Oregon NCHA Members,

Here are some interesting 'stats' on NCHA Days in Area 1.  As you may recall, there was considerable controversy and change to the original format.  However, perseverance by OCHA paid off.  All's well that ends well.

There are 25 Areas in the U.S.A. and Area 1 (Oregon, Washington, Northern Idaho)) had the #2 largest show in terms of total entries (# = 376) and was #3 in total purses ($38,547.24).  Here are some comparisons:

Average number of 25 Area entries: 214 Area 1: 376 76% above 'average'

Average $$$$$$ of 25 Area purses:

 $21,567--

 Area 1:

 $38,547--

 79% above 'average'

My suggestion?  Put the first weekend of June on your 2014 cutting calendar.  The Area 1 Directors are coming together to ensure a first class show.  NCHA Days has often finds Area 1 at the top of the entries list.  This is

the premier Area 1 weekend event.  If you have comments or suggestions, let me know or one of your Directors know.

Here are some notes that will affect us directly from the NCHA Convention on issues going to the Executive Committee for action.  Page 120 in the August Chatter will show all the actionable items.  Remember, they have

yet to be voted on by the E.C.

\* Amateur Committee.

Recommend to implement the Unlimited Amateur Exception Rule as proposed:  Individual must be at least 60 years old, not been any type of trainer during the last 15 years, and never a cutting trainer, and have less than

$50,000-- in earnings.

Recommend removing the work "indirect" from the Amateur/Non-Pro rules and to use the verbiage "receiving monetary compensation or receipt of products."

\* Approved LAE Show Producers Committee.

Recommend to post on NCHA website and send emails or letters to Show Producers on how to contact NCHA Marketing Department regarding NCHA National Sponsors availability for individual produced shows.

In the meantime, show management should contact NCHA directly.

\* Long Range Planning Committee: (Note:  Both the Chair and Vice-Chair are from Region 1.  We do have a voice)

Any Director who misses two regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be immediately terminated as a Director, unless granted an excused absence by the President.  (Note; your Directors were all on the job)

Recommend each Region hold one meeting of its regional directors during the months of January or February each year.  (A good reason for you to make comments and suggestions as they occur)

Each Director District shall have a Director for each 75 members and a minimum of two (2).

\* Open Show Committee:

Recommend increasing the $10K Novice class to $15K;  Recommend increasing the $3K Novice class to $5K.

Recommend the NCHA point year for WE shows will end the first full weekend of November; the LAE shows will end the Sunday before Thanksgiving.

\*  Promotion and Development Committee:

Recommend the continued development of the Grassroots Cutting program as an entry level opportunity.  It's suggested that an educational component be added a day prior to or morning of the Grass Roots Cutting.

\*  Youth Committee:

Recommend the formation of a Sub-Committee to work on growth of Youth in the smaller, lower membership areas.

The summer is moving right along and we are quickly coming to the year-end weekend shows and the beginning of the LAE shows.  Ride to the herd and qualify for the Western Nationals.

Lots of good, NCHA cutting ahead.  It's all about the horse.

I thought you might enjoy this 'Cornbread Thinks' piece from the Quarter Horse News by Jimmy Bankston.  Cowboy logic at work, and it applies at all levels.  In a nutshell, 'We' are 'Them.'

Your affiliate will be electing  a new slate of board members and officers.  Think about getting your oar in the water and become part of the solution.

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