

**WQHA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
**May 23, 2017- 6:30 pm**  
**Holiday Inn, Fond du Lac, WI**

The WQHA Board of Directors Meeting was called to order by President Stephanie Lynn at 6:40 pm. Roll call was taken with 12 voting members in attendance: Stephanie Lynn, Nikki Schultz, Lisa Busby, Ron Miller, Larry Spratto, Michele Andrade, Rhonda Spratto, Jessica Bradley (proxy for Cindy Tousey), Danyelle Gabbert, Brenda Lindvall, Brett Cumberledge, Linda Berg. Additional attendees: Pat Miller

**Secretaries Report** – Lisa Busby reported the minutes were previously emailed. Ron Miller made a motion to approve the report with no changes, seconded by Larry Spratto, motion carried.

**Financial Report** – Ron Miller reviewed the financials he distributed noting that he is running the reports a different way than in the past due to QuickBooks causing problems. He will be sending reports out in Excel format. No outstanding bills from the banquet. \$2,900 still outstanding from the Directory/Newsletter. Ron sent the information to Becky, Michele and Danyelle.

**National Director's Report** - No Update

**Committee Reports:**

**Awards** – Any left-over awards need to be picked up or arrangements made by July 1<sup>st</sup>. Award letters need more time to order the all-around awards. Letters should be sent October 1 for a November reply.

**Banquet** – Discussed possible dates for the next banquet. The Convention Center has January 6<sup>th</sup> or 13<sup>th</sup> available, The ballroom is available February 10<sup>th</sup>. Another option is LaSure's. They are available the last weekend of January. They can accommodate 300 people. Waiting to hear back from Royal Ridges in Ripon.

A motion was made by Nikki Schultz to keep the banquet the last weekend of January. Motion second by Michele Andrade, motion carried.

**Hall of Fame** – No update

**Horse Fair** – 83 people signed up for the free membership giveaway. 2 free memberships were given away. Ron booked location for next year.

**Membership** – No Update

**Newsletter & Directory** – Becky would like to move the January 2<sup>nd</sup> date for the Directory to December 20<sup>th</sup> to have a bigger gap between the directory and spring newsletter and keep 2 publications. There were 64 advertisers in the Directory and 50 advertisers in the Newsletter with 30 of them advertising in both.

Do we need to offer a multi-advertiser discount if advertisers put ads in both publications?

**Open Show Program** – Went from 17 entries to 24 and anticipating more entries to still come in. Need to find out who the vouchers for free classes were given to.

**Queen** – Would like some ideas on where to go to promote. Special events at the Cap Gun Show and Midwest Horse Fair

**Recreational Riding** – No update

**Scholarship** – Fundraiser at the Paper Valley Show brought in \$3,792.00. Nikki made a motion to approve the scholarship application, Brenda second, motion carried.

**Show Coordination – Intro & Open Show Update** – 41 entries in the 12 classes \$2,000 in product donations. 2 random prizes given out in each class. Need to review final numbers from the show at the next meeting.

**Show Coordination** – Need to include professional horsemen when the annual show coordination meeting is scheduled to have them present and give input.

State Show – Nikki asked for approval on the following budget items:

T-shirts - \$800

Prizes - \$1,000

Jackets - \$2,200

A motion was made by Danyelle and second by Brett to approve the budget, motion carried.

The state show needs more sponsors. Asked the board to help in getting sponsors.

**Slot Classes** – Entry forms are on the website and classes are starting to fill up.

Sponsorship forms for the slot classes are also posted on the website.

**Website** – The website used to have a list of past scholarship winners. Would like to see that on the site again.

**WI Horse Council** – The National Horse Survey should be coming out soon.

**Youth** – Youth team has 22 youth attending this year. Booya donated shirts, Hasenger Equine will sponsor jackets for the youth team.

**Motion to adjourn was made by Michele and second by Danyelle. Meeting adjourned at 8:56 pm.**

**Next Meeting – Tuesday, August 22, 2017 at 6:30 pm, Holiday Inn & Convention Center, Fond du lac**