and Vice President may not succeed themselves but may run for another position.~~ Officer and Director terms of office shall be concurrent with the calendar year.

Section 3: The President shall normally preside at all meetings of the members or Directors of the MCHA. He/she shall appoint all committees except as herein specified and conduct all business in accordance with the By-Laws of this Association. He/she shall be an ex-officio member of all committees, and shall perform such other duties usually inherent in such office.

Section 4: The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President when the President is absent from any meeting of the members or Directors.

- a. The Vice-President shall be chairman of the Show Committee. He/she shall organize the cutting schedule and make appropriate contact with show management, advising and assisting them when possible.
- b. He/she shall perform such other duties as the President may direct.

Section 5: The Executive Secretary-Treasurer will be hired by the Board of Directors and will be a non-voting position. The Executive Secretary-Treasurer shall keep the minutes of all meetings of members and Directors and keep and safeguard the records of this Association. He/she shall ~~print the~~ publish the approved minutes of meetings ~~in the newsletter on the MCHA website~~ and shall issue all notices of meetings of members and Directors including an agenda; keep the membership rolls; issue membership cards; receive and provide safekeeping for the funds of the MCHA; keep a yearly point system of horses and riders qualifying for the high point awards of the year; and perform all other duties and services



pertaining to his/her office. The Secretary-Treasurer shall be bonded for an appropriate amount as deemed necessary by the Board of Directors.

Section 6: No officer or director shall vote on or otherwise participate in any contracts, discussions or arrangements wherein he/she would financially benefit from such an arrangement, or wherein any family member would realize financial gain.

Section 7: Any vacancy among the officers of this association caused by the death or resignation of an officer shall be filled at the next meeting by the Board of Directors for the unexpired term of a vacancy so created.

#### **Article VI – Amendments**

Section 1: Any By-Laws may be repealed, modified or amended; and new By-Laws may be adopted at any Annual Meetings of the members of this Association, or at any special meeting of the members called for such purpose, provided that the proposed repeal, modification, amendment or new By-Law(s) is presented in writing to the Secretary sixty (60) days prior to the Annual Meeting or special meeting. The Secretary will in turn send written notice of the proposed modification, amendment or new By-Law(s) to all members thirty (30) days prior to the Annual Meeting or special meeting.

#### **Article VII – Dissolution**

Section 1: This association may be dissolved by a unanimous vote by the Board of Directors and ratified by a majority vote of the current membership. In the event there has been no substantial activity of this association for a three-year period, the ratification by the membership will be deemed unnecessary.

Upon dissolution of this association, all assets of any kind, form or nature are to be turned over to a public charity exempt from income tax under Internal Revenue Service code 501 (c)(3), at the direction of the majority of the board members.

#### **Article VIII – Notices**

Section 1: All written or other notices required under these By-laws or under the Rules may be provided by the MCHA via email or by publication on the MCHA website.



## **MINUTES OF MONTANA CUTTING HORSE ASSOCIATION (MCHA) DIRECTORS' MEETING**

October 16, 2016

Teleconference

President Kathy Foote called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

**Members Present:** President Kathy Foote, Vice President Rachel Showalter, Van Greenwell, Tim Stryker, Kelly Zelikovitz, Helen Larsen

**Members Absent:** Todd Banner, Kip Denton, Jeremy Young

**Others Present:** Secretary / Treasurer Sara Pahlke

It was moved by Helen Larsen, seconded by Kelly Zelikovitz, and carried on a voice vote that the minutes of the September 19, 2016, Director Meeting and the minutes of the October 2, 2016, General Membership Meeting be approved as distributed.

### **OLD OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **MCHA Year End Financial Summary**

Secretary / Treasurer Sara Pahlke said preliminary numbers indicate that the 2016 MCHA Year End Banquet cost came in under the \$2,000 budget at \$1,540. She said the live auction generated \$2,680 and the dog races generated \$565 of additional funding for the association.

#### **Northwest Regional Series**

President Kathy Foote said the Northwest Regional Series (NRS) Shoot-out will be held on October 30, 2016, in Farmington, UT. She said to be eligible to compete in the Shoot-out contestants must have competed in 50% of the approved NRS cutting horse events, which in 2016 is a requirement of showing 6 times. She said Shootout classes will be held with a minimum of two and maximum of five contestants who are eligible to compete and that if a contestant who is in the top five in a class is unable to compete, then the next contestant who has met the criteria of eligibility shall take the place of the contestant who is unable to compete. President Kathy Foote said there are several MCHA Members in the standings who are eligible to compete in the Shoot-out and that she planned to follow up with these members.

Secretary / Treasurer Sara Pahlke said the 2016 NRS Participating Affiliate match is \$1,737.20. She said in 2015, the NRS Participating Affiliate match was \$2,000.

Vice President Rachel Showalter said in 2017 she would like to see the NRS stand on its own financially.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

### **DISCUSSION AND DIRECTIVES**

President Kathy Foote adjourned the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

## **MINUTES OF MONTANA CUTTING HORSE ASSOCIATION (MCHA) DIRECTORS' MEETING**

November 28, 2016

Teleconference

President Kathy Foote called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

**Members Present:** President Kathy Foote, Van Greenwell, Kelly Zelikovitz, Helen Larsen, Kip Denton, Jeremy Young (via Proxy to Kathy Foote)

**Members Absent:** Vice President Rachel Showalter (joined the meeting at 7:45 pm), Tim Stryker, Todd Banner

**Others Present:** Secretary / Treasurer Sara Pahlke  
2017-2019 Directors; Andrea James and Michelle Van Dyke

It was moved by Kelly Zelikovitz, seconded by Helen Larsen, and carried on a voice vote that the minutes of the October 16, 2016, Directors' Meeting be approved as distributed.

### **OLD OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **2017 Memberships to 2016 Sponsors**

Secretary / Treasurer Sara Pahlke said in previous years free MCHA memberships had been provided to prior year's sponsors. Van Greenwell made a motion that one free MCHA membership be provided to each prior year sponsor who sponsored at a level of \$400 or higher. Helen Larsen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **2016 Senior World Tour Rider Award**

Secretary / Treasurer Sara Pahlke said in 2016 MCHA received approval fees for each NCHA Senior World Tour class entry. She said in April 2016, the Directors determined to utilize the approval fee to provide a year-end award to the top Senior World Tour rider, based on the NCHA point system, with a voucher to Scootem-n-Shootem Photography to use towards the photo purchase of their choice. Secretary / Treasurer Sara Pahlke said Karla Camp had earned the most points and that she was working with Scootem-n-Shootem Photography to provide the award.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **MCHA Membership Poll Results**

Secretary / Treasurer Sara Pahlke said an electronic poll had been emailed to MCHA Members on November 11, 2016, asking for feedback on various items regarding the 2017 show year. She said the poll closed on November 24, 2016, and that results were emailed to the Directors and available on the MCHA website for review. (Appendix A)

## **South Dakota Cutting Horse Association Shows**

The Directors reviewed a request by the South Dakota Cutting Horse Association (SDCHA) to approve a show to be held January 18 – 20, 2017 in Rapid City, SD. (Appendix B)

By a unanimous vote of Directors present, it was determined not to approve the show for the following reasons;

- Pursuant to MCHA Rules and Regulations, out of state shows must be approved by a unanimous vote of all MCHA Directors, not all Directors were present.
- Review of the MCHA Membership Poll indicated the majority of members were not interested in attending a show approved in the month of January or in the state of South Dakota.

## **MCHA Treasurer Report**

Secretary / Treasurer Sara Pahlke said in 2017 she planned to move the MCHA bank account from Western Security Bank to Wells Fargo, a bank chain with more accessible branch locations. She said deposits currently have to be mailed to Western Security Bank. Secretary / Treasurer Sara Pahlke said in 2016 it was difficult to make a deposit in a timely manner following shows when it was critical that a deposit be made before payout checks were cashed. There were no objections by the Directors present.

Secretary / Treasurer Sara Pahlke said she planned to use Eide Bailly LLP to complete the 2016 tax return and file 1099s. She said Eide Bailly LLP is a larger accounting firm than the accountant used in prior years and that Eide Bailly LLP has a division specializing in Non Profit entities. There were no objections by the Directors present.

## **DISCUSSION AND DIRECTIVES**

The Directors determined the January planning meeting would be held Saturday January 14, 2017, in Bozeman, MT.

President Kathy Foote adjourned the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

**MCHA Membership Poll - 2017 Show Season**

11/24/2016 12:00:00 AM

**1. What month would your ideal MCHA show season begin?**

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
January	4	5.1%
February	6	7.6%
March	37	47.4%
April	30	38.4%
No Responses	1	1.2%
<b>Total</b>	78	100%
10 Comment(s)		

**2. Would you attend an MCHA show in the months of January or February?**

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Yes	30	38.4%
No	48	61.5%
No Responses	0	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	78	100%
19 Comment(s)		

**3. Are you interested in MCHA shows approved out of state?**

Top number is the count of respondents selecting the option. Bottom % is percent of the total respondents selecting the option.

	Yes	No	Depends - Please provide details below
Washington	20 34%	36 62%	2 3%
Oregon	12 22%	42 76%	1 2%
Idaho	53 76%	14 20%	3 4%
Utah	41 60%	24 35%	3 4%
Wyoming	60 82%	11 15%	2 3%
South Dakota	21 38%	32 58%	2 4%
12 Comment(s)			

**4. Do you have any recommendations for 2017 shows in terms of: \* Facility / Location \* Producer / Sponsor \* Cattle Suppliers**

23 Response(s)

**5. Do you think out of state Northwest Regional Series (NRS) show earnings should be included in MCHA year end standings?**

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Yes - Include All NRS Earnings	14	17.9%
No - Don't Include NRS Earnings	42	53.8%
Only include NRS earnings from affiliates who allow the MCHA NRS show	20	25.6%
No Responses	2	2.5%
<b>Total</b>	78	100%
8 Comment(s)		

6. Would you like to see the 50% rule continued?		
	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Yes	30	38.4%
No	21	26.9%
Depends on whether the out of state NRS Regional Series show earnings are or	23	29.4%
No Responses	4	5.1%
<b>Total</b>	78	100%
5 Comment(s)		

7. Would you like to see a minimum % attendance requirement for eligibility of year-end awards continued?		
	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Yes	48	61.5%
No	28	35.8%
No Responses	2	2.5%
<b>Total</b>	78	100%
4 Comment(s)		

8. Would you like to see the "Never Won A Buckle" class continued?		
	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Yes	69	88.4%
No	9	11.5%
No Responses	0	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	78	100%
9 Comment(s)		

9. What classes outside of the standard NCHA weekend classes would you like approved for year-end awards?				
Top number is the count of respondents selecting the option. Bottom % is percent of the total respondents selecting the option.		Depends - Please provide details below		
	Yes	No		
Derby Open	48 86%	8 14%	0 0%	
Derby Non Pro	49 86%	8 14%	0 0%	
Classic Open	38 76%	10 20%	2 4%	
Classic Non Pro	40 77%	10 19%	2 4%	
\$1,500 Novice Horse	34 72%	11 23%	2 4%	
\$800 Rider	33 69%	14 29%	1 2%	
7 Comment(s)				

10. What month would your ideal MCHA show season end?		
	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
August	4	5.1%
September	15	19.2%
October	46	58.9%
November	13	16.6%
December	0	0.0%
No Responses	0	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	78	100%
7 Comment(s)		

11. Any other comments / concerns / questions you would like MCHA Directors to be aware of?

## MCHA Membership Poll - 2017 Show Season

11/24/2016 12:00:00 AM

<b>1. What month would your ideal MCHA show season begin? - Comments</b>	
<b>Answer</b>	
	I start my show season by going to warm country in mid-February.
	Early events should b considered with limited added money as weather can play a roll. Hosting an event early is good as we have something to work towards and it brings in income and gets things rolling.
	Bad Roads make it impossible to travel the state before April. Plus our assoc has snowbirds that are gone till spring
	Hauling horses on snowy roads is not ideal
	Mid to end of March
	weather likely to be too cold, roads bad, etc.
	May
	WE spend the winter down south and return home in April
	Weather would play a roll in entries
<b>2. Would you attend an MCHA show in the months of January or February? - Comments</b>	
<b>Answer</b>	
	I doubt there would be a venue that would be safe to drive to in January or February
	As long as it is not on top of my horse sale
	Horses need a rest and weather is too unreliable to plan to travel. And also to keep a horse prepared to show.
	Not everyone can keep their horses legged up outside in winter
	I would if it was approved in Arizona
	Yes, however it depends on the weather, rods and distance to location.
	Most likely only in a warmer climate, like AZCHA shows in Queen Creek or Las Vegas
	I am usually in Arizona in January & February
	Only if the forecast was good with clear roads.
	Depends entirely on where it is.
	If snow was light
	Would depend on weather and location.
	Probably would have the best chance of attending a show in the Billings area this time of year. Would not want to conflict with Central Wyoming Cutting Club shows in these months.
	Provided the venue Was equipped with heat and had indoor stalling.This time of year the location would have to be off major highways for accessibility due to the weather.
	Weather permitting
	depending on where
	depending on weather
<b>3. Are you interested in MCHA shows approved out of state? - Comments</b>	
<b>Answer</b>	
	This pertains to MCHA residents of MT
	Destination cuttings with increased added money and good schedule including aged event classes
	We are the MONTANA CHA .
	Driving 650 miles one way is too far
	Just too far to travel when you are in the West
	Depends on how far across the state....any further than an easy day's drive 6-8hrs is way too far for a weekend show.
	Please look at the added money in the South Dakota shows. Tracey Barton needs to make the added money equal in all the added money classes. He has done a very self serving thing the way the added money is distributed now. He doesn't have to haul to keep the stud he's showing in the top 15 standings with the current distribution. South Dakota has to offer better ground, stalls, and more cattle before I will haul there.
	Close & without replacing MT shows
	Distance is a concern if too far away.
	Not affordable and time off work is a concern.
	Willing to travel for good turn key facilities / ground, cattle, classes offered, and added money
	Also depends on weather - too hot or too cold.
	depends on distance

<b>4. Do you have an recommendations for 2017 shows in terms of:* Facility / Location* Producer / Sponsor* Cattle Suppliers - Responses</b>	
<b>Answer</b>	
No	
Horse palace is my first pick to add additional shows especially early shows. They know how to produce and have a producers mindset, they understand that our success is their success, they have access to cattle reasonably and are centrally located in a city with reasonable hotel/motel accommodations and good restaurants& shopping	
its not possible to select cattle that not been worked unless the supplier is very astute and forth right..paying for fresh cattle and getting cattle you cant get out of the herd is is worrisome.	
NILE Billings	
State Fair Gt Falls	
Heart K	
Corvallis	
Sheridan with better cattle, Livingston, Piney was great	
Would like to see someone put shows on again in the Bitterroot at Sapphire where it would not take much prep for pens. Since Dillon will eventually get an indoor facility with the college, it would be nice to see us pursue that venue because of the number of cattle in the valley. I realize we have to home someone to spearhead though.	
Billings	
Sapphire arena Corvalis.	
Briggs arena Whitehall.	
Ralph Young arena Columbus.	
You all do a great job when ever I attend.	
Please explore more of turn key facilities in Montana; Sapphire, Columbus, maybe Dillon, Hardin, Miles City	
I think anyone that has good facility and willing to put on cuttings close to Montana, Montana should approve	
Laurel	
Livingston	
Sheridan, WY	
We need more MT shows. We have several people that continue to produce shows, but we need some more people to step up to the plate and produce a show. There are several venues available, and prior producers that we need to approach.	
Heart K, Miller's, Big Piney, Farmington, Nampa	
N/A	
No	
Great idea to get show scheduled dialed in asap	
K Heart Livingston	
Might try Lecense in Dillon they have a nice big in door barn and keep a number of yearlings in close	
I'm too new to the area to know.	
Laurel, Livingston, Bozeman.	
The shows in Laurel and Livingston were great - locations fit me very well.	
Keyser Creek Arena Columbus Mt Ralph Young 406 425-1623	
Cottonwood Equestrian Silesia Mt Dean Welsh 406 580 2097	
Copper Spring Ranch Bozeman Mt Brian Anderson 406 579 2621. Lisa Anderson 406 579-1540	
<b>5. Do you think out of state Northwest Regional Series (NRS) show earnings should be included in MCHA year end standings? - Comment:</b>	
<b>Answer</b>	
To grow our membership and participation we need to make it easy for all members to see their name in the standings and give them a hope they can finish in the top five. If they know they will not have a chance at the standings they do not strive to attend more shows and keep competing.	
If a show is approved, I think earning should count. If someone wants to travel they should be rewarded and it makes our shows larger and in return the regional partner shows larger.	
The regional series has its own end of the year shoot out and awards it shouldn't double count for the Montana club too especially since some won't go out of the state too far for weekend shows.	
Unfairly tips the scale to " haulers"	
Only if shows are MCHA approved.	
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N/A	

<b>6. Would you like to see the 50% rule continued? - Comments</b>	
<b>Answer</b>	
	The whole point in the series was to get participation in the Region. Utah cleverly avoided supporting any other show in the series. One either supports the series or they don't.
	I believe he who wins the most....wins!!!! It should not be about limitations and restrictions. If you win the most have the sense to enter, go, win-even if it's 3 shows and u win the most- you are the winner. Period.
	If someone does well at a handful of shows, they should be rewarded. Just because someone can't travel to all ends of the earth does not mean they are not worthy of an award if they do well. As long as they are a member, let them be eligible. Seems crazy to go down to an 8th or 10th place money earner to give an award or not even have enough to qualify for an award that has been purchased. That is not rewarding the best competitor.
	Exclude Regional Series shows that are so far away, and this is not an issue for main stream MCHA members
<b>7. Would you like to see a minimum % attendance requirement for eligibility of year-end awards continued? - Comments</b>	
<b>Answer</b>	
	I think this is necessary for the health of your association
	He who wins...wins!!!
	See comment above
	Exclude Regional Series shows that are so far away, and this is not an issue for main stream MCHA members
<b>8. Would you like to see the "Never Won A Buckle" class continued? - Comments</b>	
<b>Answer</b>	
	Again, this is a decision based on your area's level of participation. I think it has always been a great class.
	That's where we bring newcomers on board. Absolutely! Need to reward these people more than anyone
	For adults only
	But only for riders who have really never won a buckle!
	Without the \$800 rider, this is an excellent entry level class for beginners. But it needs to be moved from end of day, /so there is greater support for new cutters. This would help them feel more welcomed / involved.
	Don't care.
	If there is participation and it helps build capacity of the association.
	If these classes make money for the club they should be continued. It's a good way to get novice cutters more involved.
	Maybe three total and a shootout at the year end
<b>9. What classes outside of the standard NCHA weekend classes would you like approved for year-end awards? - Comments</b>	
<b>Answer</b>	
	My horse is finished with her Derby year, but when they are 4, you aren't showing them in other classes so a year end award would really help. By the time they are 5, chances are you're showing them in other ncha classes, so a 5/6 isn't as noteworthy as the derby year
	None
	We need to get entry level people into cutting, more classes for aged riders and trainers make the shows too long so new people show late
	The 2000 rider seems to be the same people who start in the 800 rider so if we have one entry level class for the rider (\$2000) and one for the beginner horse (\$1500horse) that seems to be enough. Most people who have a Classic/Challenge horse is seasoned enough to show in the \$5000 so don't think we need it.
	Adding the Classic classes to standard Weekend class listing may help add entries to shows, enticing trainers who are wanting to show aged event horses w/ out affecting LTE. In previous years, I believe MCHA had included the Classic within classes eligible for year-end awards.
	I would like to see the NCHA challenger series at a few shows
	Perhaps the inclusion of more non-pro classes will stimulate entries and interest
<b>10. What month would your ideal MCHA show season end? - Comments</b>	
<b>Answer</b>	
	Mid October to first 10 days of November so done before weather is bad and before holidays.
	End of October. I think the Farmington show in Utah seems to be well attended for a yearend show. We can always have a meeting and awards banquet separate from the final show to accommodate awards. I know we have battled with this for years. If we want to have the yearend in Montana, I think end of September is more reasonable for most people.
	I would think that the availability of cattle dictates when the show year begins and ends.
	Or October
	UCHA show in Farmington may be a nice show to end on, good facility/ cattle, not that far from MT. Then hold year end banquet separately with Director planning meeting afterwards.
	The early October show in Laurel was a good one.
	end before holidays begin



**11. Any other comments / concerns / questions you would like MCHA Directors to be aware of? - Responses**

<b>Answer</b>	
	Being in the ICHA and coming to some Montana shows, I would just like to see support between associations continue. I'm really ticked about Utah benefiting from being in the NW series, and not supporting it. What ever venue gets the shootout, needs to earn those entries. Somehow that shootout needs to rotate to all associations.
	Any way you would consider not using reruns for the \$2k and \$15am classes
	it was a wonderful show season, all the grounds were perfect to get your horse shown successfully.
	I'd like to change constitution to allow the President a two year term. It just gets established and working and is over in one year.
	Keep it friendly and keep it fun
	I would hate to see approval for shows a long distance for members to travel. If we have the regional shows approved they should be within a reasonable distance outside of our own borders. If we approved, a show in Wyoming, one in Utah, one in Idaho and one in Montana for the region it seems more reasonable.
	Encourage producers to increase the added money, and you will see classes big enough to split again. I liked showing in the 2 Wyoming shows, and would haul there again. Utah and Idaho have great facilities and great ground, would haul there again.
	Please pay attention to what keeps MCHA members coming to shows. For trainers and some NP it may be classes / facility & ground / added money. But for Amateurs, most likely this is a fun hobby and many come for the social experience, the more friendly, supportive, positive, and upbeat things can be kept the better.
	More shows with lower entry fees. Save \$\$ by using new video products that will eliminate the need for a camera person, for example.
	We love Montana! Keep it simple and fun to cut!
	Contact me before Jan 1 on sponsorship levels and contributions
	general meetings need to be held during a show, Not day after.
	It would be nice to at least have a flag at all cuttings.
	One show per month is comfortable. More and people start to burn out.
	More shows in the southern and southeastern part of Montana and northern Wyoming work best for me. Maybe more shows at the new facility at Sheridan College would draw quite a few entries.



## Application for Affiliate Show Approval

In an effort to guarantee quality cuttings, the Montana Cutting Horse Association (MCHA) has developed the guidelines listed below. By requesting affiliate show approval from MCHA, you are agreeing to achieve these guidelines and understand that failure to do so will affect any future application. In the event of a violation of any one of these rules, there will be action taken, up to and including a one-year suspension of future affiliate approval.

Upon receipt of the signed Affiliate Application, each application will be submitted to our Board of Directors for a vote. Applications will be considered on a first come first served basis. Notice of approval or denial will be given to the applicant within a timely manner. MCHA will not approve any affiliate show that takes place on the same date as a MCHA produced show.

- The following classes must be offered:

Open	\$25 Nov	Open Derby	\$15 AM	\$2K LR
Non-Pro	\$25 Nov NP	NP Derby	\$5 Nov	\$1,500 NH
\$50 AM	Youth	\$35 NP	\$5 Nov NP	

- All cattle used are to be fresh at the start of the show. Fresh cattle are defined as cattle that have not been worked in **any** cattle event or practice, prior to entering the show pen. Once the cattle have been used at the show, it is up to the show management to rerun cattle as they choose, in classes that do not charge fresh cattle prices.
- Payout checks to participants or staff are to be guaranteed. Any check returned NSF is a violation of NCHA and MCHA rules.
- Show results and affiliate fees are due to MCHA within 10 days. \$4.00 per entry will be paid to MCHA for all classes.
- Application must be received a minimum of 50 days prior to the show date.

Producer South Dakota Cutting Horse Phone 540-263-0216  
 Show Location Rapid City, SD Dates Jan 18 - 20, 2017  
 Secretary Name Natalie Miller/Staci Hine Phone 701-223-3523

As a MCHA Affiliate Show Producer, I agree to abide by all NCHA rules and the guidelines listed above. I also understand that a violation of any one of the above guidelines will cause action to be taken up to and including a one-year suspension of future MCHA affiliate approval.

Producer Stacie Hine Date 11/11/2017  
 Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
 Accepted by \_\_\_\_\_  
 MCHA Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_