

# Minutes of the Wyoming Cutting Horse Association (WYCHA) Board of Directors Meeting

May 7, 2025

Teleconference, recording at <https://fccdl.in/UA7NqJW6IH>

President Shaun Musselman called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

**Directors Present:** President Shaun Musselman, Helen Larsen, Doyle Fritz, Wylie Fraser, Audra Crouse, Gordy Bray, Lynn Moore, Justin Johnson, and Amanda Focke.

**Directors Absent:** John Murdock

## **Minutes from the last AGM meeting:**

Doyle moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Wiley seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passes.

## **Treasurers Report**

Item	Deposits	Checks	Balance	Notes
Beginning Balance 04-01-2025			\$68,764.11	After April Reconciliation
Deposits	\$990.00		\$69,754.11	memberships
Cleared Items		(\$13,650.89)	\$56,103.22	Snook, refunds, NCHA (membership and banner) website domain, faster cut, Fidelity bond.
Outstanding Items		(\$869.08)	\$55,234.14	register Balance
New Items	\$355.00		\$55,589.14	Ending Balance

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**NCHA Directors Report:** Audra attended a meeting with the NCHA Vice President elects.

1. Audra interviewed Dave Costello and Jim Gandy.
  - a. David Costello
    - i. An Aussie who moved to the US and trained in Arizona.
    - ii. Has Outback Cutting.
    - iii. Moved to McKinney, Texas a few years ago and manages shows at Blue Ridge.
    - iv. Very much for the weekend show.
    - v. He is a AAAA judge who has judged many shows.

- b. Jim Gandy
  - i. - Has been in the industry for a long time.
  - ii. - A businessman, developer, and in construction.
  - iii. - "He's not a trainer, he's not a judge."
  - iv. - Understands the business aspects of the industry.
  - v. - It's been said that he is more of the mind to move forward with the Weatherford project.
2. Audra encourages everyone to vote for Jim Gandy.
  - a) He has experience growing a business and can think outside the box.
3. Lynn has the NCHA Vice President ballot for the Wyoming Cutting Horse Association and they need to decide who to vote for during the meeting.

Area Director for Wyoming:

1. Discussion about a different area director for Wyoming due to Jack's limited participation.
  - a. Jack's intentions are unclear, but he may be resigning.
2. The President of the NCHA can appoint a director if there is a vacancy.

Email Chain: Audra suggested the association set up an email chain.

1. The email chain can provide updates to the membership as things become relevant.
  - a. Email is preferred by some as they don't check websites or Facebook.
  - b. Concern about releasing private membership information.
  - c. Suggestion to create a link on the Facebook page that links to Audra for specific information from the national director.
  - d. Alternative suggestion to put a dedicated link box on the website from the NCHA Director's desk that links to a PDF of Audra's letter.
2. Membership List Issues
  - a. Many members only join to sign waivers at shows, leading to incomplete forms and missing email addresses.
  - b. The volunteer secretary faces a burden in tracking down emails to complete the database.
  - c. Email lists change every year, raising concerns about keeping the information current.
3. Communication Concerns
  - a. Past attempts to communicate via email for circuit finals yielded little feedback, with people preferring the Facebook page.
4. Proposal for Improved Communication
  - a. It was suggested to collect memberships and email addresses at shows.
  - b. It was emphasized to address the need for a proper chain of communication within the Wyoming Cutting Horse Association.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

### *NCHA Days Update:*

1. Everything is in place for NCHA Days in Riverton.
2. Stalls will be setup, sand will be in place, and cattle will be ready.
3. The secretary and videographer are confirmed, and everything is moving forward as planned.
4. Buckles and prizes will be awarded.
5. \$5 coupons for the food truck will be given away on Friday and Saturday for contestants.
6. The facility is new, enormous, and the owners are excited to host.

### *Show Approvals:*

1. Rapid City
  - a. Rapid City show is dying due to lack of support.
  - b. Need to approve Rapid City and get membership involved.
2. Spearfish, South Dakota
  - a. 57 Ranch, which is JP Bell, is putting on a show in Spearfish, South Dakota, August 13th to the 17th.
  - b. Motion to approve the Spearfish show was made by Amanda, seconded by Wiley, and passed.

### *Doyle's Resignation*

1. Doyle is resigning from the board.
2. The board expresses gratitude for Doyle's years of service and dedication.
3. The board accepts Doyle's resignation and will discuss potential replacements later.

## **Meeting Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made by Doyle, seconded by Lynn, and accepted. Meeting adjourned at 7:53 pm.