

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

January 15, 2018

Teleconference

President Kelly Zelikovitz called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

Members Present: President Kelly Zelikovitz, Brian Anderson (via proxy to Kelly Zelikovitz), Andrea James, Cody Lee, Jann Parker, Rachel Showalter, Michelle Van Dyke, Gayle Weber

Members Absent: Vice President Jeremy Young

Others Present:

Montana National NCHA Director / Northwest Regional Cutting Series Secretary and Director Theresa Nelson, MCHA Secretary / Treasurer and Northwest Regional Cutting Series Treasurer Sara Chamberlin

It was moved by Michelle Van Dyke, seconded by President Kelly Zelikovitz, and carried on a voice vote that the minutes of the November 28, 2017, Directors' Meeting be approved as distributed.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Secretary / Treasurer Sara Chamberlin provided the 2017 financial statement (**Appendix A**) for the Directors' review and approval. President Kelly Zelikovitz made a motion to approve the 2017 financial statement. Michelle Van Dyke seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Montana National NCHA Directors Report

Montana National NCHA Director Theresa Nelson and Montana National NCHA Director Michelle Van Dyke provided information on the following NCHA initiatives;

- New NCHA software to track standings is not yet available, NCHA is tentatively planning a mid-year conversion.
- Amateur eligibility changes:
 - (1) members less than 60 years of age: a maximum of \$100,000 (\$50,000 Limited Age/\$50,000 Weekend) in eligibility lifetime NCHA cutting horse earnings; or
 - (2) members age 60-69: A maximum of \$400,000 may be earned between NCHA-approved weekend earnings and NCHA Limited Age Event earnings to remain qualified for Amateur status. Members with less than (i) \$400,000 in total earnings; and (ii) with earnings less than \$200,000 in either weekend or limited age events at the beginning of the point year will be eligible to compete in one or both of the categories they qualify for. Earnings in excess of \$200,000 at the beginning of the point year in either weekend or limited age events will make Amateur card holders ineligible to compete in the category for which they do not qualify. Earnings in excess of \$400,000 will make card holders ineligible to compete in Amateur competition; or
 - (3) For members over age 70: There is no cap on earnings.
- The zero tolerance policy regarding Inhumane treatment or abuse of a horse in any manner is being strictly enforced and patrolled with larger penalties to riders and reprimands to judges.

Montana National NCHA Director Theresa Nelson said additional information is available on NCHA's website: <http://www.nchacutting.com/contact/executive-committee>

2018 Northwest Regional Cutting Series

Northwest Regional Cutting Series (NRS) Secretary and Director, Theresa Nelson, provided information on the 2018 series. She said the Idaho Cutting Horse Association (ICHA), Oregon Cutting Horse Association (OCHA), Washington Cutting Horse Association (WCHA), Utah Cutting Horse Association (UCHA), along with MCHA will be participating affiliates in 2018. Theresa said similar to 2017, there would be no minimum participation percentage rule to qualify for the 2018 shoot-out finals, no monetary cap on added money within qualifying classes, and that the NRS will include the 5/6 Classic Open, 5/6 Classic Non Pro, Derby Open, and Derby Non Pro as classes eligible for the shoot-out finals. Theresa said the 2018 Tentative NRS schedule is as follows:

2018 Northwest Regional Series Schedule		
March 21 – 25	ICHA	Nampa, ID
April 12 – 15	OCHA	Madras, OR
May 4 – 6	WCHA	Moses Lake, WA
July 18 -25	MCHA	Kalispell, MT
October 26 – October 28	WCHA	Ogden, UT
October 28	NRS Shoot-out	Ogden, UT (TENTATIVE)

MCHA Secretary / Treasurer and Northwest Regional Cutting Series Treasurer Sara Chamberlin said MCHA Directors may want to consider changing the designated MCHA show that counts towards NRS standings. She said MCHA has paid \$2,000 in 2015, \$1,737.20 in 2016, and \$2,219.20 in 2017 in NRS participation fees, however MCHA is not receiving the direct financial benefit of NRS entries at an MCHA produced event to help pay the participation fee, rather Big Sky Aged Events as producer of the MCHA NRS show is receiving the financial benefit of NRS entries.

Rules Committee Report

President Kelly Zelikovitz reviewed drafted amendments to the Rules and Regulations Section of the MCHA Bylaws. **(APPENDIX B)**. She said pursuant to the MCHA Constitution – Article VI -Section 1, any proposed modification, amendment or new by-law(s) are required to be provided to all members for consideration 30 days prior to the General Membership Meeting. She said any changes approved by the Directors at the January planning meeting would be made available on MCHA website 30 days prior to the Spring 2018 General Membership Meeting for members review and then members would be asked to vote on changes at the General Membership Meeting.

Gayle Weber made a motion to approve the drafted amendments to the Rules and Regulations Section of the MCHA Bylaws to be presented to the General Membership for consideration. Michelle Van Dyke seconded the motion. President Kelly Zelikovitz, Brian Anderson (via proxy to Kelly Zelikovitz), Andrea James, Cody Lee, Jann Parker, Michelle Van Dyke, Gayle Weber voted in favor of the motion. Rachel Showalter voted against.

2018 MCHA Secretary / Treasurer Compensation

It was moved by President Kelly Zelikovitz that the 2018 MCHA Secretary / Treasurer compensation be approved as a flat rate of \$800 per month provided:

- The secretary/treasurer does all promotion and marketing activities so there is no separate expense for that function;
- The position will no longer receive any \$1 per entry fees from show producers or from MCHA;
- This amount will be reviewed by the Board on an annual basis and, if deemed appropriate by the Board, can be adjusted.

Andrea James seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously on a roll call vote.

NEW BUSINESS

2018 Membership Rates

Secretary / Treasurer Sara Chamberlin said several 2018 MCHA memberships have been collected using rates continued from 2017; \$50 for family, \$35 for individual, and \$10 for youth membership. The Directors determined to keep membership rates the same for 2018.

2017 MCHA Classes

The Directors considered what classes to continue offering in 2018. The Directors determined to continue the Never Won A Buckle (NWAB) class and NCHA Senior World Tour class within a class. The Directors also determined that the NWAB should be open to contestants who have never won an MCHA or NCHA buckle and that any show producer who would like to include the class in their show may do so, MCHA will purchase buckles in advance for awards with no year indicated so unused buckles may be used in future years.

Jann Parker made a motion to approve the 2017 class list for 2018 year-end awards as follows:

2017 - Recognized Classes:	
Open	\$5 Nov
NP	\$5 Nov NP
\$50AM	\$2 LR
\$25 Nov	\$1,500 NH
\$25 Nov NP	Open Derby**
Youth - Jr	NP Derby**
Youth - Sr	Open 5/6 Classic**
\$35NP	NP 5/6 Classic**
\$15AM	

** Classes held within a weekend show and an LAE held in conjunction with the show to count toward standings; producers may determine whether to offer the class at weekend shows.

Rachel Showalter seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously on a roll call vote.

Minimum Participation Percentage Rule

The Directors considered whether to enforce a minimum participation percentage rule requiring MCHA Members to participate in a minimum number of Montana approved shows in order to be eligible for year-end awards. The Directors determined, similar to 2017, that any MCHA Member in good standing is eligible for year-end awards regardless of their participation percentage

2018 Show Schedule

Pursuant to Rule #4 of MCHA Rules and Regulations, "out-of-state shows must be approved by a unanimous vote of the Board of Directors". Vice President Jeremy Young, as Show Committee Chairman, was not present to provide an overview of proposed 2018 shows and dates. (**Appendix C**) A conference call was scheduled for Tuesday, January 30, 2018, to determine the 2018 show schedule.

DISCUSSION AND DIRECTIVES

President Kelly Zelikovitz adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Montana Cutting Horse Association, Inc.
Rules and Regulations
Revised April ~~2011~~ 2018

1. Any contest approved by this Association must be executed by the rules of the National Cutting Horse Association (NCHA).
2. All shows sanctioned by MCHA must also be approved by NCHA and must have a minimum of \$200 added purse in the Open and Non-Pro each day, unless specially approved by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.
3. All shows in the MCHA must offer all the NCHA approved classes unless specially approved by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.
4. All shows produced in the months of January, February, March and April shall submit show dates to the Vice President of MCHA by November 1 of the prior year for review and consideration for approval by the existing MCHA Board of Directors. Shows produced in the remaining months (after April) shall submit dates to the Vice President of MCHA for review and consideration for approval by the MCHA Board of Directors taking office on January 1. Out-of-state shows must be approved by a unanimous vote of the Board of Directors. The MCHA Board will give priority (not guarantee) to show locations and dates that took place in the previous year when voting on approval of shows. Priority applies between requests for the same dates assuming that both requests are acceptable/desirable shows.
5. If a show management does not desire to seek NCHA approval, we nevertheless, will encourage and strongly support their cutting activities. Notice of such events will not be counted toward MCHA awards.
6. All NCHA judges will also be approved by the MCHA.
7. All MCHA judges must be NCHA approved judges.
8. All applications for MCHA show approvals must be received by the MCHA Secretary at least fifty (50) days prior to the cutting or fifty (50) days before closing day of entries, whichever is earlier and advertised to the members at least twenty-one (21) days before closing day for entries. Approvals and advertisement must include purses, judges, starting time, entry deadline, classes and fees therein.
9. Entry fees, less authorized deductions, shall be added to the purse. If any charge is to be made other than entry fees, it must be stated as a stall, handling, stock, or office charge, and must be separated from the entry fee.

~~10. MCHA approval fees of \$4.00 per horse entry per MCHA approved class shall be included in the stock and office charge and sent to the MCHA Secretary-Treasurer along with the results of the show within ten (10) days of the close of the show. The approval and results must then be submitted to the NCHA.~~

10. MCHA approval fees are \$4.00 per horse entry per MCHA approved class LESS MCHA memberships collected. If total memberships collected by a producer are less than \$4.00 per horse entry per MCHA approved class, the show producer is responsible for paying the deficiency. If total memberships collected by a producer are greater than \$4.00 per horse entry per MCHA approved class, the show producer is not required to pay an approval fee. Reciprocal show approval agreements deemed to be in the financial interest of MCHA may also be approved by the Board of Directors. Any approval fees owed shall be sent to the MCHA Secretary-Treasurer along with the results of the show within ten (10) days of the close of the show. The show secretary is responsible for submitting approval and results to the NCHA.

11. Pay-offs for all MCHA approved cutting contests will be one (1) money for every three (3) horses entered, unless otherwise advertised by the show management, or where the NCHA pay-off schedule takes precedence. ~~The number of monies and payout schedule for the \$1,000 Novice Horse and \$800 Rider will be the same as the above listed NCHA approved payments.~~

12. Any entrant in a show wishing to withdraw from the contest must do so before the positions have been drawn. If the entrant's name goes in the draw, then that entrant is obligated to pay the entire entry fee, including cattle charge and office charge to the show management as his/her entry fee would have been figured in the pay-off. If the entry is not paid to show management, said entrant shall be denied any privileges of membership and will be suspended until said entry fee is paid.

13. Before the first approved show of each season, the Board of Directors shall determine and publish in the newsletter the classes in which year-end awards will be presented at the close of the season.

14. When there are several riders who are all MCHA members riding a horse owned by a MCHA member, the accumulative monies won by all riders for the horse will be recognized.

15. The eligibility of horse and/or rider to enter specified cutting classes will be based on the lifetime earnings of said horse or rider on January 1st of the fiscal year in which the contest is held, according to NCHA official records. NCHA RECORDS WILL TAKE PRECEDENCE OVER ANY MCHA RECORDS.

16. Each individual must furnish verification of his/her own eligibility, or his/her misrepresentation will result in automatic suspension for a period to be determined by the Board of Directors.

17. Any person making a protest on the eligibility of any horse shall be responsible for notifying MCHA. If the horse in question is ineligible, the owner should be responsible for paying for the inquiry.

~~18. Two High School rodeo trophies may be donated by MCHA for the cow cutting contest in Montana, upon approval of the Board of Directors. One will go to the High Point girl, the other to the High Point boy. An approved NCHA MCHA judge or judges must be used in order for the contest to qualify.~~

18. The MCHA will use the Intermountain Quarter Horse Association point award system for tabulating winners for the Youth Year-End awards.

19. The Rules Committee will consist of the elected Directors of the MCHA.

20. In the event any such NCHA standing rules are issued, the name of the MCHA shall be used where the name NCHA is used and wherever the term "Executive Committee" is used the term "Directors of MCHA" shall be substituted.

21. All MCHA rules will work in conjunction with NCHA rules.

~~23. Only one (1) horse may be ridden by each rider in the \$800 Rider class.~~

~~24. A \$1.00 fee per horse entry per class to pay the MCHA Secretary shall be assessed by show management at every MCHA cutting event. This \$1.00 fee is to be paid to the MCHA Secretary within ten (10) days of the close of the show. A \$1.00 fee per horse entry per class for out of state approved cuttings will be paid to the MCHA Secretary from the MCHA approval fee received from the out of state cutting.~~

~~25. The Owner and Rider of a horse must have a current MCHA membership to show at a MCHA Produced event. MCHA membership must be current at the time money is won to count toward Year End awards.~~

22. Both the owner AND rider of a horse must have an MCHA membership and be in good standing with MCHA to show at an MCHA produced show or an MCHA in-state approved show and to be eligible for year-end awards.

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.

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: Any contestant competing in an MCHA produced 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 or is not in good standing with MCHA, no Points earned at that show will be counted toward MCHA year-end standings.~~

Each member shall pay annual dues in an amount approved by the Board of Directors. If payment of dues is not made by May 1 of the current show year, earnings won earlier in the year at MCHA produced or approved shows will not be counted toward MCHA year-end standings. If payment is made after May 1, all membership rights and privileges commence from the date of payment and continue to year-end. Payment shall be determined by the date of hand delivery or postmark.

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: NCHA membership is required to compete in the NCHA classes, pursuant to NCHA Rules and Regulations.

****TENTATIVE** 2018 Montana Cutting Horse Association Show Schedule**

Date	Show	Location	Notes
March 21 - 25	ICHA NRS Show	Nampa, ID	NRS
April 6-8 - TBD	Saphire Event Center	Hamilton, MT	
April 12 - 15	OCHA NRS Show	Madras, OR	NRS
April 20 - 22	Heart K - LAE & Weekend	Livingston, MT	AB
April 27 - 29	Miller's Horse Palace	Laurel, MT	
May 4 - 6	WCHA NRS Show	Moses Lake, WA	NRS
May 10-13	Shootout in Sheridan - LAE and Weekend Show	Sheridan, WY	AB
May 24-27	Heart K - LAE & Weekend	Livingston, MT	AB
June 1 - 3	NCHA Convention	Grapevine, TX	NCHA
June 9-10	Wyoming CHA	Saratoga, WY	
June 24 - 30	Western Nationals	Denver, CO	NCHA
July 7-8	Wyoming CHA	Saratoga, WY	
July 18 - 25	Big Sky Aged Event and Weekend - NRS Show	Kalispell, MT	NRS / AB
August 15-19	MCHA - Big Piney, WY - LAE & Weekend	Big Piney, WY	
Sept 21 - 22	UCHA Golden Spike Cutting	Ogden, UT	
TBD: Sept 28 - 29 or Oct 5 - 6	Year End Show	Laurel, MT	
October 26 - Oct 28	UCHA	Ogden, UT	NRS
28-Oct	UCHA - Shootout Finals	Ogden, UT	NRS

Chart Key:

Northwest Regional Series (NRS) - Idaho, Oregon, Washington, Montana, Utah,

AB - Angela Bauer Scholarship Cutting

NCHA / Other Events to keep in mind for scheduling

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Members Present: President Kelly Zelikovitz, Vice President Jeremy Young, Brian Anderson, Andrea James, Cody Lee, Jann Parker, Rachel Showalter, Michelle Van Dyke, Gayle Weber

Others Present: Secretary / Treasurer Sara Chamberlin
Kathy Foote

It was moved by Gayle Weber, seconded by Brian Anderson, and carried on a voice vote that the minutes of the January 15, 2018, meeting be approved as distributed.

OLD OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Rules Committee Report

President Kelly Zelikovitz reviewed the drafted amendment changes to Rule #10 of the Rules and Regulations Section of the MCHA Bylaws approved by the Directors at the January 15, 2018, meeting to be proposed at the General Membership Meeting. She said additional language may be required to provide the Board operating flexibility without having to go back to the general membership each time the Board has to deal with a show approval circumstance that is unique or unforeseen. She also said that as written in the January meeting, the proposed changes to Rule #10 would leave the Board no discretion to approve The Idaho Cutting Horse Association (ICHA) Nampa show, which all of the MCHA members she had spoken with so far want to see included MCHA's 2018 show schedule. President Kelly Zelikovitz suggested the following change as underlined:

10. MCHA approval fees are \$4.00 per horse entry per MCHA approved class LESS MCHA memberships collected. If total memberships collected by a producer are less than \$4.00 per horse entry per MCHA approved class, the show producer is responsible for paying the deficiency. If total memberships collected by a producer are greater than \$4.00 per horse entry per MCHA approved class, the show producer is not required to pay an approval fee. Reciprocal show approval agreements **or other arrangements** deemed to be in the financial interest of MCHA may also be approved by the Board of Directors. Any approval fees owed shall be sent to the MCHA Secretary-Treasurer along with the results of the show within ten (10) days of the close of the show. The show secretary is responsible for submitting approval and results to the NCHA.

Secretary / Treasurer Sara Chamberlin said a concern of adding the language “or other arrangements” may be that such language could be abused by future Boards and create a loophole by which any show could be approved. She also said that it requires the Directors to make subjective decisions / judgment calls regarding show approvals as to what constitutes “in the financial interest” of MCHA. President Kelly Zelikovitz responded that the Board has to have discretion to make judgment calls for the betterment of the MCHA when circumstances don’t fall in an all white/all black category.

President Kelly Zelikovitz said she was in favor of treating the producers of all MCHA approved shows fairly and as equally as possible, however the ICHA Nampa show presents a unique set of circumstances, not the least of which are its size and the large number of entries from the Pacific Coast and other regions that do not otherwise normally compete in or around Montana. ICHA does not approve other state’s shows since it does not maintain standings or give year-end awards. Because of these factors, ICHA does not request approval from any other states and does not pay approval fees to any other states. However, President Kelly Zelikovitz reported that this year, ICHA is willing to have a link on its website to MCHA’s show schedule and to specifically advertise MCHA’s Livingston, Kalispell and Big Piney Shows. ICHA is also willing this year to collect MCHA memberships on a non - mandatory basis, which will generate additional revenue. All of these things are in the financial interest of MCHA, but she said without the language “or other arrangements” ICHA’s Nampa show cannot be approved in compliance with the proposed change to Rule #10 of the Rules and Regulations Section of the MCHA Bylaws.

After extensive discussion of this issue during which Secretary / Treasurer Sara Chamberlin reiterated her concerns, it was moved by Jann Parker, seconded by Rachel Showalter, and approved unanimously by the Board on a roll call vote that the proposed amendment to Rule #10 of the Rules and Regulations Section of the MCHA Bylaws be revised to include the language “or other arrangements” underlined above.

The Directors discussed when to hold the General Membership Meeting. It was determined to be held in conjunction with the planned Sapphire show April 7-8, 2018. Secretary / Treasurer Sara Chamberlin said it would need to be determined who would be considered a member in good standing and eligible to vote prior to the meeting as most people attain MCHA memberships with check out at the show.

NEW BUSINESS

2018 Show Schedule

Vice President Jeremy Young provided an overview of 2018 shows and dates.

2018 Montana Cutting Horse Association Show Schedule			
March 21-25	ICHA Spring Show	Nampa, ID	

April 7 - 8	Sapphire Event Center	Corvallis, MT		
April 21 - 22	Miller's Horse Palace	Laurel, MT		
May 24 - 27	NCHA Days - Heart K	Livingston, MT		A B
June 9 - 10	Wyoming CHA	Saratoga, WY		
July 7 - 8	Wyoming CHA	Saratoga, WY		
July 18 - 25	Big Sky Aged Event and Weekend Show	Kalispell, MT		A B
August 15 - 18	Big Piney Wyoming Cutting	Big Piney, WY		
September 21 - 22	Utah CHA - Golden Spike Arena	Ogden, UT		
October 5 - 6	Miller's Horse Palace - Year End Show	Laurel, MT		
AB - Angela Bauer Youth Scholarship Cutting				

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

Kathy Foote said she had cattle available for an April show at Heart K in Livingston, MT and that she and Jeremy Young would be willing to produce a show. She said the facility and cattle availability limited the show to being held the third weekend of April which coincides with the weekend Miller's Horse Palace has historically held their Spring show. The Directors discussed options to include the proposed show in the 2018 schedule which included asking Millers to change show dates to the weekend prior or following. It was determined having too many shows in April, including shows on back to back weekends, may be detrimental to show producers and that it was unfair to Millers who have been so supportive of MCHA to be asked to change show dates at this time. The Directors asked Kathy Foote to follow up with the facility and cattle suppliers to determine if a show could be held on any alternative dates.

2018 Year-End Awards

The MCHA Directors determined to provide awards to 4 places in 2018, same as in 2017 and 2016. The MCHA Directors determined to provide the following special year-end awards:

- *MCHA Open Horse of the Year (Most \$ Won)*
- *MCHA Non-Pro Horse of the Year (voted on by membership)*
- *MCHA Most \$ Won - Non-Pro / Amateur*
- *Adult Rookie - Eligible candidates include Adult MCHA Members in good standing having \$0 NCHA Lifetime Earnings at the beginning of the show year. Nominated by Directors, majority Director vote determines winner.*

- *Youth Rookie- Eligible candidates include Youth MCHA Members in good standing having \$0 NCHA Lifetime Earnings and 0 NCHA Youth Points at the beginning of the show year. Nominated by Directors, majority Director vote determines winner.*
- *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. Nominated by Directors, majority Director vote determines winner.*
- Horizon Yacht / NCHA Senior World Tour

Cody Lee made a motion that the MCHA Non-Pro Horse of the Year be determined by an electronic membership vote, eligible horses to include those ranked 1st and 2nd in Non-Pro and Amateur class standings at the conclusion of the 2nd to last show of the MCHA 2018 schedule, electronic ballots to be distributed the week prior to the year-end award ceremony. Brian Anderson seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously on a voice vote.

President Kelly Zelikovitz said in 2017 an issue arose in the calculation of Open Horse of the Year and Most \$ Won - Non-Pro / Amateur awards pertaining to whether the Derby and Classic earnings should be included in the calculation due to the difference in added money and the number of times these classes were held as compared to weekend classes. She suggested 1) excluding the Derby and Classic earnings from the calculation of Open Horse of the Year and Most \$ Won- Non Pro/Amateur but 2) adding separate awards for LAE Open Horse of the Year and LAE Most \$ Won - Non-Pro / Amateur. Secretary /Treasurer Sara Chamberlin said the Board would still need to decide how to address any discrepancy in the number of times the Classic and Derby classes are held.

Jann Parker made a motion to approve separate Open Horse of The Year and Most \$ Won - Non-Pro / Amateur year end awards for the combined Classic and Derby classes. Brian Anderson seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously on a voice vote.

2018 Rerun Cattle Class Shootout

The MCHA Directors considered what to provide as a “Rerun Cattle” award for the highest cumulative money earning rider of the \$35K NP, \$15 AM, and \$2,000 Rider classes. The MCHA Directors determined that the top 10 riders would be eligible to compete in a Cash Shoot-out at the year-end show, competing for \$2,500 to be paid out per NCHA payout schedule. Prior to the Shoot-out a Calcutta will be held to auction off riders, 50% of Calcutta collections go to MCHA and the remainder to be paid out per NCHA payout schedule. The Shoot-out will kick off the year-end awards banquet with the banquet to follow immediately after at Millers Horse Palace. The MCHA Directors determined that MCHA would pay cattle fees for the shoot-out and that MCHA Sponsorship levels should be updated to include a sponsorship category for the Rerun Cattle Class Shootout.

Jann Parker made a motion to approve the Rerun Cattle Class Shootout details as discussed above. Gayle Weber seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously on a voice vote.

DISCUSSION AND DIRECTIVES

Secretary / Treasurer Sara Chamberlin said in August of 2017 she informed the Directors' of her intention to resign from the position of Secretary / Treasurer at the end of 2017. She requested that the Directors seek to find a replacement to fill the position. President Kelly Zelikovitz told her that the Board very much appreciated her many contributions over the past 2 years and that the Board would refocus its efforts to find a replacement as soon as possible.

President Kelly Zelikovitz adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

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

April 4th, 2018
Teleconference

President Kelly Zelikovitz called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

Members Present: President Kelly Zelikovitz, Vice President Jeremy Young, Brian Anderson, Andrea James, Cody Lee, Jann Parker, Rachel Showalter, Michelle Van Dyke, Gayle Weber

Others Present: Secretary / Treasurer Kelly Fraser

It was moved by Michelle Van Dyke, seconded by Gayle Weber, and carried on a voice vote that the minutes of the January 30, 2018, meeting be approved as distributed.

OLD OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS

MCHA Wells Fargo Bank Account

President Kelly Zelikovitz discussed the transition of the bank account between Sara Chamberlin and Kelly Fraser. Kelly Fraser and Sara Chamberlin met in Bozeman on March 30, 2018 and added Kelly Fraser to the account as an additional signatory. However, the bank would not recognize Kelly Fraser as the current MCHA Secretary/Treasurer without approved board meeting minutes. Kelly Zelikovitz stated that there were several emails between all the board members, all approving Kelly Fraser to take over the Secretary/Treasurer position effective as of March 15th, 2018, pursuant to Section 6.2 of the MCHA Constitution; but that was not acceptable to the bank. Kelly Zelikovitz asked for a motion to confirm that Kelly Fraser was duly authorized to assume the Secretary/Treasurer position effective March 15th, 2018. Gayle Weber so moved, it was seconded by Brian Anderson. The motion was approved unanimously by the board.

Kelly Fraser noted she has a form for Kelly Zelikovitz to sign and get notarized while in Hamilton. Once it is signed Kelly Fraser will present it to Wells Fargo Bank and Kelly Zelikovitz will also be on the bank account and Sara Chamberlin will then be taken off the account. *Note: The banker in Billings is Andrew Lauckner, Business Officer.*

Nonprofit Tax Return

Gayle Weber asked if all necessary IRS forms had been submitted. Kelly Fraser said she would send an email to the accounting firm to make sure MCHA is in compliance with any IRS requirements.

Sapphire April Show

President Kelly Zelikovitz asked Gayle Weber and Cody Lee for an update on the Sapphire show. Brian and Gayle Weber, and Cody Lee met with John Stefka on Monday April 2nd. Gayle Weber noted that the cattle trucks/delivery has been organized. Cody Lee has arranged to have

sand delivered Friday April 6th in the morning. Cody Lee said the arena is organized and the pens are set. He noted that there is some arena wrap there but some more will be needed. Kelly Fraser will meet Kathy Foote in Livingston Friday morning (April 6th) and pick up the clock, banners and arena wrap. Brian Anderson will loan his flag to the show and Gayle Weber will bring it to Sapphire. Discussion followed regarding having someone monitor the flag to assure people are honest with the flag works. Gayle Weber and Cody Lee may find a person to sit at the flag and write down names to keep it accurate, as the flag is a good money maker for the association. Cody Lee will be ordering pizza for the General Membership meeting

NEW BUSINESS

Show Approvals

- 1) Shootout In Sheridan – Rachel Showalter said the dates of the Sheridan, WY show had changed. The new dates are June 14-16. Rachel Showalter gave a brief update on how the show was progressing, noting that the cattle are contracted, there will not be an outside working pen; instead all the sand will be in the loping area and the show pen, and sponsorships for the show are also committed. There was a unanimous vote to approve.
- 2) Wright, WY – Andrea James gave an update on the proposed show with it being at a new indoor barn and lots of cattle available. The dates are May 12-13. Rachel Showalter noted the town is very interested in hosting events and is more than happy to help make this venue work. There was a unanimous vote to approve.
- 3) Saratoga, WY –The first of the two approved Saratoga shows on MCHA’s schedule (June 9-10) has been cancelled. There is a proposal to add an additional day to the already approved July 7-8 show. The additional day will be Friday July 6th. There was a unanimous vote to accept the additional day.
- 4) Buffalo, WY – Rachel Showalter brought it to the attention of the board that an undisclosed party in Buffalo will be putting on a show July 12-14. Such party is potentially interested in the approval of MCHA but has not filed an application for approval yet. The show will be at the fairgrounds and will be a \$500 added show. The dates of the show fall the week after the Saratoga approved show and the weekend before the Big Sky Aged Event approved show. Discussion followed by the board regarding back to back weekends of MCHA approved shows. There was a unanimous vote to NOT approve the Buffalo show, even if an application for show approval was filed.

President Kelly Zelikovitz adjourned the meeting at 7:21 p.m.

MINUTES OF MONTANA CUTTING HORSE ASSOCIATION (MCHA) DIRECTORS MEETING

September 5th, 2018

Teleconference

President Kelly Zelikovitz called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

Members Present: President Kelly Zelikovitz, Vice President Jeremy Young, Andrea James, Brian Anderson, Cody Lee, Jann Parker, Gayle Weber, Michelle Van Dyke, Rachel Stryker

Others Present: Secretary/Treasurer Kelly Fraser

OLD OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Big Piney Cutting

President Kelly Zelikovitz reported on the success of the cutting in Big Piney, WY. She said there were a total of 434 works and a total profit for MCHA of just under \$27,000.00. President Kelly Zelikovitz said there would have been more entries if they had more stalls on the show grounds. Next year Sublette County Fairgrounds will have the 2nd stall barn covered and there will be 20 more stalls built. Portable stalls will also be rented next year. One of the requests President Kelly Zelikovitz received from participants was to have a total of 3 LAE show days and 3 Weekend show days as well as an additional youth day. Jann Parker wanted to reward Jay Brower for all the work he did during the show. President Kelly Zelikovitz said that he would be able to accept a gratuity from MCHA and she would also like to send a letter to the Sublette County Commissioners thanking Jay. Motion was made by Jann Parker to send Jay Brower a gratuity of \$500.00 along with a thank you letter, seconded by Michelle Van Dyke; the motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

General Membership Meeting

President Kelly Zelikovitz said a member social will precede the General Membership Meeting Friday September 28th at Millers Horse Palace. The social will start 30 minutes after the conclusion of the show with the General Membership Meeting to follow. This will allow members time to put their horses away and then attend the meeting. Kelly Fraser contacted Teresa Miller regarding the social and Teresa is happy to cater it.

Awards Banquet

The Awards Banquet will be Saturday September 29th following the conclusion of the show. President Kelly Zelikovitz stated that the Rerun Cattle Shoot-Out will kick off the Banquet. She noted the Shoot-Out has been expanded this year from 6 to 10 eligible people to compete for the \$2500.00 added money, which will be paid out per the NCHA payout schedule. There will be fresh cattle provided to the Shoot-Out, donated by MCHA. Before the class is to begin there will be a Calcutta auction with Cody Lee as the Auctioneer. Michelle Van Dyke offered to organize a live auction this year consisting of around 10 higher end items. Rachel Stryker offered to MC the Auction with Cody Lee or Jeremy Young to be the Auctioneer.

President Kelly Zelikovitz addressed all of the Special Awards that will be presented this year. Including: MCHA Horse of the Year; Open and Non-Pro, MCHA LAE Horse of the Year; Open and Non-Pro, and the MCHA Non-Pro or Amateur Horse of the Year. The Non-Pro or Amateur Horse of the Year will be determined from among the horses placed first and second in each eligible class at the conclusion of the MCHA approved Ogden show. Kelly Fraser will be in touch with Kathryn Webb to get updated earnings as the Ogden, UT show progresses. An electronic ballot asking members to vote for the MCHA Non-Pro/Amateur horse of the year will be sent out no later than Monday September 24th.

The Adult Rookie of the Year determinations were discussed. The Board would like the hometown and current MCHA earnings of each eligible candidate to be noted on the ballot. Brian Anderson stated he felt that the Adult Rookie should go to the individual who won the most money throughout the year. Re: the Youth Rookie of the Year, President Kelly Zelikovitz noted that there were several youths who had zero earnings at the beginning of the year and to date still did not have MCHA earnings, only points. It was determined that those who still did not have earnings would not be eligible this year for Youth Rookie of the Year, but they would be eligible next year for the award.

President Kelly Zelikovitz said that the Board needed to nominate individuals for the Kim Asay Award. Standards for the award were discussed as well as past recipients. Nominations for the Kim Asay award were discussed. Kelly Fraser said an electronic ballot would be sent out in the next day or so to each of the Directors asking them to vote for the recipient of the Adult Rookie of the Year, the Youth Rookie of the Year and the Kim Asay award.

President Kelly Zelikovitz said that there were 3 Director positions and the Vice President position open for 2019. Nominations Chair Michelle Van Dyke said that so far there were four people interested in running for Directors positions: Joe Kalt, Clay Turner, Shaun Strickland, and Doyle Fritz. She said Kathy Foote has expressed interest in running for Vice President. President Kelly Zelikovitz said that at the General Membership Meeting, anyone interested in running for Vice President or a Board of Directors position would be able to add their name to the ballot. The election ballot for these positions will be distributed after the Year End Show either by electronic ballot or mail as requested by members.

2019 Show Schedule

President Kelly Zelikovitz asked if there was any additional New Business. Kelly Fraser asked if MCHA has any objection to Millers Horse Palace scheduling their April show. Allowing producers to present dates prior to the new MCHA Board of Directors being elected was discussed. Jann Parker said that if MCHA is able to get arenas to set dates it is beneficial to MCHA. It was discussed to have early dates in with a signed show application for the new Board to discuss at their January planning meeting. President Kelly Zelikovitz said that there is interest to continue the effort to resurrect the Sapphire Event Center Cutting in Hamilton.

President Kelly Zelikovitz adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Minutes of the Montana Cutting Horse Association (MCHA)

Board of Directors Meeting

December 5th, 2018
Teleconference

President Kelly Zelikovitz called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

Directors Present: President Kelly Zelikovitz, Vice President Jeremy Young, Andrea James, Brian Anderson, Cody Lee, Jann Parker, Gayle Weber, & Rachel Stryker

Directors Absent: Michelle Van Dyke

Others Present: Secretary/Treasurer Kelly Fraser, Vice President Elect Kathy Foote; Newly Elected Directors Shaun Strickland & Ashley Sherman

Distribution of the Minutes of the General Membership Meeting held September 28th, 2018 in Laurel, MT were moved on a voice vote to be distributed to and approved by the Membership at the next General Membership Meeting. One correction was made to note Gayle Weber was not present at the meeting.

OLD OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

President Kelly Zelikovitz explained that 2017 sponsors at a level of \$400 or more had received a free 2018 membership. She asked the board if that practice shall continue in 2019 for the 2018 sponsors who were at a level of \$400 or higher. Motion was made by Brian Anderson, seconded by Gayle Weber and carried on a voice vote to continue with the free membership for sponsors at \$400 or more.

NEW BUSINESS:

MCHA Rule #2

President Kelly Zelikovitz presented to the board a proposed change to the MCHA Bylaws that was discussed at the 2018 General Membership Meeting at Millers Horse Palace, which would require the added money at any MCHA approved shows for non-jackpot classes to be increased from at least \$200 to at least \$300. Discussion followed. President Kelly Zelikovitz explained that any change in the By-Laws requires a vote by the General Membership at a General Membership Meeting.

NRS Update and Big Sky Aged Event (BSAE)

Kathy Foote gave the Board an update of the NRS following their last board meeting. It was decided the NRS would dissolve and any money remaining in the bank balance would be distributed to the contributing affiliates. In the case of MCHA the affiliate dues were paid by BSAE, so the funds would be distributed to them based on the % contributed. BSAE would be owed roughly 20% of the ending bank balance NRS had. Kathy Foote explained to the Board how the contributions to NRS worked and how the "Match" worked with regard to added money and prizes. President Kelly Zelikovitz stated she had been contacted by Will Nuttall and Theresa

Nelson. She said they had both told her that BSAE will not continue. President Kelly Zelikovitz stated they were reaching out for some financial help as they dissolve BSAE. Kathy Foote said she would follow up with Will and Theresa to see what exactly they were asking of MCHA. This item will be discussed further at the January 2019 planning meeting.

Wyoming CHA General Membership Meeting

President Kelly Zelikovitz gave an update on the WyCHA General Membership Meeting teleconference held November 28th. President Kelly Zelikovitz and a number of other MCHA members participated in this teleconference. It was noted that Andrea James and Dakota Arno will be leaving the WyCHA Board in 2019. Clay Turner and Shaun Strickland were elected as their replacements. It was discussed that this year WyCHA will have a requirement that WyCHA members attend at least 50% of WyCHA approved shows, including approved out-of-state shows, to be eligible for year-end awards. Currently WyCHA only has two shows on their calendar: Wright, WY and Saratoga, WY. President Kelly Zelikovitz asked whether the identity of the current WyCHA board members and their contact information or a copy of their Bylaws could be obtained by accessing the WyCHA Facebook page or otherwise. She was advised that this information was not publicly available but contact information for the WyCHA Board members could be requested in writing. There was discussion among the MCHA Board members about the fact that this information was not readily available. Shaun Strickland said he would follow up on this with the WyCHA Board.

2019 NCHA Calendar Distribution

President Kelly Zelikovitz noted MCHA bought 100 calendars at \$5 each. It was discussed that 2018 sponsors of \$400 or over receive a free calendar as a thank you. Jann Parker said that the calendars should be used as an incentive for early membership and be promoted before the 1st of the new year. She suggested an eblast for a "Renew Now & Receive a Free Calendar". It was discussed to give the calendars to the 2019 Sponsors of \$400 and over as well as give to those who help at shows as a token of gratitude. The motion was made by Brian Anderson to give the calendars to the 2018 & 2019 sponsors of \$400 and more, give the calendars to early membership renewals and to give them out to show help. Any remaining calendars may be sold. Motion was seconded by Rachel Stryker and carried on a voice vote.

Website Upgrade

Secretary/Treasure Kelly Fraser said the website upgrade was quoted as costing \$3000. Big Sky Internet Design had requested a down payment of \$1750, which has been paid. She asked for any ideas from the Board that they would like to see on the upgraded site. Shaun Strickland would like for there to be a link for the photographers and videographers. President Kelly Zelikovitz would like for there to be fillable online forms, such as membership and sponsorship. She said there was interest in having a place on the entry form where a person would be able to donate money towards the cost of fresh cattle for the \$2000 Limit Rider and Youth classes. The Board as whole was happy with the current aesthetics of the web site. Kelly Fraser said that a mobile interface was one of the top requests as well as updating the entry form to make sure show secretaries get all the entries. This will be discussed further at the January 2019 planning meeting.

Change In Accounting Firm

Secretary/Treasure Kelly Fraser asked the Board to consider change the accounting firm for the 2018 taxes. The last returns were prepared by a firm in North Dakota. Kelly Fraser asked to use a firm in Billings, MT: Fagan & Cook. Motion was made by Gayle Weber, seconded by Brian Anderson and motion carried on a voice vote.

Proposed Gillette, WY Show

Kathy Foote said she was contacted by Ian Wells of Buffalo, WY to co-produce a show. Ian would supply the cattle. The Cam-Plex in Gillette is offering \$254/per day for arena rental and a \$127 set up fee. The only dates available for Ian to provide cattle are April 27-28 or May 4-5. A discussion was held as to the benefit to MCHA of co-producing a show. Kathy is working on the show schedule for the January 2019 planning meeting, this show will be discussed again at that time.

2019 Tentative Show Schedule

Kathy Foote is currently working on the 2019 show schedule. There are several shows that have dates to be discussed at the planning meeting. Kathy Foote is working on possible show locations in Twin Bridges, Big Timber and Ennis. More details will be available and provided in January.

Annual Planning Meeting

President Kelly Zelikovitz opened the floor to possible locations for the January 2019 planning meeting. It was decided Bozeman was the best option. The date of Saturday January 12th was chosen as the best to accommodate most Directors. President Kelly Zelikovitz and Kelly Fraser will work on reserving a conference room. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m.

President Kelly Zelikovitz adjourned the meeting at 7:42 p.m.