

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

January 12, 2026

Teleconference, recording at <https://fccdl.in/m7LiFVoU38>

President Shaun Musselman called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

**Directors Present:** President Shaun Musselman, Helen Larsen, John Murdock, Wylie Fraser, Audra Crouse, Gordy Bray, Justin Johnson, and Lynn Moore.

**Others Present:** Kelly Fraser and Deb Simpson

**Minutes from the last BOD meeting:** Minutes from the May 7 meeting were read by interim secretary Lynn Moore. Wylie moved to approve the minutes as submitted. John seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passes.

**Treasurers Report:** A formal Treasurers report was not available. Lynn Moore treasurer reported on expenditures to accountant for tax preparation in 2023 and 2024. Other expenses paid include year-end awards and banquet food donation at the year-end banquet. Audra moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Justin seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passes.

The following table gives the report on the association finances as of December 31, 2025.

Item	Deposits	Checks	Balance	Notes
Beginning Balance 11/29/2025			\$46906.57	
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Cleared Items		(\$959.00)	\$45947.57	Website, paper statement fee
Outstanding Items		(\$1848.00)	\$44099.57	register Balance
New Items			\$44099.57	Ending Balance

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

*Meeting attendance by non-directors:* President Shaun Musselman addressed concerns over attendance by non-directors. Shaun stated that Kelly is always invited to the meetings because of her extensive knowledge of the shows and rules and we can't do this without her.

### *Show Approvals:*

- The reason for the call is to discuss show approvals, particularly with the stock show coming up. Wyoming is not producing any shows for the foreseeable future but is promoting them.
  - The first show to discuss is the Black Hill Stock Show.
  - Helen asked why it was approved before it was voted on. Susie contacted Lynn about the approval, and Lynn told her to go ahead and get it approved with the NCHA because the show is next week. Audra supports the decision to approve the show.
  - Judd thinks the approval process needs to be looked at and shows should be approved earlier so people can plan. The show approval process needs to be clearer and more procedural.
  - It was suggested that the approval process should be written into the rules or bylaws.
  - Hayden can provide legal advice on this matter.
  - A motion was made by Lynn and seconded by Audra to approve the Black Hill Stock Show as a Wyoming Approved show for 2026. Motion passed.
- The next show on the schedule is the Miller show. There is a question of whether to add one of the Utah shows, specifically those in Spanish Fork, Utah.
  - It was noted that not many people from the Wyoming Cutting Horses Association attend the Utah shows.
  - It was decided to keep the stock show approved and not go any further than that.

### *AGM Date:*

- The proposed dates for the AGM are around February 9th or 10th.
- The date was set for February 9th at 7:00 PM.
- Notification will be sent to all members through Facebook, the website, and possibly through a Mailchimp email chain.

### *NCHA Directors Report:*

- The NCHA focused a lot on youth and improving membership. Ideas were suggested such as keeping entry fees lower for new people, assigning mentors, and lowering memberships for new people or amateurs.
- The NCHA is making a push to get Western Nationals back.
  - Audra will call Kathy and get an update for the AGM. Feedback is requested regarding the changes to the class earnings levels.
  - Audra feels the lower end of competitors are slighted by decisions to allow the upper end back in to compete against them.
  - Audra suggests a handicap system, referencing personal experience competing.
  - Leveling was attempted but faced rollbacks.
  - Focus should shift back to weekend cuttings to make the sport more vibrant.

*Officer Elections and Resignations:*

- Officers need to be reelected or replaced.
- Amanda Focke resigned from the affiliate and association, creating a need for a new secretary.
- Lynn is acting as secretary in the interim.
- Jennifer Hinkle is the bookkeeper who has been handling treasurer duties.
- Board Member Proposals
  - Proposing Kelly as a board member.
  - Suggesting Deb Simpson as a potential board member due to her ideas and ability to lead committees.
  - Nominations can be made at the AGM.

*Agenda Items for AGM:*

- Consider Wyoming Cutting Horse Association producing or co-producing the circuit finals.
- Require Wyoming Cutting Horse Association membership for local shows.
- Implement year-end awards for those who show at local shows.
- Discuss implementing a policy like Montana's rule of showing in three shows to qualify for year-end awards.

**Meeting Adjournment:**

President called for the meeting to be adjourned at 6:43 p.m..