

**Canadian Cutting Horse Association
2023 Annual General Meeting Minutes
Feb 1st 2024 @ 5pm MST via Zoom**

Meeting Called to Order: Meeting called to order at 5:05PM

Roll Call: Connie Down-Cicoria, Heather & Brad Pedersen, Shauna & Doug Reinhardt, Scott Brady, Matt Anderson, Amanda Digness, Doug Wiens, Lynn Edge, Sandy Reid, Amanda Smith, Kim Brady, Binky Moffat, Pauli Smith, Cody & Ashley Smith, Sandy Price, Kathi Fisher, Jan & Llyod Turner, Elaine Good, Greta Wurtz, Shelley Travis, Carin Eggertson, Les Jack, Darcy Geherman, Tom & Micaela Thorlakson, Lisa Eaton, Kevin Bauman, Deborah Anderson, Dennis Hall, Jim Mann, Tanya Nelson

Approval of 2022 AGM Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve, Lynn Edge first, Sandy Reid second, all in favor, non-opposed. Approved.

Presidents Report: Connie Down-Cicoria – Thank you for joining, thank you to all of last years directors. Congratulate all of the world finalists and those who competed in the futurity. Also congratulate all of those who will be competing at the finals in April. Canadians always do a great job representing Canada. NCHA Year end trophies will be shipped to Connie. We will hand out at first shows, please let Ashley know if you have someone you want to pick it up for you. NCHA Days will be held in AB, Claresholm, next year SK will host. Greta Wurtz will be doing a presentation today.

In 2027 the CCHA will be 75 years old. We would like to plan a big celebration, we will be looking for ideas and suggestions on how to celebrate this milestone.

We want to thank our affiliates, and we would love to see our membership supporting them. It takes a lot of volunteering to run these associations.

Financial Report: Sandy Reid – Went over budget, P&L, and Balance Sheet; we pretty much nailed all of our projections. We had a few less memberships, resulting in cuts being down a little.

Motion to approve financials as shown, Matt 1st, Darcy 2nd, all in favor, non-opposed, motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Finals Show Committee: Scott Brady –

- 2021 – was our first show at Silver Slate, was well attended. Banquet and awards presentations were also well attended. CCHA gave out top 10, NCHA gave out top 5.
- Year 2 (2022) we moved venue to CS and combined with CS Futurity. Jay Winborn attended. Champions party was well attended, CCHA gave out top 10 for vests and top 3 awards. NCHA was top 5, with numerous awards.
- Last year (2023), again at CS, NCHA had planned to limit to \$500 added per class at circuit finals, after speaking with Allison Walker, we were approved to keep the \$1000 added for our show.
- Cuts were up from 2022.
- We wanted to shorten our awards presentations on Sunday, so we gave out some awards during the week once the classes were finished.

- CS hosted a band and dance on the Saturday evening.
- Held our champions party downstairs, which went well, the bigger space was nice. CCHA gave out top 10, NCHA gave out top 3.
- NCHA has added 2 new circuit areas for 2024

Non-Pro: Sandy Reid – No update

Hall of Fame: Cody Smith – Have someone we are looking at, which is exciting, it's been a while! Criteria is on website, for any questions, please contact Connie.

Rules & Judges: Cody Smith

- We have a new judges card
- Each cow you cut gets a score now on the new score card
- Andy Adams was appointed to head of judging.
- 2 new monitors, Tim Castilaw, Keith Deaville.
- The NCHA is working hard to make your score transparent and holding judges more accountable.
- Cody will be doing 2 judging seminars for the ACHA.

Sponsorship/Fundraising: Darcy Gehreman –

- 2024 Stallion Auction will run Feb 1 -15. There are 5 veterinary service gift certificates and 23 stallions.
- 2 confirmed sponsors. D&D will be sponsoring again. We should be looking good as far as sponsorship in 2024.

Historical Committee: Amanda Smith – Kathi and Matt offered to help

- Would like to step down as chair.
- Still have some historical items to be digitized and documented. Hoping that someone else is willing to take over.

Connie –

- Would be special to have a 75th anniversary celebration and include some of our memorabilia.

National Communications: Amanda Smith

Disciplinary Committee: Connie Down-Cicoria – Nothing to report

Annual Awards/Banquet: Lynn Edge

- Had 3 awards, buckles for champions, duffle bag for 2nd, cooler for 3rd. Top 10 vests as well. Will do something similar for 2024.

Membership: Ashley Smith - Down 34 members to 197 from 2022 (231)

Insurance: Ashley Smith – Is up at \$1537

Public Relations: Sandy Price - The Canadian Cutting Horse Central Facebook page was created after a conversation at the BC Heritage Classic Cutting show in 2021 with Connie (your president) in regards to how to promote cutting more effectively. Currently with 1584 members the intent is to promote Canadians riders, trainers, and breeders in their endeavors far and wide. Current members consist of individuals from all over North America, Europe, South America and Australia.

From Feb 1st 2023 to January 27th 2024 CCHA posted over 400 individual posts reaching over 1000 members each post. (Graphs below) This means that over 1000 members read, and liked / reacted to the post.

CCHC has promoted all clinics and events throughout Canada and celebrated the success of all of our World Finals contestants, our NCHA Futurity Contestants (open, non pro and amature) and Youth World finals, Aurora Finals and any other events that they are participating in.

To date CCHA has continued to meet the vision of showcasing and demonstrating the vast amount of NCHA events, and Canaidans that are competing in them from January to December each year.

I have kept this site a private members only site, that has been vetted to ensure quality and pure content. We do not sell or promote to date any specific items.

I am working on seasonal updates and new show preparation topics for this year and if members or board members have any ideas that they would like to see, or even better, assist in, or help with, please contact me directly.

Currently with the new score card, stay tuned for more information as they are being used on the Score Cards.

Old Business:

New Business:

Greta Wurtz Presentation: How CCHA can support our youth cutters

Business arising from the floor: None

Meeting Adjournment: Motion to adjourn meeting, Scott Brady 1st, Kim Brady 2nd, all in favor, none opposed. Meeting adjourned at 6:22pm.