

Minutes of the Montana Cutting Horse Association (MCHA)

General Membership Meeting

September 28th, 2018

Millers Horse Palace – Laurel, MT

President Kelly Zelikovitz called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm

Directors Present: Brian Anderson, Jann Parker, Michelle Van Dyke, Rachel Stryker, & Cody Lee

Directors Absent: Gayle Weber, Jeremy Young & Andrea James

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

Report of the Officers, Directors, Committees & Other Reports

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

President Kelly Zelikovitz discussed the prior General Membership meeting in April and the changes that were made to the MCHA Constitution. She noted the changes were on the website as well as being attached to the minutes of such General Membership Meeting. Michelle Van Dyke moved to approve the General Membership Meeting minutes, Brian Anderson seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Reports of Officers

As one of Montana's National Directors, Michelle Van Dyke updated the membership on the NCHA class leveling system. She noted it is a complicated process, but it has been well received. NCHA has posted the structure proposal online.

President Kelly Zelikovitz discussed the success of the Big Piney, WY show. She also talked about the difficulty with the April show in Hamilton, addressing the weather conditions and the conflicting show dates.

President Kelly Zelikovitz and Secretary/Treasurer Kelly Fraser updated the membership on the increase in the current MCHA bank balance to approximately \$81,000.00. This is up from 2017 by \$27,000.00. The increase in the balance is due in large part to the success of Big Piney. There was also membership income increase for 2018 of around \$1000.00 and a sponsorship income increase of \$3000.00. Kelly Fraser also updated the membership on other highlights of MCHA's year to date financials.

Committee Reports

President Kelly Zelikovitz reported on the changes to the By-Laws that were approved at the General Membership meeting in April. These included, among other matters a requirement to purchase a MCHA membership at all MCHA produced shows and all MCHA in-state approved shows. She also explained that all producers can now use the memberships collected at a show to offset approval fees. President Kelly Zelikovitz explained the grace period through April to pay for a MCHA membership and that the Secretary/Treasurer position compensation was changed to a set monthly amount and that there will no longer be association secretary fees charged to producers.

Michelle Van Dyke updated the membership on the nominations for the Board of Directors and Vice President Position. She noted that at this time there were five people who would like to serve on the Board of Directors; Vicki Bass, Doyle Fritz, Joe Kalt, Shaun Strickland, and Clay Turner. Michelle Van Dyke said Kathy Foote will be running for the Vice President position. The floor was opened for other nominations. Wylie Fraser nominated Clayton Miller for the Vice President position. Ashley Sherman also wished to be on the ballot for the Board of Directors. President Kelly Zelikovitz stated that an electronic ballot will be sent out within 30 days of the meeting and those who wished to receive a paper ballot will have one mailed to them.

Kathy Foote reported on the NRS series. She discussed the affiliates involved in the NRS and noted that the shootout will be in Ogden, UT at the October show. Kathy Foote said the standings are on the web site. There will be a board meeting in a week and after that they will see how the NRS will progress for the next year.

Kathy Foote reported on the Angela Bauer Youth Scholarship and its finances. She noted that in total they have paid out \$24,800 in scholarships.

President Kelly Zelikovitz discussed the transition of the board members. She will stay on the Board for the next year and Jeremy Young will become the next President. She noted that the Vice President elect, commits to three years on the Board. President Kelly Zelikovitz thanked those who are leaving the Board at the end of the year for their contributions; Rachel Stryker as 2017 President, Michelle Van Dyke, Cody Lee, and Andrea James.

Old Business – None

New Business

President Kelly Zelikovitz discussed the Re-run Cattle Shoot Out that will be taking place Saturday night immediately prior to the year-end awards banquet. The Shoot Out will be the top

ten riders competing for a \$2500 purse. The purse will be paid out according to NCHA rules. Cody Lee will be the Auctioneer for the Calcutta to be immediately followed by the Shoot Out.

Kelly Fraser discussed the need to upgrade the web site. She noted that it will cost \$3000.00 but that the web site has never been upgraded and a mobile interface would be added as well as getting the rest of the site up to date. Jerry Rankin made a motion to approve the upgrade of the web site, seconded by Shaun Strickland, the motion carried by a show of hands.

Kelly Fraser discussed the desire of Dale Wood to get involved with MCHA by doing a bronze cutter sculpture. He would need \$1500.00 in sponsorship to start the sculpture. There are questions to be worked out regarding how many pieces will be in the series and what royalties MCHA may be entitled to. The membership was excited about the idea. Shaun Strickland and Steve Zelikovitz each committed \$500, and Roy Oliver and Kelsey Fraser committed \$250 each toward the \$1500 sponsorship.

Rachel Stryker has teamed up with NCHA to produce a calendar series. She said it will be a history of NCHA from inception until present. The calendars will be on sale by the 2018 NCHA Futurity. Affiliates will have the opportunity to purchase calendars and 50% of the proceeds will go back to the affiliate.

President Kelly Zelikovitz discussed MCHA Constitution Rule 2. She said a number of MCHA members would like to have this Rule modified so that MCHA will not approve shows that have less than \$300 in added money in non-jackpot classes. The proposed change will require a change to the By-Laws, so this proposal will be included with the notice of the next General Membership meeting.

President Kelly Zelikovitz once again thanked the outgoing Board of Directors members Michelle Van Dyke, Rachel Stryker, Andrea James and Cody Lee.

President Kelly Zelikovitz adjourned the meeting at 6:55 pm

Appendix A

Shaun Strickland
Jessica Harman
Darrell Lee
John Seymour
Dorothy Seymour
Kelsey Fraser
Roy Oliver
Nancy LaCounte
Sarah Bauer
Kathy Foote
Presley Anderson
Ashley Sherman
Todd Banner
Will Nuttall
Cindy Garoutte
Ali Anderson
Sammi Yantes
Renea Williams
Bambi Gress
McCoy Banner
Jerry Rankin
Gage Banner
Rob Fraser
Cindy Fraser
Tim Stryker
Wylie Fraser
Tanya Dvarishkis
Debbie Bird