

WQHA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

May 15, 2018 - 6:30 pm
Holiday Inn, Fond du Lac, WI

The WQHA Board of Directors Meeting was called to order by President Stephanie Lynn at 6:35 pm. Roll call was taken with 13 voting members in attendance: Stephanie Lynn, Tim Schmahl (proxy for Nikki Schultz), Lisa Busby, Ron Miller, Tony Tousey (proxy for Cindy Tousey), Jerry Laumer, Judy Zeitler, Krystal Kuze (proxy for Mark Zeitler), Jim Ramthun, Pat Miller (proxy for Brenda Lindvall), Linda Berg, Additional Attendees: Keri Smith

Secretaries Report – Lisa Busby reported the minutes were previously emailed. Changes were made to the National Directors and Scholarship sections.

Ron Miller made a motion to approve the report, seconded by Jim Ramthun, motion carried.

Financial Report – Ron Miller passed out a new copy of the financials to replace the set that was emailed. Proof of enrollment for Erika VandeVelde was received and payment for scholarship was sent to the school

Jerry Laumer made a motion to accept the financial report, seconded by Tony Tousey, motion carried.

National Director's Report – A lot of changes at the convention. Lots of staff cuts and financial cuts.

Michelle Forness has been named to the Region 3 Affiliate Advisory Board. There will not be an affiliate workshop this year but the advisory board plans to meet monthly to address any issues that are impacting the affiliates. If you have any issues, please contact Michelle at mmjforness@gmail.com or 573-263-3864

Committee Reports:

Awards – Received 6 free buckles from AQHA. There are still gift certificates that have not been used.

Banquet – Banquet will be the 2nd weekend in January. Jessica has the contract and will get it reserved. (Talked with Jessica after the meeting and told her about the board's request to have the banquet on the 19th vs. the 12th and she misunderstood the dates. She was going to check with the venue and see if the 19th was still available.)

Hall of Fame – No Update

Horse Fair – 14 show vouchers were given out for new members. 8 renewal memberships were also sold. Most new memberships were interested in the early shows and would probably use their vouchers there. 1 planned to use theirs at Cap Gun and 1 at Escanaba.

Membership – 263 memberships in with renewals steadily coming in.

Newsletter & Directory – 2018 Spring Newsletter recap – 88 pages plus covers, 22 full color pages, 5 full black and white pages, 13 half pages, 21 business cards, 1 classified, 21 show bill pages. Printed 1000 copies (usually 750) and also mailed to the Minnesota Quarter Horse Association Membership. Income on newsletter \$11,195. Expenses – Ripon printing, (1 for printing, 1 for postage) \$8,059.34. Editor Salary - \$1,500. Total profit \$1,635.66

Open Show Program – Currently have 35 entries (4 halter adult, 4 hunt seat performance adult, 3 showmanship adult, 2 speed adult, 3 walk trot adult, 4 western performance adult, 7 tiny tot, 1 hunt seat performance youth, 2 showmanship youth, 1 speed youth, 2 walk trot youth, 2 western performance youth). There are 12 exhibitors. We are fairly early into the season so I expect those numbers to go up as we have only had 3 weekends of shows. Last year, at the end, we had 45 entries across the divisions and 21 exhibitors. The youth division is light, so spread the word, it's anyone's game at this point.

Queen – No update

Recreational Riding – Upcoming events have been posted on the WQHA website calendar of events.

Scholarship – Talked about set guidelines for the scholarship. Ron verified that the only set guideline is that payment gets sent directly to the institution and not paid directly to the recipient. Some colleges have a proof of enrollment form that they can provide or Ron would need the recipient's student ID number and the address for the Bursar's office so he can send payment. The Bound Memorial Scholarship will be kept separate from the WQHA scholarship. Nikki will provide an update at the next meeting.

Show Coordination – Steward's training was held on April 7th with 20 people attending. Tim will share a list of the attendees with show managers so they can contact for future stewarding needs. It was suggested that the training be opened up to out of state people and possibly changing the date to attract more people. Start thinking about any rule changes that anyone would like to propose in our fall meeting.

Introductory Show – Michele gave an update to the financials from the show. The show had a net loss of \$448.77. There were 22 stalls and 42 entries (mostly youth). They are thinking of moving the show from Saturday to Sunday to have clinics on Saturday and an exhibitor's party. There is a 4H conflict with having the show on Saturday so that is the reason for the move to Sunday. Michele offered to be financially responsible for the show but then she isn't going to bring anything to the board. She said there was sparse presence of board members at the show. Jim recommended a ride the pattern or something like that instead of a show.

State Show – Help is needed from all directors in securing sponsorships. Prizes and donations are being worked on currently.

Slot Classes – Judy talked with Robert about having a trainer sale

Website – No update

WI Horse Council – Horse fair was a huge success. They had 500 less in attendance than their biggest year. Ron talked about the 2018 judge's seminar that was held at the Rawhide Boys Ranch.

Youth – 23 youth have completed letters of intent for the Youth World Team. Congress NYATT letters of intent are due June 1st. The youth will hold a pizza party social on Friday evening during the Lazy Days Show.

Motion to adjourn was made by Judy and second by Jerry. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Next Meeting – Tuesday, July 24, 2018 at 6:30 pm at Holiday Inn, Fond du Lac