



## WCHA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

November 15, 2024

1:00 PM Central Time

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Agenda

Roll Call

Old Business

I. No Old Business

New Business

II. Reports From Executive Director Falcon

- Entry Numbers & Payouts For Jr Weanling Slot Classes
- Summary Of Financials Of WCHA Breeder's Championship Futurity
- Preparations For 2025 Supreme Championship Show

III. Update on Member Portal Program – Robin Klover

IV. Open Discussion Regarding Judging Performance At Recent WCHA Events

V. WCHA Town Hall Meeting & Year End High Point Award Ceremony - Falcon

VI. Any Other New Business Not On Agenda

Meeting Minutes:

Meeting Called To Order at 1:05 pm – November 15, 2024

Roll Call:

Present: President: Randy Jacobs, First Past President: Dan Fox, Second Past President: Robin Klover, President Elect: Thomas Coon, Officer: Warren English, Officer: Brian Ellsworth, Executive Director: Don Falcon.

Old Business:

I. No Old Business

New Business:

I. Reports From Executive Director Falcon

- Entry Numbers & Payouts For Jr Weanling Slot Classes to be held Nov 17
  - Entries expected to show: 12 fillies and 17 colts, total payouts = \$38,500
  - Supreme Championship Show
    - Falcon reported we received monies due us from Top Line Event Management.
    - Falcon reported he has hired Jarrett Cartee as show secretary for the 2025 event.
    - Falcon reported he and Jarrett have applied for and have received tentative show approval with both AQHA and APHA for 4 Special Event Halter Shows within each breed. Due to the lack of Appaloosa entries (only 5 total entries for entire show in 2024) we will not seek ApHC Show Approval but will include Appaloosa horses within our stakes classes when possible.
    - Falcon has reached out to a few show sponsors with positive pledge of continuing sponsorships.

- Report by Falcon of Core Planning Committee meeting of Supreme Championship on he held on Thursday, Nov 14 in Oklahoma City with positive feedback on proposed format for venue and stakes classes to be offered.
- II. Update On Member Portal Software – Robin Klover
  - We have had very few members using the portal thus far so during January we will encourage everyone to go into their portal and update horses that Berta has added this past year. We will encourage members to reach out to Berta, Robin, Warren and others to walk them through the process. The goal this year is to have members pay their memberships and nominate their horses through the portal.
- III. WCHA Judges – Open Discussion/Recommendations
  - As Officers we have had several owners/breeders/exhibitors concerned with inconsistency of judges placings in our recent fall futurities and how performance of our WCHA judges within Breed World Shows.
  - Falcon pointed out that it's becoming increasingly difficult to get our most qualified judges to judge at our futurities because they are trainers with clients that want to attend the event.
  - Falcon stated he has requested the Judge's Committee to conduct an in-person Judges Educational Seminar for early 2025 and will work with Judge's Committee to put in place.
  - Discussion ensued suggesting we have a 3-person monitoring panel of experienced judges who no longer compete. Further discussion at next EC meeting.
  - Discussion ensued on how we could implement a format where our most qualified judges could compete but still be called on to judge classes they had no conflicts. It was determined that Jacobs and Falcon would reach out to Judge's Committee Chair and Vice Chair with our concerns and possible solutions. Jacobs and Falcon will report back with recommendations.
- IV. WCHA Members Town Hall Meeting – Year End Awards Presentation
  - Falcon stated he has Gold Lounge Room reserved with AQHA, meeting will take place following last regular halter class on Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>.
  - Falcon will give members brief report on activities that WCHA hosted and also supported throughout 2024. Brief financial report on Supreme Show, WCHA/Big Money Futurities, Yellow Rose. What other events WCHA supports throughout the year, etc.
  - A highlight of the meeting will be the announcement of new stakes classes within the WCHA Supreme Championship Show, dates and location, etc. In 2024 we paid out over \$130,000 in stakes monies, our goal is to increase that amount by \$100,000.
  - WCHA Sale: With support from Iron Horse Ranch WCHA will conduct an On Line Horse Auction, horses that sell through the auction will then be eligible to compete for stakes classes with Iron Horse Ranch donating \$30,000 to the purses. Addition purse money will come from 10 % withheld from final bid of horses that sell, a \$250 entry fee from new purchaser into the class.
  - High Point Awards, Falcon states he has implemented additional high point awards for this year such as High Point Owner, High Point Stallion for Rising Star, High Point Exhibitors in addition to Leading Stallion, Leading Breeder, Race For The Trailer.

No Other New Business

Meeting Adjourned At 3:10pm Central Time