

Minutes of the Montana Cutting Horse Association (MCHA)

Board of Directors' Meeting

February 5th, 2025 Via Zoom
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President Doug Pearce called the meeting to order at 7:01pm

Directors Present: President Doug Pearce, Vice President Ashley Lee, Jann Parker, Kelly Fraser, Mike Hoffman, Cody Lee, John Delmonte and Cindy Fraser

Directors Excused: Michelle Van Dyke

Others Present: Secretary/Treasurer Valee Miller

OLD OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

President Doug Pearce welcomed everyone to the meeting, Secretary Valee Miller called for the Roll Call.

President Doug Pearce asked for approval for the 2.5.25 Directors Meeting Minutes

Kelly Fraser made a motion to approve the 2.5.25 Directors Meeting Minutes, seconded by John Delmonte, Motion Passed.

Show Updates

- NCHA Days
 - There was board discussion of how NCHA Days is applied for and how it rotates between the Big Sky Circuit meaning one year in Montana and the next in Wyoming.
 - NCHA Days originally scheduled for May 15-18, 2025 is being moved from Sheridan, Wyoming to Riverton, Wyoming due to venue conflicts
- **Miller's Horse Palace**
 - MHP has added another fall show date of October 1-5th, 2025.
 - The board had discussion on making this show the Year End Show for the MCHA as well as the Circuit Finals
 - Kelly Fraser made a motion to have the October 1-5th, 2025 at Miller's Horse Palace as the MCHA year end show as well as approve it with the MCHA. Cindy Fraser to Second, Motion Passed

Banking Update

- Secretary/ Treasurer Valee Miller presented the board with the updates on the new bank account MCHA opened with Stockman Bank.
 - Interest rates were given for CD options for the association. The best interest rate on a CD currently is 5 Months at 4.25%
 - There was board discussion, and a decision made to put 100K into a 5 month CD at Stockman Bank

- Stockman Bank sent MCHA a \$1000 sponsorship check already.

NEW BUSINESS:

Montana High School Rodeo Association

- President Doug Pearce stated that the MHSRA had reached out to him asking if the MCHA would like to again donate \$500 to the MHSRA Year End Cutting Buckles
 - Jann Parker made a motion to support the MHSRA Cutting with a donation of \$500 for year end buckles, John Delmonte Seconded, Motion Passed

Collection of Show Fees

- Kelly Fraser presented the board with a new format of collection of fees, in which there will be rules for bad checks, or lack of payment.
 - **Montana Cutting Horse Association (MCHA)**
 - *****DRAFT*** Collection of Payment on Show Fees**
 - **• MCHA will charge a fee of 15% or a minimum of \$100 to any Owner or Rider who leaves a show without making arrangements for payment.**
 - **• If you fail to make payment to MCHA within 7 business days from the close of the show, you will be turned into**
 - **NCHA per Standing Rule 4 of the NCHA Rule Book.**
 - **• Failure to make payment shall include presenting a worthless check, making a credit card charge that is denied or making any other form of payment that is rejected. Any member (NCHA & MCHA) that fails to pay timely is subject to disciplinary actions provided for in Standing Rule 4.**
 - *****Standing Rule 4 can be found on page 28 of the 2025 NCHA Rules and Regulations*****
- There was board discussion of this, the board decided to post this at all shows and no matter what this action will be taken for every violation of this offense.
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Sponsorship

- John Delmonte updated the board on current sponsorships. He said he currently has \$6000 committed and is hoping to get more.
 - Doug Pearce is going to reach out to the Scott & Tara Roseman foundation.
 - There was board discussion to reach out to the cattle suppliers and see if they would be willing to sponsor.

Stall Damage at Big Piney

- Andi James reached out to President Doug Pearce that Chinook stalls has given her a total of \$31,000 in damages from the windstorm in Big Piney
 - There was board discussion of how the MCHA wants to handle this. Chinook stalls would like the MCHA to help with damages. If the MCHA decides not to help, there is concern with having enough stalls at Big Piney in August.
 - There was also discussion about possibly using Triangle T stalls this year in Big Piney.

406 Show In Vaughn

- Vice President Ashley Lee led discussion on visiting the 406 Arena in Vaughn. She informed the board that they have it set up well for a show, she is working on a date and cattle supplier.

Other

John Delmote made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m., Mike Hoffman Seconded the Motion. Meeting was adjourned by President Doug Pearce.