

Wisconsin Quarter Horse Association
Board of Directors Meeting 1/27/13
Radisson – Green Bay, WI

Kathy Doyle welcomed everyone to the meeting and expressed a sincere 'Thank You' to Lance Treptow for the great job he did at the Leveling meeting. We have received very positive comments from members regarding the meeting. Kathy then informed the group that "The executive Committee met yesterday to discuss concerns that have arisen this past week in regards to Diane Baier. AQHA legal council was contacted and they have advised us at this time to take no action. Diane Baier has chosen to take a leave of absence from the board until this matter is resolved."

Roll Call - Kathy Schroeder took roll call and the following were in attendance: Kathy Doyle, Kathy Schroeder, Beth Treptow, LaRue Wills, Ron Miller, Joe Spak, Cindy Tousey, Mark Albright, Larry Lemke, Nikki Schultz, Robert Schmitz, Bob Wills, Keri Smith, Kathy Sheahan, Greta Zeller, John Schmahl and Lance Treptow.

Secretaries Report – Kathy Doyle indicated that the notes taken at the December 10, 2012 meeting that were sent out to all board members needed some corrections. The Silver Dollar show was not the reason that the meeting was held. The main reason for the December meeting was to validate the WQHA election. The Silver Dollar Show and the By Law language were secondary topics discussed. The by law language that was voted on at the annual meeting has gone into affect and was printed in the WQHA January 2013 Directory, however the by law that was changed needs to be addressed at this years annual meeting for future clarification regarding the annual meeting timeframe as it related to the awards banquet. Larry Lemke made a motion to approve the minutes with these corrections. Motion seconded by Greta Zeller. Motion approved.

Directory/Newsletter – Kathy Schroeder received concerns about the latest Directory from Beth Treptow, Larry Lemke and Nikki Schultz which included; duplicate pages printed in some books, others had pages missing and some members did not receive the publication at all. Kathy will address the printing concerns with Seaway Printing. She advised the group on the bulk mailing process through the Post Office. If problems occur like this in the future please bring them to Kathy's attention so they can be handled in a timely manner.

Directory costs were discussed and were within budget. Deadline for the April Newsletter is 3/1/13. Kathy thanked Kathy Sheahan and John Schmahl for purchasing the covers for the Spring publication. Show and Contest Rules will be looked at for possible updating prior to the Spring Newsletter to incorporate leveling language if needed.

The WQHA web site was discussed and Kathy is working on putting class patterns out on the site for shows in 2013. The patterns should be sent to Kathy in .jpg or .pdf formats.

Financial Report – LaRue Wills handed out the financial report and went through each page. Bob Wills made a motion to accept the report as is and John Schmahl seconded the motion. Motion approved.

State Show – Nikki Schultz informed everyone that the State Show would take place on Friday through Monday of Labor Day weekend since the Silver Dollar show has moved to the weekend before. Nikki is concerned about the perception by exhibitors that think both shows are run by WQHA, which is not the case. Nikki will try to address issues exhibitors have at the Silver Dollar show to provide people with the best show experience. The food stand vendor was discussed and the State Show Committee recommends Kelters.

Show Coordination – Kathy Doyle reported that Bobbi Jo Statton has contacted AQHA and is looking to move the Marshfield show to June. (Fathers Day weekend)

Gayle Lampenin informed everyone that the Escanaba Shows would be run over the 4th of July. The shows will be on Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Tuesday and Wednesday will be 'off' days and then run on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Dave Moran will not be running his shows as he lost money last year but is assisting with this year's shows. Gayle advised that they are looking at doing a Trail Clinic on Tuesday. Gayle has requested WQHA approval for the shows. John Schmahl made a motion that the shows being discussed receive WQHA approval. Motion seconded by Larry Lemke. Motion passed.

Kathy Doyle led discussion relating to future facility options in the state, as there is concern right now with the short show season we have in Wisconsin being from June through August. Kathy encouraged show managers to look at the calendar closely for 2014 so we are not overwhelmed with shows in June and August as we will be this year. In July our members have no shows in the state to choose from. The Regional show will be in MN, the WQHA approved show will be in Michigan and the youth have their World Show. We will need to work on spreading out the shows to make it easier for our members to attend in Wisconsin rather than traveling to neighboring states.

Kathy Schroeder will be contacting someone from NEWPHA to discuss the possibility of the WQHA putting on an open show as part of thier circuit.

Membership – Tim Schmahl discussed current membership numbers. Larry Lemke recommended that people signing up for membership be sent a WQHA Directory or Newsletter to welcome them to our organization. Larry will take care of this by working closely with Tim Schmahl to make sure this happens. Kathy Schroeder will provide Larry with publications that he can send out to new members. Mark Albright commented that we need to do a better job at some of the shows early in the season to capture members so they understand our year-end awards. Joe Spak recommended that we have a pamphlet available at the shows that would explain the benefits of becoming a WQHA member. Joe will work to put a brochure together that can be handed out at the shows.

WQHVA – Nikki Schultz reported that the youth group held a meeting on Saturday and she is very excited to be working with them this year. She said the kids were very enthusiastic and are working to come up with ways to get new youth involved in WQHVA. She said WQHVA will have several hardships this year coming from neighboring states of Michigan and Illinois. Livvie Van Lannen may be attending the AQHA YES (Youth Excellence Seminar) as a representative from Wisconsin.

Hall of Fame – Joe Spak reported that there are 3 open positions on the HOF committee.

Regional Three Championship Show – Ron Miller reported that the show will take place July 17-21 in St Paul. Ron has been in contact with Charlie at AQHA who has informed him that the AQHA Classes and Regional Classes can run concurrently except in Small Fry, Lead Line and Walk/Trot however this still needs clarification as Patti told him they could not run concurrently. The show is in dire need of sponsorships. If a person sponsors a class their name will go in a 'barrel' and a name chosen will win a free stall. For every \$25 class sponsorship a person will get one ticket with their name on it in the 'barrel'. Deadline for class entries is 6/15/13. 6 judges have been hired. Peg Edmonson will be working the office, Mad Dog doing stalls, John Schmahl, Bill Ford, Kathy Schroeder and Mark Albright will be ring stewarding. 2 more ring stewards are needed. The Columbus, OH Regional show will not be taking place in 2013 due to facility availability so we may have more people hardship in to our region. Ron Miller made a motion that WQHA donate \$500 to the Regional Show. Motion was seconded by Keri Smith. Motion passed.

Mid West Horse Fair – John Schmahl reported that AQHA will not be sending a representative to the event this year but will supply us with promotional material to hand out at our WQHA booth. The theme for this year's event is 'Horses and Heros'. LaRue has paid the fees for WQHA to attend the event.

Horse Council – Ron Miller reported that the WI Horse Council has a program called 'Hay Bag' and provides support to horse owners that are struggling with the current hay shortage. The support goes to non-professional owners with 4 or less horses.

Other Business

LaRue Wills questioned camping between the Silver Dollar and State Shows as this was a concern last year. Nikki Schultz will work with Silver Dollar Show management to come up with a resolution.

John Schmahl thanked those that helped to put on the banquet and awards presentation especially Sharleen Schmahl and Tim Schmahl. Everyone worked really hard for the event.

Keri Smith asked about 2013 back number reservations and at this time Kathy Doyle will take care of reserving the numbers for our exhibitors. Members can send their paperwork to Kathy Doyle. Kathy Schroeder will put the Back Number information in the April Newsletter. She will also list the committee chairs in the newsletter.

Larry Lemke made a motion that we have our WQHA Board of Directors meetings at a central location (other than the meeting held in conjunction with the Year End Awards Banquet). Kathy Sheahan seconded the motion. Kathy Doyle will look into this matter and it will be addressed at our March Meeting.

2013 Board of Directors meeting dates are: March 19, May 14, July 9, September 10 and November 2. The Annual Membership meeting will also be on November 2.

The AQHA Novice Championship Show was discussed and John Schmahl made a motion that we leave the state qualifications the same in 2013 as last year. Seconded by Nikki Schultz. Motion passed.

Larry Lemke congratulated John Schmahl on his elevation to AQHA National Director Emeritus. Both John and Larry will sit on the Amateur Committee for AQHA.

Kathy Doyle suggested that if you have topics for a board meeting that you email in advance so the item could be put on the agenda. She would like the Committee Chairs to report at the meetings going forward. If you have specific paperwork that can be emailed to everyone prior to the meeting that would be great so board members can come prepared to discuss.

Kathy Doyle thanked everyone for attending the meeting and expressed her excitement as President. She feels we, as a team, can make a difference with our membership and provide a great experience for them with WQHA.

Ron Miller made a motion for adjournment. Seconded by Bob Wills. Motion passed.