

Minnesota Cutting Horse Association  
January 30, 2026  
Stacy, MN

Board Members present: Jeff Pauly, Brooke Drassal-Creighton, Travis Grover, John Moder, Brian Cottrell, and Dava Scribner. Michael Schreck and Carly Zaharia-Christopher were not present. President, Jeff Pauly, called the meeting to order at 12:30 PM.

New and re-elected Board members were welcomed.

Minutes from the prior Board meeting were presented to the Board members that were present. A copy of the 2025 Year Income and Expense Report was also presented.

It was decided to amend the MCHA Rules and Regulations by adding the following motion made by Brooke Drassal-Creighton, and a second made by Brian Cottrell: To qualify for a year-end award, you must have shown 5 times in the class or earned 5 points in the class.

The Year-End Awards Banquet was discussed. The current plan is to have it Saturday evening in the upstairs room level of the Verndale Arena. Jeff Pauly will visit Ron Sundby about the possibility of having a cash bar available. Brooke Drassal-Creighton has been in contact with the Pirate's Den to have them cater the event. It was decided that the banquet meal would be at no cost to individuals this year. Brooke Drassal-Creighton will contact Rose Kosevich to have her post information about the banquet and auction on Facebook.

It was decided that once the youth in a family does not qualify to ride in the Youth class, they must have their own "single membership". The Board will visit in November about raising the 2027 Membership dues.

Pre-entry for shows was discussed as a necessity to keep cuttings from losing money on overestimating cattle numbers. Brooke Drassal-Creighton agreed to look into methods available and work with Rose Kosevich on implementing a plan of action.

Brian Cottrell has agreed to attend the 2026 MN Horse Expo and represent the MCHA. Brian Cottrell will take care of the details and line someone up to do the "Flag" clinic.

Travis Grover and Michael Schreck will be responsible for attaining the judges for the cuttings this year.

It was decided to use the following Fee structure for the remaining cuttings, reserving the right to make changes as the season progresses, if necessary:

The \$299 added classes would be \$160 EF - \$160 CC - \$60 OC, plus miscellaneous fees of \$10.

NCHA non-money added class fee structure \$150 EF - \$70 CC - \$50 OC, plus miscellaneous fees of \$10.

The MCHA State classes will remain the same as last year, trying to keep it affordable for beginners.

The following Committees were formed: Nominating Committee – Brooke Drassal-Creighton and Travis Grover, Awards & Banquet Committee – Carly Zaharia-Christopher and Brooke Drassal-Creighton.

Jeff Pauly was voted in as President, and Brooke Drassal-Creighton as Vice President.

Submitted by Dava Scribner