

Board of Directors Meeting

November 1, 2014

Faro's Restaurant - Fond du Lac, WI.

Meeting called to order by President Kathy Doyle. Kathy mentioned that EVERY Director who comes into this meeting needs to remember that they are here for the BETTERMENT of the WQHA. Also congratulations to all WQHA members for their accomplishments at Congress.

Roll call was taken and the following people were present: Kathy Doyle, Diane Baier, Ron Miller, LaRue Wills, Stephanie Lynn, Mark Albright, Lisa Busby, Robert Schmitz, Nikki Schultz, Keri Smith, Pat Miller for Tina Bothum, Kathy Sheahan, Greta Zeller, Larry Lemke and John Schmahl. We had 13 voting members present for a quorum.

Secretaries Report-Correction was made to reflect that at the October meeting the board voted on approving the Winona shows for March and April. Approved. Motion was made by Nikki and seconded by LaRue to approve secretaries report as emailed/mailed. Approved.

Financial Report-Ron went through the financial report line by line and explained and answered any questions by members. At this time we have a balance \$60,064.54 and our starting balance as of Jan. 1 will be 435,955.47. We still have one outstanding advertising bill from Jared Korn that is unpaid and will be sent a final certified letter and if still unpaid, the board approved that final steps will be taken to collect or suspend. At this time we are still trying to find ways to trip our spending and to do some more fundraising. The apparel sale went very well on just 2 weekends there was \$3100 sold. We are also looking into selling online to help raise funds for our general fund.

Newsletter Report-The board had asked for options for future newsletters and directories and Kathy Schroeder was not able to attend today but did send report to Kathy D.

OPTION 1-Directory same as last year. Qnty-500

OPTION 2-Directory 64 pages-All-around horses, 200-300 point champions, will not have full pages. Hi-Point pages cut from 26 to 10. Open show will no longer have pages devoted to their program. No business card ads, all pages B/W, accept covers and inside covers. Qnty-500

OPTION 3-Spring Newsletter the same as 2014

OPTION 4-Combined Directory/Newsletter to one issue. Same layout as OPTION 2. Will include show bills. Stephanie made a motion and seconded by Kathy Sheahan that 1 & 3 will be modified. Cut the number of copies printed from 1000 to 600 for newsletter, condense information, pictures on pages, take out the by-laws and show and contest information and put on website. For complete by-laws and show and contest rules the members can now view or print from website. Approved.

There was a discussion on advertising rates and we should try to get the package information out to all members. It was also decided that Kathy Schroeder needs to change the date on the Directory to

current year the information is from, not the date that it is printed/delivered. This will make it easier for members to know that maybe their membership is up, because this is the last item they get for the year for their membership. There was also discussion on whether the open show program should be charged for their information that is put into Directory. Kathy will condense their information and Keri will get ahold of Barb Shudy for 2015 and see if they will be able to pay for anything that is put in for the future. It was mentioned that all other committees pay for their own pages and the open show should as well. A motion was made by Greta that all information for members be removed from website, because now that we no longer have any protection of our information, no one wants it out there for anyone and everyone to have access. Seconded by Mark. Approved.

Show Coordination-There was a long discussion on what to do if exhibitors are showing and end up not eligible. Stephanie mentioned that we need to go by AQHA records and make a decision for ineligibility. Stephanie made a motion for Tim to contact AQHA and verify classes that he is aware of for placing's and any discrepancies are void after a date of October 15th. Seconded by Kathy Sheahan. Approved. The issue that arose for 2014 show season on whether a leased horse is owned by leaser or the owner on record was decided that the "leasee needs to bring to the WQHA proof from the AQHA that they are the leaser and will be recognized as owner of said horse while the lease is in effect." They must also be members of the WQHA for any points to count. For this specific case and any going forward WQHA Show and Contest rules should show that leases are the current owner of horses while lease is in effect. At this time our records for the 2014 show season points will stand at this date, November 1, 2014 at 12:15pm and anything after is null and void. Approved.

There was some discussion on the approval of the Winona shows for March and April of 2015. Ron had mentioned that the Escanaba shows will cover our exhibitors from the northern part of Wisconsin and Oshkosh covers the central part and Jefferson covers the southern and Winona will cover the western side of Wisconsin. At this time we have not had a definite yes or no from Theising. Kathy Doyle will contact him and get an answer ASAP.

The youth are concerned, along with their parents about so many shows being held during the school year. The youth are going to decide what shows they will be using for qualifying shows for 2015. At this time Marshfield is the only show for NYATT qualifying points. The show schedule is very clumped for May and June and people are not pleased that the WQHA is letting shows do that. The WQHA has only control over their own show, the State Show, and all other shows are separate entities from the WQHA. There was some discussion on the Memorial Day 2 day shows, which are held on Memorial Day weekend, not during on a school day, show a retro show, so to speak. This will be discussed by Kathy D and Douglas and Diane. So watch for upcoming show bill information. The youth introductory show is held in July, so mark your calendar. It was discussed that exhibitors will be picking and choosing which shows they will be attending this show season because of the clumping of shows. The show and contest meeting will be held on January 24th at 9:00AM at the Radisson in Green Bay.

State Show-Wis. Equine Clinic will be a sponsor again for 2015. Hopefully they will be attending all shows this season in Madison at the New Holland Pavillion as a vendor. Stephanie made a motion to approve

the hiring expense of the judges for state show, because it is over \$500, the board needs to approve the expenditure. Seconded by K. Sheahan. Approved.

Youth-The WQHA Youth Congress Team placed 6th out of 65 teams at the 2014 Congress. They received a bronze traveling trophy and each member received a Justin pair of boots, and a medal. The youth will be discussing any by law changes at their January meeting. For fundraising this year the youth will be auctioning off a breeding to an English stud horse and a western stud horse. The auction will begin online and will finish at the state show with live bidding.

Membership-We currently have 351 membership types with a total of 608 members to date. Stephanie suggested that all Lifetime members could donate a free membership to an open show person, who cannot afford to join. A box will be setup at Horse Fair and anyone who is interested can put their name into the drawing. Quite a few of the members on the board said they would donate a paid membership even if they are not life members themselves. Larry will make the box and flyer for the Horse Fair. Pat also asked if some of the shows could think about donating a free stall for a Rookie who attends their show. Could maybe be drawn sometime during the show and then given to the exhibitor. Keri will contact Barb Shudy and see if she has anyone in the open show program who she would know of that would appreciate a membership. It would be nice if the directors could spread the word that is any ownership changes are done on horses or name changes for exhibitors or addresses, that they contact Tim Schmahl so the system can be updated. It was asked how many of our membership are showing and how many are just members. Would like to know if it could be on the membership card with a sticker if they are Green-they show, Gold-non showing member.

Hall of Fame-Brenda Lindvall, Mark Albright and maybe H. Anne Lemke will be on the committee and at this time 1 horse and 1 person have been nominated. Robert will be heading the committee and hosting the meeting.

Horse Fair-This year the date is April 17,18,19 for 2015's horse fair. We no longer have the suite for WQHA and that will save us \$1300 in expenses.

Banquet=January 24th, 2015 is the dinner at 6:30pm. If you would like to reserve a room, please do it by January 9th to be guaranteed the \$89 price. Board meeting will be January 25th at 9:00am.

Scholarship-No one applied for this year. Please remember to bring an auction item for the banquet evening and help support the fund that keeps growing every year. Remember that anyone who is going to school can qualify for some funding thru WQHA. Whether you are a young person or old!

Horse Council-They will be offering to members there newsletter in e-letter form. The membership cost will stay the same if you choose e-letter and \$10 more if you choose paper newsletter.

Members Benefit Program-Stephanie has contacted some vendors who are interested to support the WQHA membership. It was discussed and decided that the vendor information will be put on Facebook and also on the membership form. Vendor space will also be available at shows for any vendor interested in setting up. Larry made a motion and seconded by K. Sheahan that there should be a link

on our website so members can go directly to a vendor website if they wanted to. Approved It was also mentioned if the Novice Championship forms were submitted to AQHA and Kathy D. said that 3 copies had been sent by 3 different people for the invites to be sent out. The AQHA did not follow up and some people were not invited. Nikki asked if anyone has heard any information from AQHA about a grant being available for 2015. No one has seen or heard anything.

OLD BUSINESS

There was discussion on the results of district meetings. District 1-does not like the clumping of shows. Number of shows should not be raised for qualifying. Select should have their own separate award. District 2-Select get no extra award, just all around amateur only. Raise back number fee for fundraising. Did not decide on qualifying amount of shows until after a decision is made about Winona. Remove the Reserve award from every class. Only give out High Point each class. Take in \$1 for awards and only spend \$.75 towards awards. Balance given to general fund. Rookies and Small Fry will receive a suitable award. Would also like to see a competition award for all the younger ones who showed, but did not receive any other suitable award. District 3/4-pending Winona will see how award is paid out. Change 15 points to qualify to 20 or 15 shows instead of 10. All-arounds should be: 13 & under, 14-18, Select, Amateur and Hi-Point Open Horse. Back number money should be used for office expenses. People would like to see us put a write-up into Horsemens News for free updates on our organization. Minutes to be put in magazine also. Each show should be given a Horse Show Kit when there show approval is paid to WQHA. District 5/6-the WQHA should cover Rookie and Small fry award. Raise the \$1 if needed. Not sure we should approve the Winona shows. We just keep adding more shows! Separate select and amateur award.

Much discussion followed and K. Sheahan made a motion that the All-Arounds to be given this year are: 13& Under, 14-18 youth, Select Amateur, Amateur and Hi-Point Open Horse. Seconded by Nikki. 12 yes, 1 no. There was also a discussion on whether to add halter/working hunter to select points for all around. Mark made a motion that the select all-around points from any class that is not offered is split. If they are they go into appropriate division. Seconded by K. Sheahan. If they are combined it goes into respective class for all around points only. Approved.

Larry made a motion that any major vote that is brought must be on agenda BEFORE the meeting as long as it is not in a time crunch, so all can discuss with membership. K. Sheahan seconded. Approved.

National Director-John and Larry are now on the Show and Contest committee at AQHA. Lance was not present, but thinks he is on the Credentials Committee.

Kathy D. has gotten written applications from the following for paid positions: Membership/Points-Tim Schmahl, Back Numbers-Diane Baier, Newsletter/Directory-Kathy Schroeder, Treasurer-Ron Miller. John made a motion to approve these applicants, Larry seconded. Approved.

Nominations of District Directors from District meetings.

District 1(2)-Stephanie Lynn

District 2(3)-Cindy Tousey, Michelle Andrade, Rhonda Spratto

District 3(2)-Robert Schmitz, Jim Ramthun, Nikki Schultz District 4(1)-Bob Wills

District 5(2)-Keri Smith, Brenda Lindvall District 6(2)-Linda Berg, Sara Hauer, Kathy Sheahan

VP-North-Larry Spratto

VP-Central-LaRue Wills

VP-South-Ron Miller

The VP's nominated:

President-Kathy Doyle Vice President-Kathy Schroeder Secretary-Diane Baier

Motion was made by Keri to accept all nominations. Seconded by Ron. Approved.

Motion was made to adjourn at 2:55pm. Approved

Respectfully submitted.

Diane Baier

WQHA Secretary