

Minutes of the Montana Cutting Horse Association (MCHA)

Board of Directors' Meeting

January 12, 2019

The Baxter, Bozeman, MT

President Jeremy Young called the meeting to order at 9:11 a.m.

Directors Present: President Jeremy Young, Kelly Zelikovitz, Jann Parker, Gayle Weber, and Shaun Strickland

Directors Present by Phone: Vice President Kathy Foote, Joe Kalt and Ashley Lee

Directors Represented by Proxy: Brian Anderson

Others Present: Secretary/Treasurer Kelly Fraser

The minutes of the December 5th, 2018 Board of Directors' meeting had been distributed to the Board members prior to the meeting. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Kelly Zelikovitz and seconded by Shaun Strickland, motion carried on a voice vote.

OLD OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Wyoming CHA Update

Shaun Strickland gave an update of the Wyoming CHA Board and the traction their Board is trying to gain. He said that it has not worked for the entire Board to meet in person but there had been teleconferences. Their Board wishes to focus on growth and a positive forward motion. Wyoming CHA is asking for approval from MCHA of their Wright, WY show. They want to work with MCHA and encourage participation for members of both organizations. The show is produced by WyCHA and has already been approved by Western States CHA.

Shaun Strickland noted the current WyCHA Board includes: Clay Turner, Shaun Strickland, Jack Enright, Justin Johnson, Gordy Bray, Kristin York, Kelly Winsor and Megan Greenwood. Shaun is still working on a face to face meeting of all the WyCHA Board members hoping to get a better understanding of their financials and to understand and see a copy of their Bylaws.

NRS Update and Big Sky Aged Event (BSAE)

Kathy Foote gave an update of the NRS (Northwest Regional Series) dissolution in regard to BSAE (Big Sky Aged Event). BSAE is currently in the process of closing their books. BSAE will receive from NRS approximately \$800. Because BSAE was the participating affiliate they had contributed to NRS approximately \$3200.00. BSAE asked MCHA if it would be willing to pay the difference of approximately \$2400.00 to BSAE to aid in their closeout. A lengthy discussion was had on this request. Following the discussion, it was carried on a voice vote by the Board that such request be denied because setting a precedent of this nature was not in the best interest of MCHA.

NEW BUSINESS:

MCHA Rule #2

As discussed during the December 5th, 2018 BOD meeting, there is a desire that was expressed at the last General Membership meeting to increase the added money in all MCHA approved non-jackpot classes from \$200 to \$300. This requires a General Membership vote. A motion was made by Gayle Weber to propose this change at the next General Membership meeting. Motion seconded by Jann Parker and carried on a voice vote.

Lowering of Approval Fees

There was a discussion among the BOD of whether to lower MCHA's show approval fees. Currently the fees are \$4 per run. It was decided to propose lowering the fees at the next General Membership meeting.

2019 Show Schedule

Vice President Kathy Foote provided the Board with the shows and dates that were under consideration for approval as follows:

March 20-23: Nampa, Idaho

April 19-20: Laurel, MT

May 11-12: Wright, WY

May 23-26: Livingston, MT (MCHA Produced)

June 22-29: Western Nationals Denver, CO (NCHA show listed for information only)

July 12-14: Dillon, MT (MCHA Produced)

August 14-18: Big Piney, WY (MCHA Produced)

October 4-5: Laurel, MT

October 24-November 2: Ogden, UT

Kelly Zelikovitz briefed the Board on how the Nampa approval has worked in the past and how the change in Rule #10 has allowed the Board to approve a show if it is deemed by the Board to be in the best interest of MCHA. Nampa collected a great number of memberships at the 2018 show and advertised the MCHA approved show schedule on their web site. Kelly Zelikovitz also noted the change in Rule #10 allows for producers to offset their approval fees by collecting MCHA memberships.

Shaun Strickland reported to the Board that Wyoming CHA has agreed to the reciprocal approval of Big Piney without MCHA having to pay WyCHA approval fees if MCHA approves the Wright, WY show without WyCHA being required to pay MCHA approval fees. It was agreed

that this was in the best interest of MCHA, will help WyCHA and aid in participation between the two organizations.

Kathy Foote is working on the Dillon, MT show. It will be at the new University of Montana Western College Rodeo Barn. The show will be MCHA produced and LaCense has agreed to be the cattle supplier with cost around \$33/head including trucking. She said there are several MCHA members in the area that have agreed to help get this show going.

Kelly Zelikovitz gave an update on Big Piney, WY. She has already been working on obtaining portable stalls for this year's show. There will be an additional weekend show day added with a modified schedule to allow weekend classes to be held on the weekend. She said she is currently working on cattle suppliers.

Kathy Foote said she is currently talking with MSU Bozeman's Horseman's Club to hold a cutting at their facility on the Bozeman Campus. This show date may be as early as April.

Kelly Zelikovitz explained to the Board that UCHA wishes to do a reciprocal show approval again this year. She said they had already approved Big Piney and they would like MCHA to approve the Weekend and LAE show in Ogden, UT on October 24 – November 2. There was a discussion on how to best handle earnings from this show as it would be after the MCHA Year End Show. It was decided that all earnings from the Ogden, UT show would go towards MCHA 2020 earnings.

President Jeremy Young said he would like to see more shows added to the schedule. He will be looking into the possibility of a cutting at the college facility in Miles City. He would like to encourage more participation from North and South Dakota with this show being closer to those affiliates. President Jeremy Young also would like to look into the possibility of shows in Great Falls, Lewistown, and MCHA producing a show in Sheridan, WY.

Following the discussed points above all proposed shows and dates as well as MCHA producing noted shows, were approved unanimously on a voice vote.

LAE Classes and Weekend Classes

Kathy Foote discussed the fact that some members who compete in Weekend classes had complained to her about Weekend classes not being held on a weekend. MCHA can only address this in the context of MCHA produced shows, but Kathy Foote and Kelly Zelikovitz said they would work to construct the show bills for Livingston, Dillon and Big Piney to try and have as many of the Weekend classes as possible held on weekend days.

2019 Approved Classes

President Jeremy Young asked for suggested changes to the list of classes that MCHA approves for awards for the 2019 show year. Kelly Zelikovitz discussed that the \$1500 Novice Horse class made only two times in 2018. The motion was made by Kelly Zelikovitz to eliminate the \$1500 Novice Horse from the list of approved 2019 classes. Joe Kalt seconded the motion and it passed on a voice vote. All other classes will remain the same. Our MCHA 2019 Approved Classes will be as follows:

Open
Non-Pro
\$50,000 Amateur
\$25,000 Novice Horse
\$25,000 Novice Horse Non-Pro
Junior Youth
Senior Youth
\$35,000 Non-Pro
\$15,000 Amateur
\$5,000 Novice Horse
\$5,000 Novice Horse Non-Pro
\$2,000 Limit Rider
**Open Derby
**Non-Pro Derby
**Open Classic
**Non-Pro Classic

**It will be up to the show producer whether to offer these classes, but 2019 Year End Awards will be given in these classes regardless. All other approved classes must be offered in order for a show to receive MCHA approval.

2019 Never Won A Buckle Class (NWAB)

President Jeremy Young opened the floor to discussion on choosing where to hold/offer the NWAB class or to allow individual producers to determine if the class would be offered. Kelly Zelikovitz noted that MCHA has several NWAB Buckles with no year date. The Board discussed whether eligibility for the NWAB class would exclude buckles won in club cuttings such as Treasure State Cutting Club and Central Wyoming Cutting Club. Motion was made by Jann Parker for the NWAB class to be approved at any show where the producer would like to hold the class and that eligibility for the NWAB class would exclude only buckles won at NCHA approved cuttings not buckles won at club cuttings. Motion was seconded by Shaun Strickland and carried on a voice vote.

Secretary/Treasurer Kelly Fraser asked for clarification on the entry fee for the NWAB class. Historically it has always been a \$100 entry fee with it not being a jackpot class. The Board agreed that was the best way for the class to run. Gayle Weber noted that if a rider won money in the NWAB class they no longer could be eligible for Rookie of the Year.

2019 Year End Awards:

Minimum Participation

The Board agreed to not have a minimum participation rule in 2019, carried on a voice vote.

Awards Banquet

The Board discussed the option of having the Awards Banquet on a separate date and location from the Year End Show. It was decided that attendance would be low. Members may not want to travel just for the banquet. At the Year End Show everyone is together which makes for ease of travel. Members enjoy the comradery, dinner and drinks which having the Banquet at the Year End Show allows for.

Re-Run Cattle Class Award

President Jeremy Young opened the floor to discussion regarding the possibility of not doing a cash Shoot-Out but instead giving away a saddle. Ashley Lee noted that a saddle would give the member something to commemorate their accomplishment. It was decided that MCHA would do a saddle for the 2019 Re-Run Cattle Class Shoot-Out. MCHA would have a framed photo of the saddle to take to the shows for advertisement. At the Year End Show there would be a shootout between the top 10 money earners in the \$35, \$15 and \$2K classes with MCHA donating fresh cattle as was done in 2018. The winner of the class would be awarded the saddle in a winner-take-all format.

The Board discussed whether to award a second saddle in 2019. Jann Parker moved that a second saddle would be awarded via a drawing at the Year End Awards banquet in which all class Champions would be eligible but with the provision that you **MUST** be present to win. Kelly Zelikovitz seconded the motion and the motion carried on a voice vote.

Shaun Strickland volunteered to take on finding the saddles and obtaining a photo for advertisement.

Placing to Give Awards To

President Jeremy Young proposed to drop the awards placing to 3 places in 2019 to help with the cost of the saddles. The Board was in agreement, it was voted on and carried by a voice vote.

Special Awards

President Jeremy Young asked for discussion on continuation of the Special Awards given. The Board agreed to keep all special awards for 2019 as they were in 2018 by a voice vote. The Special Awards will be as follows:

- MCHA Open Horse of the Year (most money won)
- MCHA Non-Pro/Amateur Horse of the Year (voted on by membership)
- MCHA Most Money Won – Non-Pro or Amateur
- Open LAE Horse of the Year (most money won)
- LAE Most Money Won Non-Pro or Amateur
- Adult Rookie of the Year (voted on by the Directors)
- Youth Rookie of the Year (voted on by the Directors)
- Kim Asay / Most Inspirational (voted on by the Directors)
- Horizon Yacht / NCHA SWT (recognized and small award to be given)

2019 Operating Budget

President Jeremy Young presented the 2018 MCHA P & L and the proposed 2019 Operating Budget created by Secretary/Treasurer Kelly Fraser to the Board.

President Jeremy Young stated again that MCHA would be removing the 4th place awards for 2019. He recommended increasing the awards budget. A discussion followed to increase the awards budget to \$15,000 for 2019. The amount allocated to the two saddles would be \$2,000 each for a total of \$4,000 and would not be included in the awards budget. The added awards budget will allow Bambi Gress more flexibility to find awards. The motion was made by Jann Parker to increase the awards budget to \$15,000, seconded by Kelly Zelikovitz and carried on a voice vote.

Annual Review of Secretary/Treasurer Compensation – Closed Session

Following discussion by the Board, it was decided that the 2019 Compensation for the MCHA Secretary/Treasurer position should remain the same in 2019 as in 2018.

2019 Committee Assignments

President Jeremy Young asked the Directors for ideas on Committee Assignments, response was as follows:

Show Committee: Kathy Foote (per Constitution, Vice President is Chairman)

Year End Awards: Bambi Gress

Year End Banquet / Auction: Ashley Lee

Sponsorship: President Jeremy Young will contact all 2018 Sponsors

President Jeremy Young asked all Board members to present new ideas for sponsorship contacts.

The 2018 Sponsorship list will be emailed to all Board members

Nominating: Joe Kalt

Rules Committee: Kelly Zelikovitz

NCHA Rule Changes

Secretary/Treasurer Kelly Fraser noted that the rule changes that were pertinent to MCHA had been rescinded.

Dale Wood Bronze

Secretary/Treasurer Kelly Fraser had not been able to set up a meeting with Dale but will continue to keep the Board updated. The Board is interested in what the royalties to MCHA would be if MCHA sponsors pay for the clay prototype, whether MCHA would be able to purchase pieces in the series at a discount for awards and seeing a sketch or some semblance of

what the piece will look like. Kelly Fraser said it will be up to MCHA as to the number of pieces that will be in the series.

Current MCHA Voting Process

Secretary/Treasurer Kelly Fraser explained the email and paper ballots that were sent out in 2018. She noted the lack of returned votes. One of the issues may be the number of out of state individuals. It was decided to continue the 2019 voting process.

Facebook and Website

Shaun Strickland volunteered to help with Facebook posting for MCHA. Secretary/Treasurer Kelly Fraser will get him “Admin” access to the FB page so he can keep the membership updated and post pictures for MCHA.

Secretary/Treasurer Kelly Fraser updated the Board on the website upgrade. She said she had spoken with Tom Bruch regarding online payments of memberships and sponsorships. She will need to set up a PayPal account for credit card processing. Because of having multiple producers, MCHA will not allow entry fee credit card payments on their web site. Tom had provided sample online fillable payment forms and recommended keeping it as simple and clean as possible. He will build those forms for MCHA and we will be able to test them. Tom anticipated having the web page done by the end of February. Kelly Fraser and Tom discussed show secretaries having issues receiving show entries. Tom said with the new site those problems should be alleviated. There will also be a comments section on the entry form for people to more easily note if they would like to be in a SWT class. The mobile interface was included in the original quote for the upgrade, the only additional charge will be for the online credit card form, for both membership and sponsorship; the additional cost for that will be \$250.00. The total quote for the web site will then be \$3250.00, of which a \$1750.00 deposit has been made.

Encouragement of New Membership

President Jeremy Young opened a discussion for encouraging new people to get involved with cutting. One suggestion was to hold free clinics around the state to hopefully generate interest in the sport. It was discussed to offer free memberships to Treasure State Cutting Club (TSCC) and Central Wyoming Cutting Club (CWCC) members if they were to attend a MCHA show. The stipulation would be they could not have been a prior MCHA member for two years. This offer of free membership would also be extended to High School Rodeo participants. Jann Parker made the motion to offer free MCHA membership to TSCC, CWCC or High School Rodeo contestants, who attend a MCHA show and have not held a MCHA membership for at least two years. Shaun Strickland seconded the motion, motion carried on voice vote.

Kelly Fraser will email TSCC members who do attend MCHA shows, asking what encourages them to attend shows in both associations.

Signatory on MCHA Wells Fargo Checking Account

President Jeremy Young and Secretary/Treasurer Kelly Fraser will meet in Billings at an agreed upon date and time (no later than the end of January 2019) to add President Jeremy Young to the account. At that time 2018 President Kelly Zelikovitz will be removed from the account. The President and Secretary/Treasurer are to have equal access to the Wells Fargo checking account #8337439353.

President Jeremy Young adjourned the meeting at 1:45 p.m.

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Board of Directors Meeting

June 19th, 2019
Teleconference

Vice President Kathy Foote called the meeting to order at 6:41 p.m.

Directors Present: Vice President Kathy Foote, Shaun Strickland, Kelly Zelikovitz, Jann Parker, Ashley Lee and Gayle Weber

Directors Absent: President Jeremy Young, Joe Kalt and Brian Anderson

Others Present: Secretary/Treasurer Kelly Fraser

It was moved by Kelly Zelikovitz, seconded by Shaun Strickland, and carried unanimously that the minutes of the January 12th, 2019 BOD meeting be approved as distributed.

OLD OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Dale Wood Bronze

Kelly Zelikovitz asked Kelly Fraser the current status of the bronze sculpture Dale Wood was interested in doing for MCHA. Kelly Fraser let the Board know that she has been unable to contact Dale, to her knowledge Dale is currently working construction and not doing any artwork. It may be possible to resurrect this partnership next year but as it stands right now it is on hold until Dale puts forth an effort to contact and work with MCHA.

NEW BUSINESS

Crazy Mountain Cutting Profit & Loss Statement

Vice President Kathy Foote gave a recap of the Crazy Mountain Cutting in Livingston. The show was very well attended with a full slate of filled classes all show days. The show provided great cattle for all competitors. The Dinner Social was very well done with great food and entertainment by Roy Oliver's band. Vice President Kathy Foote noted that because of some issues with the Host Hotel this year they will be using a different hotel for next year. She also noted that they will not stockpile the sand for next year as it is just as cost effective to purchase new sand for the show each year. The show was able to bring in a good profit for MCHA at \$5432, which is almost double what it had done the previous year. Vice President Kathy Foote said there were some accounts receivable left to collect, but that everyone had been invoiced and contacted.

Beaverhead County Cutting

Vice President Kathy Foote updated the Board on the status of the Beaverhead County Cutting in Dillon, MT. The arena is very large and will be able to accommodate the show pen, loping area as well as a flag. The cattle for the cutting are very reasonably priced at \$33 per head. Vice President Kathy Foote said they have people set up to help with the cattle, a food truck will be at the show and there will be a person to monitor the flag. The facility does have a tractor available for use throughout the show and the ground in the barn should be sufficient without having to add more sand. Vice President Kathy Foote did note there are some issues to contend with. There are no bathrooms onsite so porta potties will be brought in. The facility does not allow parking directly around the arena and it may be challenging to make sure people park away from the barn. The facility does not have RV hookups, people will need to bring generators or be able to “dry camp”. The arena does not have cattle pens, panels will be brought in and set up to hold cattle. There are 75 covered pens available at the facility and 68 stalls available at the fairgrounds. Vice President Kathy Foote said there may be some growing pains with the show but MCHA members around Dillon are stepping in to help and with the great availability of cattle it will be good to get a show going in the area.

Big Piney Cutting

Kelly Zelikovitz gave the Board an update on the Big Piney, WY cutting. The fairgrounds have a second roof to put stalls under which will give the show two times more covered stalls than last year. They will allow access to all the pens around the arena which gives around 12 more pens for turnback horses. Kelly Zelikovitz said the cattle have been secured for the show, they will cost slightly more this year at a \$.50 per head increase from last year. The show will be similar to previous years, but an emphasis was placed on having the weekend classes primarily on the weekend to accommodate the competitors who would not be able to attend weekday shows. It will be a four day show with two days of LAE on Thursday and Friday and most weekend classes Saturday and Sunday, including a youth both days. Kelly Zelikovitz asked the board for some input as to the added money for this year. It was discussed if the show should offer more added money in the LAE. Kelly Zelikovitz said Theresa Nelson was working on the show flyer, and once Kelly Zelikovitz had a draft, it would be distributed to the Board for comment. Kelly Zelikovitz said they will be having a dinner and silent auction again this year on Friday evening, she had contacted Tanya Dvarishkis to see if she would be willing to organize the auction this year as in the past.

Sponsorship Update

Kelly Zelikovitz noted that the collected sponsorships are down from last year by half. She asked if the Board knew who had been contacted and who hadn't. President Jeremy Young was not present and could not comment on those potential sponsors who he had or had not contacted. Kelly Zelikovitz suggested that each Board member choose potential sponsors on the current list to contact. Kelly Fraser will work on a shared spread sheet so each

Board member can make notes and updates as contacts are made. Ashley Lee suggested we change the format of the sponsors. She would like each sponsor to be mentioned at the show with a type of advertisement for each, instead of just a class sponsor. Kelly Fraser asked the board about contacting sponsors in the fall of the year for the coming year. She noted that companies set their budget in the fall for the next year and to be able to get on their list of sponsorships most ask for requests to be in by the fall. Vice President Kathy Foote said she would like to see a plan come together for contacting sponsors in the fall. Kelly Zelikovitz would like to offer to any sponsor coming on in the middle of the year a full year's sponsorship (i.e. June 2019 to June 2020). Kelly Fraser would keep track of the dates on the shared spread sheet.

Year End Banquet

Ashley Lee discussed the meeting she and Kelly Fraser had with Teresa Miller regarding the Banquet in October at the Year End Show. Ashley Lee presented the idea to the Board of having a full dinner instead of appetizers. She noted that after a full day of showing members would enjoy a meal with their fellow cutters. The cost of the full dinner would be \$1500 and if alcohol was added the cost would be \$1800. MCHA would charge \$25 per person for the dinner. Ashley Lee noted that because of the risk of liability, providing alcohol can be an issue for both Millers and MCHA. One alternative would be to ask members to bring their own alcohol. The Board told Ashley Lee to use her own discretion regarding the Banquet as she is doing a great job with it.

Jann Parker made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Gayle Weber. The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

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Board of Directors Meeting

July 17th, 2019
Teleconference

Vice President Kathy Foote called the meeting to order at 6:46 p.m.

Directors Present: Vice President Kathy Foote, Joe Kalt, Shaun Strickland, Kelly Zelikovitz, Jann Parker, Ashley Lee and Gayle Weber

Directors Absent: President Jeremy Young and Brian Anderson

Others Present: Secretary/Treasurer Kelly Fraser

OLD OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Beaverhead Cutting, Dillon, MT

Vice President Kathy Foote gave a brief update on the closing of the Beaverhead Cutting in Dillon, MT. She said there is one outstanding invoice she is waiting for but in looking at the financials the show should make between \$3,000 and \$4,000, which is very successful for the first show. She said they are very interested in doing more shows at the facility, perhaps June and July of 2020. The next show will be sure to have extra sand added to the arena and La Cense will be asked to provide heifers for the show cattle.

NEW BUSINESS

Big Piney Cutting

Kelly Zelikovitz gave the Board a brief update on the Big Piney, WY cutting. She said there are enough cattle on hand to provide fresh cattle in all classes. The Millers will be donating fresh cattle to the youth class. Vice President Kathy Foote and Kelly Zelikovitz will coordinate to move the arena wrap and banners to Big Piney. It was noted that there is a conflict with the Cascade show but based on the stall numbers reserved it will still be a good show.

Sponsorship Request

Vice President Kathy Foote told the Board she had received an email from Sarah Bauer, the president of the Treasure State Cutting Club, requesting lunch sponsorship for the Scott Amos cutting clinic the club is putting on. The Board discussed the best avenue for MCHA to encourage new MCHA membership. The motion was made by Shaun Strickland, seconded by Joe Kalt and carried on a voice vote, to offer a free 2020 MCHA membership to each of the 14 clinic participants. Secretary/Treasurer Kelly Fraser will write a letter to the Treasure State Cutting Club Board, to offer the free MCHA memberships.

Arena Clock

Vice President Kathy Foote said the clock MCHA currently has will no longer work. For the Dillon show MCHA had to borrow a clock. A new clock will need to be purchased before the Big Piney show. Secretary/Treasurer Kelly Fraser will research the cost and order a new clock. The Board has authorized her to spend up to \$2,200.00 on a replacement. The new clock will be shipped to Kelly Zelikovitz to ensure it is ready for the Big Piney show.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

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Board of Directors Meeting

September 3rd, 2019

Teleconference

Vice President Kathy Foote called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Directors Present: Vice President Kathy Foote, Joe Kalt, Shaun Strickland, Jann Parker, Ashley Lee, Gayle Weber and Kelly Zelikovitz by proxy (Kathy Foote)

Directors Absent: President Jeremy Young and Brian Anderson

Others Present: Secretary/Treasurer Kelly Fraser

Meeting Minutes: The minutes of the June 19th and July 30th BOD teleconference meetings were passed unanimously on a voice vote.

OLD OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Profit and Loss Statements for Three MCHA Produced Shows

Vice President Kathy Foote gave a brief update on the P & L statements that were distributed to the Board of Directors prior to the meeting. Each of the three shows operated at a profit for MCHA. The largest being Big Piney at just over \$20,000. Livingston had an increase in the profit margin this year. The Beaverhead county cutting also had a profit. For being the first show in Dillon this was a positive and shows promise for future shows, which everyone involved would like to see.

Vice President Kathy Foote told the Board that Western States is interested in co-producing a second show in Big Piney for 2020.

Vice President Kathy Foote asked the board to consider gifts for those that helped with the Big Piney show. Jann Parker made a motion to provide gift certificates not to exceed \$250.00 via a pre-paid credit card, seconded by Shaun Strickland, and passed on a voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

General Membership Meeting, Laurel, MT

Vice President Kathy Foote opened a discussion regarding the General Membership Meeting. It was decided to have the meeting on Friday October 4th. The meeting will start ½ hour after the conclusion of the show. The Board discussed options for snacks and beverages, and it was decided to ask Teresa Miller to provide appetizers and drinks and to allow her to use her discretion on what is served. The Board allowed for a \$250 budget. Secretary/Treasurer Kelly Fraser will contact Teresa Miller regarding the meeting. Vice

President Kathy Foote said the meeting notice must be sent out to the membership no later than 30 days prior to the meeting. Secretary/Treasurer Kelly Fraser said she would put together an e-blast set to go out Wednesday September 4th.

Rules and Regulations

Vice President Kathy Foote discussed with the Board issues with the current Rules and Regulations Section 4 of the MCHA Constitution. The Board is currently limited in providing show dates for the next show season or accepting/voting on show approval requests for the next year. Vice President Kathy Foote said that this is an opportunity for the Rules and Regulations to be changed, presented at the General Membership Meeting and allow the membership to vote on the proposal. The Board discussed how important it is for MCHA to be able to provide a tentative show schedule prior to January 1st and if need be, to approve shows prior to the new Board being elected. Joe Kalt and Jann Parker noted that most trainers and haulers put together their show schedule before January 1st; and if we know there are set dates for shows each year there is no reason not to provide those dates as soon as possible. The Board would like the revised Rules and Regulations to allow for an option of more dates to be added and a tentative schedule to be released prior to a new Board being elected. Gayle Weber made the motion for a revised Rules and Regulations Section #4 be presented to the membership for a vote at the General Membership Meeting on October 4th, 2019, seconded by Joe Kalt and passed unanimously on a voice vote. Kelly Zelikovitz is the chairperson of the Rules Committee, Vice President Kathy Foote will contact her to draw up the Rule change.

Nominations Committee

Joe Kalt, as the Committee chairperson, asked the board for direction on approaching members willing to run for the Board. Vice President Kathy Foote said she had spoken with several individuals that were interested in running for the Board this year. These individuals will be introduced at the General Membership Meeting. If there are any others interested their name will also be added to the ballot. Joe Kalt discussed the Board members coming off the Board and the 4 open positions up for election. Joe Kalt asked Secretary/Treasurer Kelly Fraser to include on her e-blast his contact email for any individuals interested in running for the Board or Vice President.

Special Awards

Vice President Kathy Foote said the nominations for the Kim Asay award were needed so Bambi Gress could make sure the award was ready for the recipient. Secretary/Treasurer Kelly Fraser told the Board what the requirements are to be nominated and named the past recipients. The Board discussed several outstanding individuals that were nominated. Their names will be placed on a ballot for the Board to vote on within the next few days.

Secretary/Treasurer Kelly Fraser discussed with the Board the requirements for the Adult Rookie of the Year and the Youth Rookie of the Year. This year there were four Adults

eligible and seven Youths eligible. Their names will be placed on the ballot with the Kim Asay award nominees and voted on by the Board.

Year End Show

Vice President Kathy Foote discussed with the Board the options of having a silent auction or a live auction at the Year End Show. She said she had been approached by members who felt MCHA had too many silent auctions. It was decided it would be best to not have a silent or live auction and instead focus on the Calcutta for the Rerun Cattle Shoot-Out. Gayle Weber would like all members to have a great time and enjoy the Calcutta. She pointed out that we need people to understand they can go in with friends and buy a rider for the Calcutta. She asked if Secretary/Treasurer Kelly Fraser could also include the Calcutta on the e-blast.

Ashley Lee told the Board Teresa Miller is going to need a head count for the dinner a week ahead of the show. It will be put with the show email to please put down a head count for the dinner in the comments section of the entry form.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

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Board of Directors Meeting

November 20th, 2019

Teleconference

Vice President Kathy Foote called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Directors Present: Vice President Kathy Foote, Shaun Strickland, Jann Parker, Ashley Lee, Gayle Weber, and Kelly Zelikovitz

Directors Present by Proxy through Vice President Kathy Foote: President Jeremy Young, Joe Kalt and Brian Anderson

Others Present: Secretary/Treasurer Kelly Fraser, Board Members Elect: Roy Oliver, Nancy LaCounte & Michelle Van Dyke, and Kelsey Fraser

Meeting Minutes: The minutes of the September 3rd, 2019 BOD teleconference meetings were passed unanimously on a voice vote.

OLD OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Year End Show Recap

Vice President asked Secretary/Treasurer Kelly Fraser to give a recap of the Shoot-out. Secretary/Treasurer Kelly Fraser said the Calcutta netted \$2825 and the pay out was \$1412.51. There was an added expense of the cattle donated by MCHA of \$625.00. Vice President Kathy Foote discussed the need next year to charge the participants a cow charge to cover the cost of cattle. Kelly Zelikovitz noted in the past there had not been a cattle charge, but it needs to be revisited so MCHA does not lose money on the Shoot-out.

Kelly Zelikovitz thanked Nancy LaCounte for taking over the awards for 2020. She said Bambi had done an amazing job in the past and thanked her for her hard work. Roy Oliver asked the Board about the possibility of moving the banquet to a new location for 2020. Shaun Strickland discussed the ease of having the banquet at Millers, allowing members to take care of their horses and not having to worry about getting changed. There was a discussion regarding prior banquets being a more formal affair as well as the success of the banquet held at the Laurel Country Club. Vice President Kathy Foote said the January planning meeting would be a great place to discuss the possibility of a venue change.

NEW BUSINESS

2020 Election Results

Vice President Kathy Foote asked Secretary/Treasurer Kelly Fraser to recap the election results. Secretary/Treasurer Kelly Fraser told the Board Vice President Elect was Ashley

Lee, Board Members Elect were Roy Oliver, Nancy LaCounte and Michelle Van Dyke. She said the language change to Rule #4 passed. Vice President Kathy Foote thanked the Board members leaving the Board and welcomed the Board members elect.

Show Schedule

Vice President Kathy Foote shared with the Board the possibility of Heart K selling. This will have an impact on the two proposed Livingston shows as the possible new owners do not want to allow events. Vice President Kathy Foote said she and Vice President Elect Ashley Lee have been working on other locations for shows. Discussion followed regarding possible arenas. She encouraged all the Board members to come forward with possible locations to contact.

Kelly Zelikovitz discussed a possible second Big Piney show over the September 3-6 weekend. This may replace one of the proposed Livingston shows. She said there are three possible Utah shows for MCHA to approve for the reciprocal approval of Big Piney. The three shows are in April, May and October. The Board discussed the possibility of approving Wright, WY again in 2020. Jann Parker said all the shows should be on the tentative schedule. She noted there is a great distance between Wright, WY and Ogden, UT and each show would draw from different regions.

Kelsey Fraser asked about approving the SDCHA cutting during the Black Hills Stock Show in January. The Board discussed the time of year and travel conditions. Jann Parker and Shaun Strickland noted the Stock Show is a great venue and a great show. Jann Parker said as a Board it is our responsibility to put shows on the schedule and allow the membership to decide what shows to possibly attend.

Secretary/Treasurer Kelly Fraser asked the Board about the possibility of approving Medora, ND. It was discussed by the Board to help all the surrounding affiliates and try to include some additional shows on our schedule. Kelly Zelikovitz made a motion to include all the shows discussed to be put on a schedule to be presented to the membership and note that the schedule is "tentative pending Board approval". Motion seconded by Jann Parker and carried on a voice vote.

MCHA Flag Purchase

Kelsey Fraser and Roy Oliver had researched possible flags for MCHA to purchase. Kelsey Fraser discussed the benefits of the Pro Cutter over Cow Track. She felt the best option and best price would be the Pro Cutter at \$2299. She also discussed selling the actual flag to a sponsor. Kelly Zelikovitz made a motion to buy the Pro Cutter flag with free shipping and warranty for \$2299. Seconded by Gayle Weber and passed on a voice vote.

MCHA License Plate

Secretary/Treasurer Kelly Fraser let the Board know that during the last legislative session there were new laws passed regarding the Specialty Plates. She said an organization must have 400 registered plates and currently MCHA only had 368. The plates are a significant

income generator for MCHA at around \$5500 per year. The Board discussed possible ways to get people to buy MCHA plates. It was decided to do an eblast encouraging people to buy the plates and to make sure it is pushed on Facebook. The Board feels that if membership knew how much money it brings to MCHA they would be more likely to purchase the plate.

MCHA Old Clock

Secretary/Treasurer Kelly Fraser said the old clock display works fine with all the parts from the new clock. She said if the Board wished to buy parts to complete the old clock it would cost \$664 and if they wished to purchase a new horn it would be an additional \$149. The Board decided that at this time there was no need to spend the money, but it may be revisited next year.

MCHA January Planning Meeting

Vice President Kathy Foote asked the Board if there was any objection to meeting in Bozeman again in January 2020. The Board felt that was a good location. She asked for Board members to let her know if there were certain dates that they would not be available.

MCHA Directors Positions to Fill

Vice President Kathy Foote let the Board know that President Jeremy Young would not be fulfilling his director seat for 2020 and that a replacement for Ashley Lee would be needed as she moves into the Vice President position. She told the Board the results from the election showed that the next two elected people would be Renea Williams and Kelsey Fraser. Kelly Zelikovitz made the motion to appoint Renea Williams and Kelsey Fraser to fill the 1-year terms created by the move of Ashley Lee to Vice President and the resignation of President Jeremy Young. Seconded by Gayle Weber and passed on a voice vote.

NCHA Update

Vice President Kathy Foote gave an update on the new Executive Director for NCHA, Jay Winborn. Jay came from the NRCHA and had done an amazing job for that organization. She said NCHA is also currently working on changing the governing laws of NCHA.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.