

**NCHA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CONFERENCE CALL MINUTES
DECEMBER 19, 2022
3:00PM Central**

A conference call of the Executive Committee of the National Cutting Horse Association was held on Monday, December 19, 2022, beginning 3:00PM central time.

All Executive Committee members were present: President Ted Sokol, President-Elect Toddy Pitard, Vice President Mark Senn, Kristen York, Rock Hedlund, Kirby Smith, John Lavelle, Sharon Overstreet, Tommy Williams, Skip Jones, Kathleen Moore, Ernie Beutenmiller, Cara Brewer, and Casey Green. NCHA Executive Director Jay Winborn, Director of Membership Julie Davis, Director of Shows Shianne Megel, Cathy Marie Aleff and our NCHA Legal Counsel Jim Morris were also in attendance for this call.

The Executive Committee meeting was called to order at 3:07PM and roll call was taken.

President Ted Sokol addressed the members of the Executive Committee with the purpose of the call to further discuss eligibility of rider classes.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATES – JAY WINBORN

Executive Director Jay Winborn and NCHA Counsel Jim Morris provided an update to the Executive Committee with regard to rider class eligibility and any considered changes.

After much consideration, President Ted Sokol appointed a small group from the Executive Committee to work with NCHA staff to develop a directive in the form a motion. Those members appointed were Kristen York, Cara Brewer and Skip Jones. Ernie Beutenmiller and Kirby Smith also joined this effort to collaborate with staff.

This effort was completed and presented to the Executive Committee as an extension of this call by email requesting action to be recorded in these minutes and provided in the two motions following.

A **MOTION** was made by Kirby Smith and **SECONDED** by Ernie Beutenmiller to change the language of the \$2000 rider eligibility to the following: In order to qualify to show in this class, riders cannot have earned more than a total of \$2000 in lifetime earnings in all cutting horse competitions at the beginning of the point year, whether NCHA or any other equine association. The rider has the burden to prove that he/she meets the eligibility requirements to compete in this class. Any horse may be ridden regardless of ownership as long as owner is also a member. Holders of NCHA Amateur and/or Non-Professional cards may compete in this class on any horse without jeopardizing their Amateur and/or Non-Professional status. This rule change is scheduled to take effect for the 2023 point year. **MOTION PASSED by majority with one (1) opposition.**

A **MOTION** was made by Ernie Beutenmiller and **SECONDED** by Kristen York for the following committees as a directive to consider the impact of non NCHA earnings in cutting competitions on the eligibility of horses and riders in NCHA classes: LAE, Weekend Show, Professional Trainers, Non-Professional, Amateur, and the Affiliate Officers and Secretaries Committees to report back to the Executive Committee. **MOTION PASSED.**

OLD BUSINESS

At this time, there is no old business to bring before the Executive Committee for discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

At this time, there is no new business to bring before the Executive Committee for discussion.

NEXT EC MEETING

The next Executive Committee Meeting is scheduled for February 8-9, 2023, at the NCHA Office.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the committee, a **MOTION** was made by Skip Jones and **SECONDED** by Ernie Beutenmiller to adjourn the call at 4:19PM. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**