

WQHA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
September 26, 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 6:35 pm. Roll call was taken with 14 voting members in attendance: Stephanie Lynn, Nikki Schultz, Lisa Busby, Ron Miller, Larry Spratto, Michele Andrade, Rhonda Spratto, Cindy Tousey, Jim Ramthun, Brenda Lindvall, Brett Cumberledge, Linda Berg, Larry Lemke, Kathy Doyle, Additional Attendees: Tim Schmahl, Pat Miller, Jessica Bradley, Anne Lemke, Lisa Zurn

Secretaries Report – Lisa Busby reported the minutes were previously emailed. Ron Miller made a motion to approve the report with the following changes: add “at the 2018 Youth World” to the National Directors Report, add “Board approved the banquet for January 27, 2018” to the Banquet report, remove “except Reining” from the Youth Report, seconded by Michele Andrade, motion carried.

Financial Report – Ron Miller reviewed the financials he distributed noting that there is still \$2,185.00 outstanding for directory/newsletter ads, which is less than 10% of the total ads from the 2 publications. Nikki made a motion to send a letter to those that owe with a “due upon receipt or will be turned in for collections” on the invoice. If not received within 2 weeks paperwork will be processed with AQHA for suspension. Brenda second the motion, motion carried.

Michele made a motion to approve the financial report, seconded by Larry Lemke, motion carried.

National Director’s Report – Any rule change suggestions have to be submitted to AQHA by December 1, 2017.

Committee Reports:

Awards – Linda Berg reported that letters will be ready to go out in October. There are less people qualified for Champion and Reserve than last year which include halter and working hunter classes.

Banquet – Banquet is all set, contract has been signed, need a check for the deposit. Reminder to book hotel early as prices go up December 27, 2017. Recommended sending post cards to members with reminder.

Hall of Fame – Hope to have a meeting end of November or early December to discuss nominations. Still taking nominations for this year.

Horse Fair – April 20 – 22, 2018. Looking for help to man the booth. Maybe divide the days so no one has to work the booth for a whole day. Camping reservations open October 9th. Jessica and Mike are thinking about coordinating the booth. Nikki made a motion that 1 camping spot be reserved, seconded by Cindy, motion carried.

Camping spot can be cancelled if not needed.

Membership – 310 types, 551 individual memberships which includes youth. Nikki asked Tim to figure out how much money should be forwarded to the youth account (\$5.00 per family)

Newsletter & Directory – Recommended to make a statement on the design invoices to clarify they there will be 2 invoices. One for design and one for the ad. Any help

anyone is willing to give to Becky with stories and ads would be beneficial, she could also use help with follow up calls and emails. Michele Andrade volunteered to help.

Open Show Program – Three weeks left before the deadline. Lisa is working on letters and awards. Participation is about the same as last year. Adding more people each year with more people participating in open and breed shows than last year. Recommended giving out certificates from the shows. Need to confirm that all shows are still willing to donate. There will be 7 divisions with grand and reserve.

Queen – No update

Recreational Riding – No update

Scholarship – So far there has been 1 application turned in. The scholarship committee would like to do a fundraiser at the banquet.

Show Coordination – Recommended that shows consider an all-day fee for just showing in Rookie classes. There was about 500 less entries than last year overall from all the Wisconsin shows. Show coordination meeting set for November 4th 9:30 am Holiday Inn, Fond du Lac. Nikki will put together a 2018 calendar to share at the meeting. Invite professional horseman to the meeting to get their input on 2018 shows.

Introductory Show – May 5, 2018, judge Gayle Lampinen, steward Mark Albright. They would like to add halter to their show bill.

State Show – Schedule was good with no nights going late. There was an improvement in the footing around the rail. Hunter numbers were small but classes were filled for points with each class having 3 or 5 entries. Nikki and Ron have been working on the financials and are within \$300 of each other. Thinking it's because of the Alliant invoice that needs to be reviewed. Suggestions: Profitability depends on sponsorships. Need help getting prizes. Most companies request 9 months for request for prizes. Labor is a problem. Need more volunteers or need to pay people. Looking for a coordinator for State Show as Nikki may not be as available. Where is there room in the budget for show staff? Should there be different levels of sponsorships?

Slot Classes – Class numbers were up except for Pleasure. Score sheets need to be available after the slot classes as there were many people looking for them. Need to specify who the judges are going to be for each class. The income was \$1,009.37 and the slot class committee would like to keep that income as hold over for next year. Nikki made a motion to keep the income as hold over, seconded by Brett, motion carried. Michele requested that slot class horses be drug tested.

Website – No Update

WI Horse Council – Results from the Survey are in. Wisconsin paid \$17,000 for state specific information. Ron handed out a flyer to take to district meetings for Liability insurance through the Council. For \$1 million in coverage it is \$20 per year plus a \$20 membership for individuals and \$40 per year plus a \$30 membership for families. This is for horse owners and professionals own horses, not for lessons.

Youth – 6 on the NYATT team. Looking for more youth members

New Business – Last year WQHA had a page in the MN spring newsletter listing all Wisconsin shows. Should we put an ad in their directory or spring newsletter for 2018? If so, it was recommended that each show contribute \$20 toward the ad and WQHA will pay the difference. This was tabled until the November meeting.

Storage Unit – Ron looked into storage units near the Alliant Energy Center in Madison to store WQHA property since items are currently housed at several different locations. He was able to find 5x5 units at 3 different locations with rental being \$50, \$53 or \$59 monthly. Each unit would be available on a month to month rental. Michele made a motion to proceed with getting a storage unit, seconded by Brenda, motion carried.

Motion to adjourn was made by Ron and second by Nikki. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Next Meeting – Saturday, November 4, 2017 at 2:00 pm, Holiday Inn & Convention Center, Fond du lac