

Minutes of THE NORTH DAKOTA CUTTING HORSE ASSOCIATION, INC.
ANNUAL MEETING
January 24, 2015

Call To Order:

The annual meeting of The North Dakota Cutting Horse Association was held at the Ramkota, Bismarck, North Dakota on January 24, 2015. The meeting convened at 2:15pm with President Robby Hansen presiding and Natalie Miller, secretary.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Darrell Parsons and second by Jim Neshem to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2014 Annual Membership Meeting. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report:

The 2014 financial report was reviewed. Balance in all accounts is 20043.72. Motion by John Hovde and seconded Zac Crane to accept the financial report. Motion carried.

Reports of Officers and Committees:

2014 Shows: The 2014 Prairie Skies, State Fair and Medora show checkbook reports were reviewed. Prairie Skies has 83 and 72 entries, State Fair had 64 and 62 entries. Medora had 52 and 59 entries.

Awards Committee: The 2014 year end standings was given to members as part of their information packet. Many of our members are in the area standings as listed in the Chatter. Congratulations to all! Awards for 2014 will be available at the banquet tonight. As per our bylaws, \$2 from each entry was set aside for awards, a total of \$784. The account in Williston is being utilized as the award fund.

Sponsorship Committee: Holly Gaugler reported that she sent thank-you cards out to all sponsors. NDCHA members seeking sponsors should contact Holly to ensure a potential sponsor is not approached by multiple people. The 501c3 status letter should be given to all sponsors.

Nominating Committee: Jim Neshem reported expiring Director terms are Jim Ginny Eck, Darrell Parsons and Robby Hansen. The nominating committee submitted Ginny Eck, Darrell Parsons and Robby Hansen as candidates for the director's positions. President Robby Hansen called for nominations from the floor. Motion by John Hovde to cease nominations and case a unanimous ballot, second by Melissa Chruszch. Motion carried.

President Robby Hansen presented a letter of resignation from BOD position from Fonda Galbreath whose term expires in 2016. President Robby called for nominations from the floor with Melissa Chruszch, Clint Schultz and Chase

Dauenhauer being nominated. Ballots were cast with Melissa Chruszch being elected to fulfill the vacant position.

National Director Report:

Bob Bahm reported that the NDCHA is 19 members short of holding a National Director position as per NCHA rules. His term will expire in June.

Old Business:

Secretary information:

If a new horse is purchased and brought to a show prior to registration papers being switched, a signed copy of the transfer report is required.

In order to ride in a Non-Pro or amateur class, you must hold the appropriate card. With no national director to sign at shows, this must be completed prior to a show.

501c3 Report:

Holly Gaugler reported the NDCHA received notice of their 501c3 status in August 2014. W9 forms were distributed to all present. John Hovde reported that the BOD gave approval for show payments to be with-held if a W9 is not on file with the secretary.

New Business:

Appointment of 2015 Committees:

Awards: President Robby Hansen appointed Natalie Miller and Holly Gaugler.

Nominating: President Robby Hansen appointed Zac Crane.

Sponsorship: President Robby Hansen appointed Holly Gaugler. Members soliciting sponsorships are to contact Holly to ensure multiple contacts to the same person are not being made. Holly will do thank you letters. All solicited dollars for sponsorship is to be made out to NDCHA and sent the association secretary. A list of sponsors will be kept by the association secretary.

Publicity: President Robby Hansen appointed Melissa Chruszch as chairperson to create a Facebook account and link to twitter and website. Discussion on each show chairperson putting their events on community event listings and making posters if applicable.

NCHA Updates:

Senior World Tour: President Robby Hansen reported this is a class within a class, \$20 entry fee, points earned based on point system that mirrors mandatory payout and a world champion will be crowned. Motion by Darrell Parsons second by Bill Miller to approved offering at NDCHA shows. Motion carried.

Novice Youth: President Robby Hansen reported the option to offer this class as a class within a class with no standings being kept. The BOD recommends not offering the Novice Youth class. Motion by John Hovde to not offer the Novice Youth class, second by Darrell Parsons. Motion passed.

Family Owned Horse: President Robby Hansen reported the 29 year old age limit has been removed from horse ownership and a form is now required to be filed at NCHA. Several examples of when the form must be filed were presented.

NDCHA membership: President Robby Hansen reported the BOD approved the motion that any person entering a NDCHA event as an owner and/or rider must be a NDCHA member and said membership can be automatically charged at the show.

Proposed shows for 2015:

Motion by John Hovde to co-sanction the two SDCHA shows to be held in Faith and Pierre in August. The co-sanctioned events will include \$2/entry to go to co-sanctioning affiliate, second by Melissa Chruszch. The motion was then amended by John Hovde and second by Val Bahm to include pending SD approval of Mandan as a co-sanctioned event. Motion carried.

NCHA days: To be held June 5-7. Location is pending due to conflict in schedule. Was SD's turn to host and they had agreed to hold in Minnesota.

May 16-17 Prairie Skies in Mandan.

June 27-28 Chruszch (tentative)

July 25-26 is the State Fair show.

September 19-20 State Finals in Medora.

NDHSRA Sponsorship:

Motion by John Hovde for NDCHA to sponsor buckle for North Dakota High School Rodeo Cutting event as has been done in the past. Second by Val Bahm. Motion carried.

NDCHA Awards:

Turn back Horse of the Year: Billy (John Hovde) was nominated by Ginny Eck. Howard (Robby Hansen) was nominated by Darrell Parsons. Motion by Darrell Parsons and second by Val Bahm to cease nominations. Motion carried. Ballots were cast with Howard selected as Turn back Horse of the Year.

Most Improved Cutter: Jennifer Schaeffer was nominated by LaVon Stoppleworth. Bill Miller nominated by Broden Porter. Motion by John Hovde and second by Melissa Chruszch to cease nominations. Motion carried. Ballots were cast and Jennifer Schaeffer was selected.

Sportsmanship Award: John Hovde nominated Bill Miller. Melissa Chruszch nominated Robby Hansen. Motion by John Hovde and second by Darrell Parsons to cease nominations. Motion carried. Bill Miller was selected.

Adjournment:

Motion by Darrell Parsons with second by Pete Lewis to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:10pm

Natalie Miller,
NDCHA secretary