

NCHA Europe Convention 2018

The NCHA Europe Convention took place from January 26th to January 28th in Frankfurt. On Friday 26th, after their closed session the 6 Directors met with some members who already arrived on Friday to hear their ideas or suggestions for the future. We were very happy to have Ernie Beutenmiller with us too. As a longtime member, former President and member of the Executive Committee, he had answers to all our questions.

On Saturday morning at 9h we started our main meeting.

- Awards for Horses and Riders of the Year

The overall leaders of the different classes received certificates which were given to the presidents of the different affiliates.

Open Horse of the year:

IMMINENT CAT ridden by Martina Annovazzi and owned by Luca Santoro

\$5000 Novice Horse of the year:

MERADA DREAM CATCHER ridden by Denis Pini and owned by Norma Fanelli

Non Pro Rider of the year:

GRETA SALVATORI

\$15000 Amateur of the year:

LUCA SANTORO

\$50000 Amateur of the year:

MARCO SALVATORI

\$2000 Any Horse Any Rider of the year:

DONATIEN SCHMITT

Youth rider of the year

AURORA AFFINI

- European Championship

We will have a different way to determine the European Champions. The European Championship will not be held in Lyon anymore. In the past three years we had more and more classes for which members would like to have an European Champion. Unfortunately it will get very difficult to hold all these classes in Lyon. So in the future show producers/affiliates can offer the classes they think would be the best for their members in their area. Every **approved** class which is held at least 3 times a year and completes an approved class (at least 3 riders) will count for the European Championship. We will count **all approved Weekend shows and Challenger Shows** held between January 1st and December 1st. for the Championship. It was also decided that all show producers have to pay a **2€ Championship fee** per entry in all approved classes to the NCHA EUROPE if they want their show to count for the European Championship. The money must be wired to the NCHA Europe account immediately after the show for the show to be counted for the NCHA European Championship. The Show has to be in the **European show calendar** on the NCHA Europe Website and the **show producer has to mark on his entry form if the show counts for the European Championship or not.** We, as NCHA Europe, will try to organize more shows with important added money in the future. Our aim is to built up a „European Series“ One of these shows will be the show in Lyon. We will decide in the next month which classes we will hold in Lyon.

- NCHA European Futurity 2018

The NCHA European Futurity will take place in Lyon from October 31th to November 4th 2018. More details will follow soon.

- European Breeders Programm

Andrea Pagani was at our meeting to present the European Breeders Programm. The details can be found on their website: <http://www.bachofeuropa.eu> Very interesting program which will

be supported by NCHA Europe. The first NCHA European Futurity considering this program will be held in 2020.

- Secretary & Videographer

After Lunch the secretaries and videographer had their meeting. Lynn Winkler send us some reminders:

Do not round the earnings (we have to leave 2 numbers behind the comma)

5 days to get results to office (all results) we cannot start working shows until we have all the pieces - show notes (what classes did not make, memberships collected, issues at show), results, judges sheets, horse papers, transfers etc.

Challenger shows - everything has to be verified on results (membership, horse names, horse ownerships, eligibility etc.) not just money earners.

VERY important - credit cards must come in with shows for fees - shows will NOT be worked until we get a credit card. I still have shows on my desk I cannot get money for.

The following questions have been asked by some secretaries:

Do the people who are by foot in the arena have to wear western attire too?

It is up to show management if they want them to wear western attire or not

Are other horses then the rider and his helpers allowed in the show arena during the competition?

It is up to show management if other horses are allowed to stand in the show arena during the competition or not. If the show management thinks that the arena is too small horses have to get out.

Can entries be refused before the deadline due to lack of cows or stalls?

NO. All entries coming in before the deadline have to be accepted

- Videographer

We would like to remind you once more that all videographers have to redo their videographer test and sign the code of ethics and send it back to Tammy Kimmel (tkimmel@nchacutting.com)

- European Judges Seminar

After Lunch, we also had a judges recertification seminar. Six European judges have extended their cards for another two years. Susanne Haug, Michael Ohlly Ohlhoff, Jan Boogarts, Ricky Bordignon, Peter Boom and Hansi Kuhn.

In addition, we want to congratulate Santino Hagenbeck who is a new judge for Europe.

The next recertification seminar will be in January 2020.

- Next Convention 2019

The next NCHA European Convention will be January 25th to January 27th 2019

If you have any questions please feel free to send an email to info@nchaeurope.com or call one of the European directors.