

**American Cutting Horse Association
Board of Directors Meeting
July 14, 2017 @4:00 PM
118 W Commerce Street, Brenham, TX**

CORRECTED

Call to Order: Vice-President Mike Combs called the meeting to order.

Present: Mike Combs, Camille Abbott (by phone), Jennifer Bowers, Troy Buchanan, Mike Crumpler, Sr., Adam Cunningham, Cletus Hulling, Jana Lowe, Brandon Smith (by phone), Jeremy Vernon, Chris Woods, John L. Dublin, Cary Sims, and Linda Lane.

Absent: Jan Roper, Robert Fuentes (business), Jason Borchardt (excused vacation), Kyle Cox (un-excused),

Approval of Minutes: Jennifer Bowers has several changes that changed wording but not meaning. Jeremy Vernon made a motion 2nd by Cletus Hulling to accept last month's minutes with Jennifer's changes. Motion passed.

John L. Dublin was asked to leave the meeting and the Board went into Executive session.

Budget & Finance: Administrative expenses are down by 33%. Taxes are ready.

ACHA Weekend: Nothing at this time.

Championship Show: Saddle makers were discussed.

Sponsorships: Linda Lane read the list of sponsors that we have. It was stated that we still need 5 saddle sponsors. Jennifer Bowers said that Bowers Vet Clinic would sponsor a saddle. We have a total of nine now and need 4 more. Jim Ross will sponsor 1 whole class of buckles.

Affiliates/Long Range Planning: Discussed the Lufkin Affiliate. One individual has decided to back out. The affiliate needs about \$1,000 startup money to get started. The Board will ask a sponsor to help the affiliate. Mike Crumpler made a motion that the ACHA give Lufkin CHA a loan of \$1,000 to help them get started. We will give them time to pay the loan back. Chris Woods 2nd the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Mike Combs discussed a "Regional Cutting" concept that he is working on. Will discuss at length at next meeting.

Mike Combs stated that the show in Ft. Worth was a success.

Mike Combs stated that he had spoken with Amnon Yiftah and his first show will be sometime in September. We need to touch base with him again. He will have October and November shows as well.

Youth: Mike Crumpler is working on youth with the Australians. Mike Crumpler asked that Jana Lowe and Camille Abbot help him with this.

It was stated that Laney Sikorski is the only person on the youth committee since Trent Bell's resignation. Discussed asking Lana Wells, Jennifer Vernon to be on youth committee.

Judges: Since Trent Bell's resignation we are short one person on the Judges Committee. John L. Dublin was appointed to the committee. Committee will review tapes from APHA Cowtown show.

Professional Trainers: Nothing at this time.

Non Pro Committee: Mike Crumpler stated that the ACHA gave a Non Pro Card to an individual and he does not think that person is eligible. Troy Buchanan, Jeremy Vernon, and Camille Abbott will investigate this matter.

Rules: Jennifer Bowers stated that she spoke with Chuck Smith in Ft. Worth with regards to the Zero Tolerance Rule. Jennifer stated that we need to beef up our rule. Jennifer is going to work on this. Jennifer will also document one particular situation at a show in Brenham that was questionable.

The Office is going to make a Dress Code, Cell Phone, and Zero tolerance rule sign.

Discussed having babies and small children in the arena. Rule should state an age limit on the rule. We should research the sign that the NCHA post on age limits and have it at the next meeting.

Limited Aged Events: Next APHA show, September 29 & 30 will have Aged Events: 3 Yr Old, 4 Yr Old, and 5/6 Yr Old on Friday.

Office & Website: Nothing at this time.

New Business: Discussed the show schedule for the ACHA Extravaganza. The Aged Event would be on Friday. We will have a regular show on Saturday and Sunday. It was discussed having a practice on Friday. Jana Lowe made a motion to accept the attached schedule and fees, 2nd by Jeremy Vernon. All were in favor. Motion passed. "Do over" class was discussed but nothing finalized.

John Dublin stated that his wife is a trainer. She trains barrel horses and trail horses but not cutting horses. John wants us to look into her getting a Non Pro card. Jennifer Bowers read the rule. Mike Combs stated that she needed to complete a Non Pro application and turn it in to the Non Pro committee.

We need to contact the Chamber of Commerce in Bryan to apply for the hotel tax.

Jennifer Bowers discussed the meeting with Laney Sikorski and Mike Combs and Jana Lowe. See attached from Jennifer.

Adjourn: Cletus Huling made a motion to adjourn 2nd by Jana Lowe. Meeting adjourned @ 6:40 PM