

Conference Call with AQHA Minutes
September 23, 2015

A Conference Call was conducted on September 23rd with AQHA to verify information regarding the Marshfield Shows. Included on the call were Patti Carter, Lisa Pond and Melynda Ackley from AQHA, and Kathy Doyle, Lance Treptow, Larry Spratto and Nikki Schultz from the WQHA.

Per our WQHA BOD Minutes from September 22nd, there was discussion on the Marshfield show dates and show application that resulted in a motion that was voted on and passed by the Board. Some points that were clarified included:

- “If the WQHA Affiliate does not maintain ownership of the shows and lets another interested group run the shows in 2016, they would be lost to WQHA in the future or could be moved out of state to a new manager.” Per the conference call this is not correct, if at any time the party that was managing the Marshfield shows were to stop operating the shows they would come back to the WQHA Affiliate.
- “If the WQHA did not send in the application to AQHA that it would not be approved” – Per the conference call this was clarified that any group interested in applying that meets the show management criteria can apply for approval. However, at this time the WQHA Affiliate gets to approve who applies as the shows have come back to the WQHA Affiliate.
- “We could not wait until the October meeting to get answers from the Marshfield group nor AQHA as an answer needed to be sent in after last night’s meeting to AQHA.” Per the conference call this was clarified that the only requirement AQHA has for a show with priority dating is that the application must be received 120 days prior to the start of the show. It was noted that time is of the essence only to ensure another request for those dates were not made to AQHA by another show within the mileage rule.
- It was requested that the above information be shared with the WQHA Board members to review, and that a special meeting be held to discuss and re-vote on whether or not WQHA should maintain management of shows, or if it would revert to the Marshfield group that has contacted both AQHA and WQHA ie Mel Sann & Kay DeBoer.

Further discussion was held on the AQHA Rules and Approval process for Shows running back to back in Wisconsin in 2016:

- Lisa Pond verified that shows held in 2015 will have their priority dates 2 days earlier in 2016. Thus, BQHA has dates of August 18-21, 2016
- The Silver Dollar shows have applied for dates in Oshkosh of August 25-28th (moving from 6 shows in Madison held in May, 2015) but have only received the forecasted approval by Lisa Pond. She will not complete those show approvals until after October 6th.

- If the WQHA Board and State Show Committee votes to move the State Shows back to Oshkosh, there would be 10 judges total in that “circuit” and even with 48 hours between shows then approval would not be given to the Silver Dollar shows as the WQHA Affiliate Shows hold Labor Day priority dating. It was noted that the WQHA Board has requested the State Show maintain a deposit on dates for Oshkosh in 2016. If the WQHA Board and State Show Committee maintain their dates in Madison, then the total of 10 judges held back to back weekends of 4 and 6 would be approved by AQHA.
- The Show Approval Task Force will be introducing changes during the next AQHA Convention that would then be implemented in 2017 that clarifies these rulings, number of judges in the ring at one time, the number of days off required between shows pending number of judges, etc. At this time they will maintain the current rules of approval.

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