

WQHA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

February 21, 2017

Holiday Inn & Convention Center, Fond du Lac

The WQHA Board of Directors Meeting was called to order by President Stephanie Lynn at 6:35 pm. Roll Call was taken with 14 voting members in attendance: Stephanie Lynn, Lisa Busby, Ron Miller, Tony Tousey proxy for Larry Spratto, Kay Deboer, Dawn Beihoffer, Michele Andrade, Jerry Laumer proxy for Rhonda Spratto, Jim Ramthun, Robert Schmitz, Danyelle Gabbert, Brett Cumberledge Linda Berg, Pat Miller proxy for Brenda Lindvall. Additional Attendees: Tim Schmahl, Becky Ruehle, Keri Smith.

Secretaries Report – Lisa Busby reported the minutes were previously emailed. Michele Andrade noted that she contacted Gigi about her availability to judge the introductory show not Nikki. Ron Miller made a motion to approve the report with the change, seconded by Danyelle Gabbert, motion carried.

Financial Report – Ron Miller reviewed the financials he distributed noting that he received money for directory ads and the banquet at the meeting therefore the reports would not be updated with that information.

- There was discussion around which account the President's award should come from. After the discussion, Linda Berg made a motion that the money for the award should come from the general budget instead of the awards budget seconded by Robert Schmitz, motion carried.
- A motion was made by Jerry Laumer that a maximum of \$250 per president's term be spent on the outgoing President's gift, seconded by Michele Andrade, motion carried.
- Discussion was held around what funds are used for office equipment. It was discussed about having a reserve fund from the awards budget to be used to buy new equipment. It was suggested to separate awards budget from show coordination. Jerry Laumer made a motion that the \$1 per entry should go to the awards budget and back number money and extra money paid for insurance should go into the show coordination budget, seconded by Michele Andrade, motion carried.
- *The awards committee and show coordination committee should come to the next meeting with recommendations on hold back money for each of their committees.*

National Director Reports – No Report

Committee Reports:

Awards – No Report

Banquet – Danyelle Gabbert brought a spreadsheet itemizing the income/expenses for the banquet. The photo backdrop fee was moved to the general fund since it will be used for other events throughout the year. The profit was \$10.56.

Michele Andrade recommended getting sponsors to help with the cost of the banquet (band, flowers, dessert etc.)

Danyelle reported that the committee has talked to the same location for next year and that if they decide to stay in Oshkosh they would have to have a commitment for the venue in April.

Hall of Fame – Robert Schmitz reported that the committee has been filled. He asked about a budget to cover postage as he has been covering postage out of pocket for the past couple years. Ron asked Robert to turn in receipts to be reimbursed for those expenses. He also said that their committee is thinking of ideas for throughout the year.

Midwest Horse Fair – A Google Doc has been created for volunteers to sign up to work at the fair. The document also has a “to do” list of what is needed before the fair. Lisa emailed a link to the list to all board members. Robert Schmitz & Brett Cumberledge will set up the booth before the fair. Youth members will be in the booth each day. Looking for 3 or 4 people to volunteer each day with morning and afternoon shifts. Butch Campbell and Jerry Erickson will also come and help with the booth. Stephanie Lynn will be available as well.

Membership – Tim Schmahl reported 223 membership types with 428 individual memberships. He received memberships from the banquet at this meeting so those will be added. Tim is getting the numbers together to send to Melinda at AQHA for the Novice Championships

Newsletter & Directory – Becky Ruehle stated the income from the directory was \$10,645 with expenses totaling \$6,700.94 for a \$3,944.06 profit. She also reported that the Spring newsletter was at 74 pages as of the meeting with final ads due by March 1st. Spring Newsletter will be in mailboxes by April 1st.

Open Show Program – Michele Andrade reported the Open Show/AQHA Intro show to be held May 6th is being finalized. She provided a spreadsheet with estimates for income and expenses to the board.

Recreational Riding – No Report

Scholarship – Scholarship committee – Kerry Hansen, Becky Ruehle, Michele Andrade, & Stephanie Lynn. Direction needed from the BOD on recommendations. Brett Cumberledge recommended doing something different, maybe need based vs. merit. Discussion was held about different options. Jerry Laumer made a motion that the scholarship should be merit based, that the money be given to the school in the recipient’s name instead of directly to the recipient and a winner can reapply in future years for additional scholarships, but can only win twice, motion was seconded by Jim Ramthun, motion carried.

Any profits from the Intro Show will go toward the scholarship fund.

Show Coordination – Kathy Doyle will have more information after the stewards training March 25th.

State Show – No update.

Wisconsin Horse Council – No Report

Youth – No Report

Old Business:

- Points Table - The table for points was discussed at great length. A vote was taken with 9 votes for and 2 votes against. Vote passes the table that Linda Berg submitted. Linda updated the complete table and it was provided to Becky for the spring newsletter.

WQHA points will be awarded in each of the listed classes on the following basis:

# of Horses in Class	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th
1	1								
2	2	1							
3	3	2	1						
4	4	3	2	1					
5	5	4	3	2	1				
6	6	5	4	3	2	1			
7	7	6	5	4	3	2	1		
8	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	
9-13	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
14-18	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2
19-23	11	10	9	8	7	6	3	4	3
24-28	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4
29-33	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5

- Convenience fee for 2018 online memberships – not discussed
- Thank you's for open show attendees to the banquet – up to the banquet committee
- Membership Renewal Packet – not discussed
- Wisconsin Special Events – Kathy Doyle to contact Lance Treptow – not discussed
- Update entry form to designate Amateur vs. Amateur Select – Tim – not discussed
- Contact other states to see about hosting a manager's seminar in the Midwest – not discussed

New Business:

- Fill Committee member spots – done
- Queen's competition – The board reviewed the information Kerry Hansen supplied for the Queen's competition. Tony Tousey made a motion that the WQHA will match up to \$325 that a contestant raises, seconded by Brett Cumberledge, motion carried.

The next meeting will be on April 4th at 6:30 pm at the Holiday Inn & Convention Center, Fond du lac.

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting made by Ron Miller, seconded by Robert Schmitz and motion carried at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Busby

WQHA Secretary