

WQHA Board of Director's Meeting
July 23, 2015
Faro's Restaurant, Fond du Lac

The meeting was called to order by President Kathy Doyle at 6:41 pm. Roll Call was taken and with 12 Board members in attendance: Kathy Doyle, Kathy Schroeder, Nikki Schultz, Ron Miller, Larry Spratto, LaRue Wills, Michele Andrade, Jim Ramthun – Proxy, Robert Schmitz – Proxy, Brenda Lindvall, Keri Smith, Linda Berg
Additional Attendees: Tim Schmahl, Katelyn Schultz

Secretaries Report – A motion was made by Ron Miller and seconded by Michele Andrade to accept the May 7, 2015 Minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report – Ron Miller handed out financials with the Balance Sheet Total of Checking/Savings \$56,024.13 as of July 10, 2015. He corrected the total listed in Accounts Receivable to be \$3579.00 noting that Nutrena has been billed for the matching funds for the WQHYA Feed Bag Fundraiser and noted that the cover of the Spring Newsletter and one advertised still needed to be collected from. Ron also noted a concern in addressing the 2015 Year End Awards program with the cancellation of Marshfield and smaller shows in 2015. LaRue Wills made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded by Michele Andrade. Motion Carried.

Show Coordination – *Kathy Doyle stated the Marshfield shows are still on hold at AQHA and suggested that the WQHA affiliate send a letter to AQHA stating that we don't want to lose any WQHA approved shows for 2016.* Pat Miller suggested that AQHA give Bobbie Jo Stanton a deadline so that WQHA can move forward. District II has expressed interest in retaining the shows as they were the original managers/owners stated Nikki Schultz. A date of October 1st was suggested as a deadline when contacting AQHA.

Kathy Doyle expressed that she has heard from members their concern in not having horse shows in July. Additionally, she noted that it is unfair to Select Exhibitors and youth in school to have the State Show over Labor Day and suggest moving the State Show to earlier in the season or July. Discussion was held on this topic. Nikki Schultz noted that the Committee reviews the calendar each year but there hasn't been a better date open. Larry Spratto noted that moving a successful show due to one or two members isn't feasible.

It was suggested in an email from Danyelle Gabbert that the WQHA conduct a survey. Discussion was held as the Board was divided on whether or not to just survey the State Shows or all shows. After additional discussion, it was suggested to add questions to address all shows and facilities. Nikki Schultz suggested that the survey should note that the WQHA does not own or manage any other shows besides the State Shows and to also note that facility calendars are nearly booked but will be reviewed by Show Coordination. Linda Berg asked that a question be added, "Should WQHA approved shows held during Youth, Select, Amateur or Open World Shows?" A motion was made by Brenda Lindvall to conduct the survey after the State Show and additional discussion was held with no second. She then amended her motion to conduct the survey during & after the State Show making a link available to members not at the show. This motion was seconded by Tim Schmahl. Michele Andrade suggested the Board should put the survey together with show managers input and she offered to assist. Ron & Tim concurred and noted it should not get too lengthy. *Kathy Doyle asked Tim Schmahl to review and update the prior year's State Show Survey that Nikki Schultz can provide. Kathy Schroeder volunteered to put together a Give-Away for a drawing for those returning their survey's at State Show.*

Nikki Schultz noted that Board Members had been contacted to revisit the year end award requirement of 15 judges with the suggestion of reducing to 12 due to the cancellation of Marshfield. Discussion was held with Kathy Doyle noting that 47 judges were still available to show to for 2015 and that we shouldn't change rules midway. ***This topic should be reviewed at District Meetings for 2016.***

Committee Reports:

Banquet – No Report

Hall of Fame – No Report

Horse Fair – No Report

Membership – Tim submitted a report of 320 types, 89 youth, 571 total people

Newsletter & Directory – Kathy Schroeder noted that a new editor is still needed

Open Show Program – Kathy Schroeder reported that points are up on the WQHA website. Pat Miller asked that Kathy notify Barb that District 5 & 6 voted last year to end funding for this program.

Scholarship – No Report

State Show – Nikki sent a sign up sheet around for volunteers. Details are being finalized and Alliant has given updates that Jim Kiser has been consulted to address footing. Alliant has also upgraded the water wagon. Robert is working on final details for Slot classes and has all sponsored.

Horse Council – Ron reported that long time WHC member Gary Steers was diagnosed with a terminal illness. The WQHA Board extends their sympathy.

Youth – Nikki reported that the Youth World Team details are finalized and the AQHA Introductory Show went well with attendance up a few exhibitors from 2014. Thank you to Sara Hauer and Partners for Progress for partnering on these shows.

National Directors – Kathy reported that she National Directors were awaiting information from AQHA on a number of topics that were not finalized.

Old Business – *Back to Basics Event – Kathy Doyle to look into dates for 2016. Nikki supplied 2016 facility calendars.*

New Business – LaRue Wills noted a facebook message or note sent to Bob would be appreciated as his father had recently passed away.

District Meetings should be held after Sept. 22 but prior to Annual Meeting so feedback and any By Law changes can be listed on the Board Meeting and Annual Meeting agendas. Tim will email labels by District to be used for invites. District Meeting Agendas:

- ***Nominate Officers and District Directors for 2016***
- ***Discuss Year End Awards and how to address less income for awards***
- ***Discuss Minimum number of judges for 2016***

Motion to Adjourn by Ron Miller, seconded by Michele Andrade, motion carried at 8:27 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nikki Schultz

(Action items are noted in bold italics)