

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Happy New Years Alberta Cutters,

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter to you as the new ACHA President. We have a Great Board that have listened to your comments and concerns. As a result of the discussions that took place at the AGM, we have implemented some new policies regarding show approvals. This has been done in an effort to minimize back to back shows, level the playing field for all competitors and minimize the number of approved shows.

This fall a letter was sent to all show producers advising them of our proposed policy change regarding show approvals. This new policy limits weekend shows to 2 day shows over 2 or 3 days depending on the show producers choice. In addition, if you check out our tentative show schedule you will see that it has only 16 approved shows. By doing this we hope to elevate some of the financial burden that the economy is causing here in Alberta. We want to encourage people to keep cutting and hauling for yearend awards. It is our intention to try this for one year and at the next AGM, we will be looking for feedback from you the members, to determine whether this becomes a long term policy or not.

As a result of this new policy, the Black Elk Show Committee has decided not to obtain the ACHA's approval this year for their 2 shows. These shows will still be put on at Ponoka but will only be NCHA and CCHA approved. I hope all of you will continue to support Black Elk, as they have put a lot of effort into making these shows great.

In an effort to be open and transparent with you the members, I have asked that the letter that was sent to the show producers be posted on this website. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this change, please feel free to call me at (403)606-9710.

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