January 15, 2011

Dear Phil,

I apologize for this being handwritten, however, I do not type! Kathryn is at a show and Kate has a new baby.

I recently became aware of a provision the PCCA has for a person to appeal the approval of a show to the executive committee. I would like to avail myself of this option.

In law, the case between myself and the NCHA has prompted the NCHA to not approve any shows that I produce or any shows put on at the South Point regardless of the producer or affiliate unless I dropped the suit. I declined to do that. I have been advised that this action that they have taken in regards to shows at the South Point is not legal.

I understand the pressure brought to bear on the PCCA to follow suit and it made it
necessary for you to add the new rule this year
what if NCQA approves then must RCHA approved.

I would ask you to consider the following -
If something (a rule or whatever) is good for the
cutting industry as a whole then it is good for
the RCHA and its members. And that any time
a rule is made to stop one entity it unfortunately
adversely affects many. The NCQA did not go
so far as to make a "rule" regarding what they
are doing to the South Point because they did not
have cause.

I believe the Western States, where we are,
can not afford to lose any shows. Particularly ones
that are conveniently located and in a good
facility. Unlike Texas, where they have at least
3 shows every week and within a 150 mile radius,
we are way more limited. Shows are a precious
commodity to our industry and here and sustain
our industry.

As you may know, Nicone City Folded
their show. August is now a 4 day
show. It is hard to in other states to maintain a healthy environment for cutting than it is in Texas.

We, all of us, in these Western states need these cuttings at the South Point to help keep our industry strong and well for the members and for the other businesses that help to fortify, i.e., cattle owners, cattle men, feed companies, saddle makers & on & on. I say this not just as a show producer but also as a breeders owner of cutting horses.

Even if PCCHA or someone else even to put the shows on at the South Point I do not care. We will make it work financially for you or whomever, if that will alleviate the approval mess. They can not legally withhold approval to you or anyone else because of the facility where it is to be held. They can only postpone & threaten ...

I don't want them to have the chance to try to strangule cuttings out here because of a personal vendetta they have. It is just not right or good for the industry in our part of the country while it does not affect their members in Texas.
It just seems no harm in it being approved just for PCCA year end approvals for your members. Several other affiliates have decided to approve for their year end awards.

Thank you for this opportunity to express myself to you. I hope something works to have these show approval for your year end awards.

I am available anytime for any questions.

Sincerely,

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January 21, 2011

Re: Letter of Appeal from 1/15/2011

Dear Paula,

The Executive Committee has had your letter since the 15th and today they gave me their final decision. Following much discussion and careful debate they have voted to not approve your show at this time.

It was unanimously agreed upon, that the Pacific Coast does not want to lose any of your shows, however, we find ourselves in an odd situation without added NCHA approval. When the Board put the 2011 Show Approvals Policy in place they felt the value of being an affiliate of NCHA and requiring dual approval, would take care of any eligibility concerns for both horses and riders, along with tracking earnings.

It is unfortunate that the courts are not moving any faster in order to resolve the issues with NCHA. We are confident, however that things will be on the right track soon and look forward to our future partnership with you.

Please feel free to contact me with anything you may need or wish to discuss.

Sincerely,

Phil Benedum
Executive Director
Pacific Coast Cutting Horse Assn.