WCHA Executive Committee Meeting
May 29, 2026
7:00 PM Central Time

Agenda
Roll Call
Approve Meeting Minutes of March 9, April 17
New Business

I. Review Judge's Committee Recommendation To Require One Applicant To Re-Take Written Exam In The Presence Of Executive Director At His Own Expense
II. Review Judge's Committee Recommendation to require the standard on the written exam to be minimum score of 90% Pass/Fail on the WCHA Open Rulebook Written Exam and that the written exam totals would then be removed from the final scoring tabulation to further emphasize placings.
III. Review Judge's Committee Recommendation To Approve all judges except Tekampe for 2A WCHA Judges Card, Tekampe receive a 1A WCHA Judges Card. Contingent on Laney passing the WCHA Open Rulebook Written Exam Laney would then receive an AA WCHA Judges Card.

Meeting Minutes
Roll Call: Present: President English, 1st Past President Coon, 2nd Past President Jacobs, President Elect Ellsworth, Executive Director Falcon. Absent: Perniciaro, Casper.
Old Business

I. Approve Meeting Minutes of March 9 and April 17
- Motion To Approve By Perniciaro, Second By Ellsworth. Motion Carried.

New Business

I. Review Judge's Committee Recommendation To Require One Applicant To Re-Take Written Exam In The Presence Of Executive Director At His Own Expense
- Discussion if there is a written rule in place "within the current Judge's Guidelines" that outline Judge Applicant Exam procedures that specifically states a minimum score on written exam. Falcon produced the current Judges Guidelines and nowhere does it state a minimum score for written exam. Falcon stated the judge in question's low score on the written exam is reflected in his weighted average final score of all categories.
    - Motion by Ellsworth to follow current Judge's Guidelines that have no requirement for a minimum pass/fail test score on written exam. Second by Jacobs. Motion Carried Unanimously.

II. Review Judge's Committee Recommendation to require the standard on the written exam to be minimum score of 90% Pass/Fail on the WCHA Open Rulebook Written Exam and that the written exam totals would then be removed from the final scoring tabulation to emphasize results of live judging and interviews.
- Discussion regarding implementation of this recommendation midway of current year testing of applicants. The EC and Executive Director agree this should be a rule moving forward but

unfair and non practical to implement for the one applicant in question at this time. If a rule is implemented, it needs to be stated within the Judge's Guidelines document.

- No Action with recommendation back to the Judge's Committee to revisit and implement prior to the next testing session.

III. Review Judge's Committee Recommendation To Approve all judges except Tekampe for AA WCHA Judges Card, Tekampe receive a 1-A WCHA Judges Card. Contingent on Laney passing the WCHA Open Rulebook Written Exam, Laney would then receive a AA WCHA Judges Card.

- Lengthy Discussion to review each applicant's scores for live judging and interviews individually.
- Jacobs and Ellsworth stated if it had been stated there is not a rule in place within the current Judge's Guidelines for applicant testing procedures for a minimum written exam score this would have made a difference in their voting within the Judge's Committee Meeting.
- The Executive Committee agreed all eight (8) applicants are worthy of receiving judging credentials, either AA or single A. The weighted average of final tabulations has been used in the past to determine which applicants receive WCHA Specialty Halter Judging Credentials, taking into account live judging plus interviews a decision was reached.
    - Thomas Coon made the motion for the top five (5) applicants of the weighted averages to receive AA (full) Judging Credentials and the bottom three (3) applicants receiving 1-A (restricted) Judging Credentials based on weighted averages. Second by Jacobs. Motion Carried Unanimously.
    - Falcon stated he would inform the Chair and Vice Chair of the Judges Committee of final decision of the Executive Committee.
    - Falcon stated it was a very good class of applicants with the Judges Committee putting forth a very well-run testing where we were able to provide the best set of horses to use for testing in many years. The 1-A status is a great tool so that all judges have an opportunity to advance.

No Other New Business
Meeting Adjourned At 8:20 PM