

Minutes of the Wyoming Cutting Horse Association (WYCHA)

Annual General Membership Meeting

January 8, 2025

Teleconference

The meeting is called to order at 8:02 by Vice President Shaun Musselman.

Directors Present: President Justin Johnson, Vice President Shaun Musselman, Doyle Fritz Wylie Fraser, Helen Larsen, John Murdock, Amanda Focke, Gordy Bray, and National Directors, Audra Crouse, Jack Enright,

Others Present: Secretary/Treasurer Lynn Moore and Kelly Fraser

Approval of Agenda/Minutes:

- Audra moved to approve the minutes from the last BOD meeting on August 28th, seconded by Doyle; motion passed.

- Kelly moved to approve the minutes from last year's AGM Doyle seconded; motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

- Beginning balance as of the December reconciliation was \$69,628.36.
- Outstanding items total \$13,661.26, including a lost check to Austin (a new check was issued), checks left over from the Goshen show, and refunds to Gary Cooper (\$205) and Maury McDonald (\$682).
- Financial statements were done by Jennifer Hinkle and signed off on by David Kysrik.
- The statement of financial position showed total liabilities and equities of \$55,102.85.
- There was a \$124.61 liability due to an accounting error in 2023, which is being corrected.
- The cost of stalls at the Campbell Show was included within the facility rental fee.

Item	Deposits	Checks	Balance	Notes
Beginning Balance 12-31-24			\$69,628.36	After December Reconciliation
Deposits	\$120.00		\$69,748.36	Deposit RV payment from the Goshen show
Cleared Items		(\$984.25)	\$68,764.11	Website annual fee and WY Secretary of State
Outstanding Items		(\$13,661.26)	\$55,102.85	Register Balance
New Items			\$55,102.85	Ending Balance

Statement of Financial Activities

- Gross Profit:
 - Campbell's show: \$43,369.91
 - Goshen show: \$49,662.36
- Expenses
 - General Office Expenses: \$5,595.57 (includes bank fees, software, affiliate dues, office supplies, tax preparation)
- Net Income:
 - Campbell show: \$18,002.66
 - Torrington Show: \$27,394.60
- Year-end awards:
 - Expenses: \$7,974.29
 - Sponsorships: \$4,180

- Motion to Accept Treasurer's Report
- Motion to accept made by Audra seconded by Wiley.
- No objections; motion passes.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Nominations for Directors and Offices
- Justin and Shaun both are stepping down from President and Vice President positions.
- Audra suggests Shaun for President and Gordy for Vice President.
- Shaun is willing to stay on as a board member.

501C3 Board Member Responsibilities:

Shaun read the tasks of nonprofit board members.

- Board members must demonstrate commitment to the organization's mission.
- Fulfill fiduciary duties, act in the best interest of the organization, and adhere to all legal responsibilities.
- Fiduciary duty requires board members to act with care and loyalty towards the organization.
- Board members are expected to help with setup and teardown at shows.

Nominations and Elections:

- President:
 - Audra nominates Shaun for President, seconded by Gordy.
 - Shaun elected as President.
- Vice President:
 - Audra nominates Gordy Bray for Vice President, Doyle seconded.
 - Gordy elected as Vice President.
- Director:
 - Kelly nominates Justin for Director, seconded by Audra.

- Justin elected as Director.
- Bylaws Amendment
 - The bylaws have been amended to allow for flexibility in the role of secretary/treasurer. It can be split into two positions or remain as one.
- Shaun moved to cast a unanimous ballot for Lynn to be to director/treasurer.
- A motion was made by Lynn and seconded by Justin to move Amanda from interim secretary to full director/secretary. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

NCHA Days Update

- NCHA was holding up the application because Jennie was not an approved secretary yet.
- Kelly stepped in to help Jennie, and the application was approved.
- NCHA days will start May 15th in Sheridan, Wyoming, at the college.
- Dave Beluse is the cattle supplier.
- 140 stalls will be on the facility grounds.

Torrington Shows

- -Dates are July 9th-12th and August 20th-24th.

Conflict of Interest Discussion

- The bylaws contain a conflict-of-interest clause.
- Lynn spoke with Hayden Heaphy about the conflict-of-interest clause in relation to Triangle T producing shows while board members are involved.
- A vote is needed to approve Triangle T producing the show.

Show Approvals

- NCHA Days Vote
 - A motion was made to allow Triangle T Productions to produce NCHA days in Sheridan on May 15th-18th.
 - The motion was made by Lynn and seconded by Wylie. It was approved with Audra and Gordy abstaining from the vote.
- June Show Vote
 - - A motion was made to approve Triangle T to produce the show in Wright, Wyoming, June 12th-15th.

- - The motion was made by Kelly seconded by John. Motion passed with Audra and Gordy abstaining.
- July Show Vote
 - A motion was made to approve Shaun and Justin to produce the show in Torrington, July 9th-12th.
 - The motion was made by Gordy and seconded by Wylie. Motion passed with Justin and Shaun abstaining.
- July/August Show Vote
 - A motion was made to approve Triangle T to produce the show in Sheridan, July 31st-August 3rd.
 - The motion was made by John and seconded by Wylie. Motion passed with Audra and Gordy abstaining.
- August Show Vote
 - A motion was made to approve Shaun and Justin to produce the show in Torrington, August 21st-24th.
 - The motion was made by Gordy and seconded by Wylie. Motion passed with Shaun and Justin abstaining.
- Show Approvals Outside of Wyoming
 - Show approvals in question for Montana, South Dakota, Utah, and Colorado.
 - Bylaws address the process of approving shows outside of Wyoming.
 - The mission statement is to promote cutting within Wyoming. Shaun believes the focus should be on what benefits the members of the Wyoming Cutting Horse Association (WYCHA), not the National Cutting Horse Association (NCHA). Approving shows outside of Wyoming strengthens those affiliates and benefits everyone.
- Rapid City Show
 - Shaun reached out to the South Dakota affiliate in Rapid City, suggesting they welcome outside participants.
 - Rapid City had a board meeting and agreed to welcome WYCHA members if their show is approved.
 - A motion was made by Wylie and seconded by Audra to approve the Rapid City show for Wyoming year-end points.
 - The motion passed, making the Rapid City show the first Wyoming-approved show for the point year.
- Other Shows
 - Big Piney show is a Montana show produced in Wyoming but primarily attended by Utah residents.
 - Western States in Colorado wants to start up shows again, specifically at the Wiens Ranch. Western States would like WYCHA to approve their shows.
 - Gordy had opposition to approving all of them. Added money should be looked at when approving shows.

- Show Production Discussion
 - Discussion about the structure of show production i.e. private versus WYCHA and how that will affect year-end awards. How will Wyoming pay for year-end trophies?
 - WYCHA has \$55,000 in the coffers.
 - Suggestion to consider a "Masters" type of year-end show.
 - The Masters was the year-end show where the top competitors in each class were invited to compete in a class within a class.
 - Jack suggests a levy per class (e.g., \$2-\$3) to cover year-end awards.
 - This is like an affiliate fee.
 - This fee would go towards trophies for the Wyoming year-end awards.

- Wyoming Year-End Show and Banquet
 - The board is asked about the feasibility of putting on a show, getting cattle, and securing a facility.
 - There is a concern about running out of cattle, as happened in previous attempts to hold shows in August and October.
 - It's suggested to discuss with Montana about the circuit final show before planning a separate Wyoming year-end show.

- Circuit Finals
 - There is disagreement about whose turn it is for the circuit finals, with arguments made for both Montana and Wyoming.
 - It's mentioned that Wyoming lobbied to have NCHA days this year, so Montana may get it next year, and the year-end finals could come to Wyoming the following year.
 - A suggestion is made to find a better place than Miller's for a September cut, but Thermopolis is deemed unsuitable due to cattle quality and politics.

- Venue Options
 - Judd believes Clayton Miller does a good job and has good facilities.
 - Gordy suggests tabling the discussion and exploring options like Casper, but grass cattle may be gone by September.
 - Riverton is mentioned as another potential location with feed yards.

- Committees
 - Audra and Judd volunteer for the trophy committee, with Amanda offering support. John Murdoch also joins the trophy committee.
 - A standings committee is proposed, consisting of Lynn, Amanda, and Kelly, to work on entering data from affiliate shows.

- Year-End Awards Eligibility
 - Montana requires attendance at specific cuttings in their state to be eligible for year-end awards.

- Last year, WYCHA required attendance at all Wyoming-produced shows to qualify for year-end awards.
- Year-End Standings
 - It's decided to use four out of the five Wyoming shows for year-end standings, plus approved affiliate shows outside the area.
 - If a Wyoming show is canceled, the requirement is adjusted to attending all but one show.
 - Attending one day of a show counts as attending the show for standings purposes.
 - Lynn moved and Audra seconded to accept any four of the five produced shows for year-end standing, excluding Big Piney. Motion passed.

Report from NCHA Director Audra: Discussion on Capping Earnings for World Finals

- Audra spoke with Les, Jack, Linda, and Kathy about capping earnings for World Finals at 40% from any one producer or affiliate. Audra does not think it is viable and will hurt more people than it helps.
- If someone wins \$2,000 at a Triangle T produced show, they would only count \$800 of it. John thinks it's like putting a band-aid on the challenger show issue and suggests fixing what makes a show a challenger show.
 - For example, if someone in the open has three out of the four horses, maybe that should just be listed as a challenger show.
- Shaun says that most of the rules are written for individuals. He says that the 40% rule is because Tracy Barton has the Tobacco Road Futurity and goes all around the United States putting on shows in that affiliate name. By hindering him to 40% of the affiliate, they are saying it doesn't matter what state you go to Tracy Barton, only 40% of your tobacco road money will count.
- Shaun says that Wyoming members need to be aware through the director's report and support a no vote towards the EC for this rule change. The EC wants to make it retroactive till the first year.
- Audra is going to pass a no vote.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. by the President.