

WQHA Board of Directors/Annual Meeting Minutes
November 4, 2017- 9:30 am
Holiday Inn, Fond du Lac, WI

The WQHA Board of Directors/Annual Meeting was called to order by President Stephanie Lynn at 9:30 am. Roll call was taken with 18 voting members in attendance: Stephanie Lynn, Nikki Schultz, Lisa Busby, Ron Miller, Larry Spratto, Kay DeBoer, Dawn Beihoffer, Michele Andrade, Rhonda Spratto, Tony Tousey (proxy for Cindy Tousey), Jim Ramthun, Danyelle Gabbert, Brenda Lindvall, Brett Cumberledge, Linda Berg, Sara Hauer, Kathy Doyle, Additional Attendees: Pat Miller, Jessica Bradley, Tom Klamrowski, Carol Klamrowski, Jane Steger

Secretaries Report – Lisa Busby reported the minutes were previously emailed. Ron Miller made a motion to approve the report, seconded by Larry Spratto, motion carried.

Financial Report – Ron Miller reviewed the financials he distributed. Certified letters have been sent out to the people that still owe and he has received 1 payment. The following still have outstanding bills: UW River Falls Colt Sale, Doug Miller, Tracey Schoenfeldt and Theresa Wirkus. \$1800 is still outstanding. Ron will send copies of the invoices to Kathy Doyle and she will send them a Right To Cure Default Letter. Danyelle made a motion to accept the financial report, Rhonda second, motion carried.

District Meeting Notes:

District 1

- Leave WQHA W/T classes
- Feedback is that exhibitors only want to show at facilities with indoor arenas and no rain.
- Reminder to judges to judge by the rules
- Director nominations – none. Kay and Dawn would stay on as directors if there were alternatives to face to face meetings. If that is not an option, then districts may have to be realigned so there is representation from all districts.

District 2

- WQHA W/T classes
- No Rookie Halter classes
- Leave it up to each show if they want to have Longe Line classes
- Explore dual approval with Buckskin Associations and/or APHA
- Michele Andrade proposed addition of longe line and in hand trail if shows went to APHA dual approval
- No recommendation on 2 or 3 year old classes
- Leveling – Members felt WQHA classes are not large enough to warrant leveling.
- Would like to see job descriptions for Regional VP and Director positions
- Nominations:
 - Cindy Tousey – Regional VP
 - Mark Zeitler – Director
 - Judy Zeitler – Director
 - Jerry Laumer – Director
 - Michele Andrade – Director nominated from the floor at the Annual Meeting

Districts 3 & 4

- Would like to see some virtual meeting options in 2018. Time/travel is challenging. Recommend selecting dates during the time of year that aren't focused around major discussions to have the virtual meetings. Limit the member participation on virtual meetings to "chat feature" (no audio) to keep flow of discussion moving.
- Rookie Classes – suggestion was made to offer a "Rookie" all-inclusive package that incentivized new member/rookie exhibitors to enter multiple events at a reduced "package rate". Seek sponsor of rookie events to help support discount and/or prizes.
- New member/New exhibitor – recommended placing new exhibitors/show attendees by WQHA mentors at shows. How do we do a better job of helping new exhibitors and taking them under our wings? Stall person to put new people together with trainers, have a trainer board at the show offices. Nikki has a mentor form that is used at Region 3.
- Longe Line classes – recommended that shows should add longe line classes in 2018. Promote early in the year if shows are going to offer the classes. Slot class participation has steadily increased which suggests that more people have these horses at home. More discussion is needed around WQHA, AQHA and/or NSBA class.
- Walk/Trot classes – continue to offer and possibly expanding what is offered.
- 2 year old events – not enough interest to justify the addition of classes at this time.
- Leveling – Look at leveling classes like Showmanship, Equitation and Horsemanship
- Nominations:
 - Directors – No changes (Robert Schmitz & Jim Ramthun District 3 and Danyelle Gabbert District 4)
 - Regional VP – No change (LaRue Wills)

District 5 & 6

- Walk/Trot Classes: Continue with WQHA walk trot classes rather than AQHA classes. Reevaluate after 2018 to see if number of exhibitors increase. Consider open walk/trot rail classes (instead of youth and amateur) in 2019.
- Rookie Halter: Keep for one more year and see if class numbers improve
- Lunge line class: Only offer as State Show Slot class. Not enough room in other showbills to add more classes.
- 2 & 3 year old classes: No, do not add. State show slot classes may be an option.
- Leveling vs Jr./Sr: No for 2018. Further discussion for future should continue.
- Other suggestions:
 - Find way to support High School Rodeo – large percentage of competitors are using quarter horses.
 - Look at support for reinings and other special events like ranch. Can WQHA tap into their interest and draw to other shows? Have them approved for WQHA year end awards? Simplify processes such as entry system to encourage them to seek WQHA approval? Include versatility division reining at WQHA shows or ranch rail? Anyway to encourage Ranch Horse Assoc exhibitors to cross over to AQHA?
- Nominations:
 - District 5 – Brett Cumberledge, Brenda Lindvall, Keri Smith
 - District 6 – Linda Berg, Sara Hauer
 - Regional VP – Ron Miller
 - Secretary – Lisa Busby

Show & Contest Changes –

- Under the section “Year-end awards are to be presented to:” Change the first bullet point to remove youth and add 13 & Under and 14 – 18.
- Accept Liberty Classic location change.
- Make the following changes to the Show and Contest Rule add 20 A)
 - Add 20 A) Ranch conformation points will count toward the 200 and 300 point championships as halter points per halter requirement. Points earned in Ranch Conformation do not count toward the WQHA Year End Stud, Mare or Gelding Halter High Point awards. Points will count toward the Ranch Conformation Year End Class award.
- Regarding year end awards high point, 200 and 300 point awards, wherever it says halter change to **halter/conformation**
- Regarding year end all around awards maintain the halter/conformation requirement and at least two performance classes but delete the 10 point requirement for consideration of all around awards.

For instance: A year-end All-Around Open Champion award will be awarded to the horse winning the most points in halter/conformation classes and at least two performance classes during the year. ~~At least 10 points must be won in each class (halter and each of the two performance classes).~~

- Delete Rookie halter from show schedules and keep WQHA walk-trot approval versus the AQHA walk-trot approval

National Director’s Report – No updates

Committee Reports:

Awards – Linda Berg reported that letters have been sent out with a due date of November 7th.

Banquet – Banquet is all set. Contact Kerry Hansen to donate to the silent auction.

Hall of Fame – Meeting scheduled for December 1st.

Horse Fair – Butch and Patty Campbell will be there to help with the booth.

Membership – No changes

Newsletter & Directory – Deadline is November 15th. As of right now there are 8 color and 4 Black & white pages and 11 business card ads.

Front cover - Amy Marx for \$900

Back cover - Remembrance Farm for \$540

Inside front cover – Michele Andrade \$350

Inside back cover – Jerry Laumer \$350

Open Show Program – Added “leadline” classes to not qualify for points for tiny tot in the 2017/18 rules. Need to decide stalls vs. class gift certificates. 1 item per exhibitor. If an exhibitor wins more than 1 division they would only get a stall or class, not multiple. This would result in 9 stall giveaways and 9 class giveaways. Letting the exhibitor choose. There are 14 bronze, 3 silver, 2 gold and 1 supreme merit award winner.

Queen – No update

Recreational Riding – No update

Scholarship – No update

Show Coordination – Show Manager & Steward training to be held April 7th 10 am in Madison area. RSVP to Kathy Doyle.

Eliminate 9000 numbers. Individuals may request specific numbers for a fee of \$15 to be sent in by May 1st. to Tim Schmahl. All numbers will stay with the horse for WQHA approved shows for the 2018 show season. Youth will provide a laminating service during Lazy Days horse show as a Youth Fundraiser.

See additional notes above on show coordination.

Introductory Show – No update.

Slot Classes – No update

Website – No Update

WI Horse Council – Ron asked about renewing the membership. Cost is \$100. Tony made a motion to approve, Michele second, motion carries.

Youth – The youth were 8th at Congress out of 63 teams. They received belt buckles from NYATT. There is some new member interest. 2 from Michigan, 2 with Mark & Judy Zeitler and 1 with Valerie Kearns. Hardship forms are due by May 1, 2018.

Youth will have a meeting at 2:30 before the banquet.

New Business – Liberty Classic submitted an approval form to move their show to Cannon Falls. Motion was made by Nikki to grant WQHA approval to the Liberty Classic Show, second by Ron, motion carries.

Applications for paid positions are due by October 30th for the following year.

This includes Treasurer, Membership, Point, Directory & Newsletter

2018 BOD Meeting dates –

January 28th 9:00 am – LaSure's Banquet Hall

March 14th 6:30 pm – Holiday Inn & Convention Center, Fond du Lac

May 8th 6:30 pm – Holiday Inn & Convention Center, Fond du Lac

July 24th 6:30 pm – Holiday Inn & Convention Center, Fond du Lac

September 25th 6:30 pm – Holiday Inn & Convention Center, Fond du Lac

November 3rd 2:00 pm – Holiday Inn & Convention Center, Fond du Lac

Motion to adjourn was made by Jessica and second by Sara. Meeting adjourned at 3:53 pm.

Next Meeting – Sunday, January 28, 2018 at 9:00 am at LaSure's Banquet Hall, Oshkosh