

NCHA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CONFERENCE CALL
May 7, 2019
4:00PM Central

A conference call of the Executive Committee of the National Cutting Horse Association was held on May 7, 2019 at 4:00PM Central. Those present were: President Phil Rapp, President-Elect Ron Pietrafeso, Vice President Steve Norris, Ernie Beutenmiller, Rock Hedlund, Skip Jones, Matt Miller, Tatum Rice, Tommy Neal, Sharon Overstreet, Lachlan Perks, David Pilcher, Ronnie Smith and Kristen York. Also present were NCHA Executive Director Kirk Slaughter and outgoing Interim Executive Director Lewis Wray, NCHA Director of Membership Julie Davis, NCHA Treasurer James Burris, NCHA Legal Counsel Jim Morris and NCHA Executive Assistant Cathy Marie Aleff.

President Phil Rapp called the meeting to order at 4:03PM and David Pilcher offered a prayer before the meeting commenced.

MEMBERSHIP REINSTATEMENT

Jim Morris, NCHA Legal Counsel advised the group of the current status with Dan Simpson's membership. His membership is currently under suspension for violation of Standing Rule 40. A request has been made by Danielle Simpson to reconcile monies owed to clear and reinstate his membership. It is my understanding that the fines have been fulfilled and his reinstatement for membership is subject to the approval of the EC.

James Burris and Julie Davis updated Executive Committee with the order of events and provided backup from conversations with Danielle Simpson regarding this request of reinstatement.

After much discussion and a closer look at the history of this membership, the Executive Committee considered reinstatement, a **MOTION** was made by Tatum Rice and **SECONDED** by Steve Norris to reinstate Dan Simpson's membership as a non-competitive status as applied assuming in fact that all fines have been paid in full. **MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY.**

Roll Call Vote

Ron Pietrafeso - yes	Sharon Overstreet - yes
Steven Norris - yes	Lachlan Perks - yes
Ernie Beutenmiller – yes	David Pilcher - yes
Rock Hedlund - yes	Tatum Rice - yes
Skip Jones - yes	Ronnie Smith - yes
Matt Miller - yes	Kristen York - yes
Tommy Neal - yes	

BOARD OF DIRECTOR SPECIAL MEETING AT CONVENTION

NCHA Legal Counsel Jim Morris addressed the Executive Committee with updates. We are dealing with two issues as it relates to the Board of Directors. In addition to our regularly scheduled BOD meetings at convention, a special BOD meeting has been recommended. This special meeting has been set and properly noticed for 8am on the first day of convention.

At Large/Regional Director

Purpose of this special meeting is to temporarily suspend the enforcement of the provisions of Article V, Section One as it applies to the 2019 Convention for the election for At Large and Regional Directors to fill open positions. The NCHA office failed to communicate information accordingly and open the floor for nominations for these seats to be elected as a reflection of what was passed at the last convention. This suspension will only apply to the 2019 campaign.

Treasurer

Propose a revision to the Bylaw section VI, Article 7...

Section Seven. The Treasurer shall be appointed by and report directly to the Executive Director. Currently the Treasurer is appointed by and serves under the direction of and at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

After much discussion, we determined that proof of notice was made properly in the monthly publication of the Chatter for this to be addressed at our annual convention.

STANDING COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Ron Pietrafeso addressed the Executive Committee with his proposed assignments on the upcoming of Standing Committees. These assignments were made to be in full compliance with our current bylaws.

Long Range Planning and Promotion and Development committees have been proposed and approved to be combined as a new standing committee Governance, Promotion & Growth. All terms will be a clean slate on this new committee and changes will be made to page 13 of the rulebook to reflect this change.

MOTION was made by Skip Jones and **SECONDED** by Tatum Rice to accept Ron Pietrafeso's proposed list of standing committee assignments as incoming President. This motion is to reflect the changes suggested to the Judges Rules committee, adding a representative from Region 4. **MOTION PASSED.**

TRANSITION PLAN WITH EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR POSITION

Kirk Slaughter updated the Executive Committee with the proposed transition plan between Lewis Wray to himself in the Executive Director position.

- Scheduled to meet daily for an hour to discuss major topics and critical functions in this position.
- Introduction to all standing committee chairs, major show producers, major sponsors along with all the contacts needed to know at the financial institutions.
- Option open to utilize Lewis Wray in a contract position at the Summer Show and as Kirk has time to meet with staff and do some due diligence.

DIRECTOR ABSENCE REQUESTS FOR CONVENTION

Phil to approve requests that have come in so far for:

- Scott Tullis - Approved
- Andy Adams - Approved
- Scott Reed – Approved

All future requests will be processed for approval via email and granted by Phil Rapp on a case by case basis.

CONVENTION AGENDA ITEMS

Need to schedule EC meeting accordingly so that Kirk Slaughter is available to attend Finance Committee Meeting.

Brief overview of the agenda for convention and requested by EC to send out along with uploading each committees' agendas as soon as possible.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the committee, **MOTION** was made by Ernie Beutenmiller and **SECONDED** by Steve Norris to adjourn the conference call at 5:48PM. **MOTION PASSED.**