

WQHA Board of Director's Meeting Minutes

November 1, 2016

Holiday Inn & Convention Center, Fond du Lac

The meeting was called to order by President Kathy Doyle at 6:29 pm. Roll Call was taken with 17 voting members in attendance: Kathy Doyle, Stephanie Lynn, Nikki Schultz, Ron Miller, Larry Spratto, LaRue Wills, Kay DeBoer, Dawn Beihoffer (proxy), Michele Andrade, Rhonda Spratto, Cindy Tousey, Tim Schamhl (proxy), Robert Schmitz, Pat Miller (proxy), Linda Berg, Mike Berg (proxy), & Larry Lemke. Additional attendees: Jessica Bradley, Tricia Schmahl, Carol Klamrowski, Tony Tousey, Tom & Janice McGauley, Doug & Diane Baier.

Secretaries Report – Nikki Schultz noted that bold/italicized entries in the minutes are action items. Ron Miller made a motion to accept, seconded by Michele Andrade, motion carried.

Treasurers Report – Ron Miller reviewed the emailed financials for the end of October, 2016. Ron noted: On the P & L sheet the expenses for State Show should include \$18,249 from the Service Fees Line. These are the 1099 wages for judges and workers. He also noted on the latest Show Coordination Report to keep in mind we do need use some of that money for equipment maintenance and replacements. The General Account has a balance of \$16,597.32. Larry Lemke made a motion to approve the financial reports, seconded by LaRue Wills, motion carried.

District Nominations – WQHA 2017 Nominations:

Per WQHA Bylaws, Ballots will only be mailed to District 5 WQHA members as this was the only contested race. Ballots must be returned by November 29th the rest of the positions were accepted as uncontested.

President – Stephanie Lynn

Vice President – Nikki Schultz

Secretary – Lisa Busby

Treasurer – Ron Miller

Regional VP North – Larry Spratto

Regional VP Central – LaRue Wills

Regional VP South – Ron Miller

AQHA National Director Nominee – Stephanie Lynn

District 1 Directors – 2 positions:

District Director – Dawn Beihoffer

District Director – Kay DeBoer

District 2 Directors – 3 positions:

District Director – Michele Andrade

District Director – Rhonda Spratto

District Director – Cindy Tousey

District 3 Directors – 2 positions:

District Director - Jim Ramthun

District Director – Robert Schmitz

District 4 Director – 1 position:

District Director – Danielle Gabbert

District 5 Directors – 2 positions: - BALLOTS MAILED

District Director - Brett Cumberledge

District Director - Brenda Lindvall

District Director - Keri Smith

District 6 Directors – 2 positions:

District Director – Linda Berg

District Director – Sara Hauer

Paid Positions & Job Descriptions –

Back Number position was discussed. Nikki read a letter of interest from Lisa Busby for this position. Linda Berg felt \$1000 was high for time involved, Rhonda Spratto suggested eliminating the position then suggesting the position be combined with Tim's paid position since he is already prepping computers for show season. 7:25 pm Michele Andrade made a motion to eliminate paid Back Number position for 2017, Linda Berg seconded, motion carried.

After further discussion a motion was made to rescind by Rhonda Spratto and seconded by Larry Lemke, motion carried. At 7:28 Rhonda Spratto made a motion to reduce Back Number Salary to \$250 for producing the Bar Codes and added to Tim Schmahl's points job description position, Michele Andrade seconded, motion carried with Nikki and Stephanie abstaining.

Current Paid Positions:

\$1200 – Treasurer (corrected meeting minutes at 1/29/17 BOD meeting)

\$1000 – Membership

\$1500 – Points (adding \$250 for Bar Code & Back Numbers)

\$1500 – Directory

\$1500 – Newsletter - reviewed request from Becky Ruehle to add this paid position since the Spring Newsletter is now as large as the Directory and both are making \$3000+ profits each. A motion was made by Nikki Schultz to approve the \$1500 Newsletter Salary, seconded by Ron Miller, motion carried.

Nikki Schultz suggested that the Secretary be compensated for ink, paper, copying, etc. and to consider a small salary for time producing the monthly emailed WQHA Newsletter and the BOD agreed. ***Nikki to submit receipts and budget for time involved with monthly emails.***

WQHA Bylaws – copies of the current Bylaws with proposed highlighted changes were reviewed and discussed. Kathy Doyle noted that the WQHA Officers and Bylaws were due to AQHA January 1st. Discussion on how Bylaws are changed during our Annual Meetings. Larry Lemke noted that at AQHA General Meeting they ensured that only voting members voted on changes. We will continue to bring changes from District Meeting to Annual Meeting. Nikki noted a General Membership meeting is scheduled for Saturday, January 28th at 12:30 and the next BOD meeting is Sunday, January 29th at 9:00 am. Larry Spratto made a motion to leave the current Bylaws as is, Cindy Tousey seconded, motion carried. A General Membership Meeting to be held at the Banquet.

Show Coordination – Linda Berg updated the BOD on awards and point standings. She explained that Hunters, EWD showed at all available shows but that only – 11 judges so would not be eligible for year end awards, just nominal prize. After further discussion Larry Spratto made a motion to add “suitable award” back to Show & Contest Rules, Cindy Tousey seconded, motion carried.

Linda Berg and Pat Miller suggested that Select points be pulled out of combined Amateur classes. Example, Amateur Ranch Riding should have points split to Am or Select Am. It was noted that we can't change for this year, 2016 but noted for 2017. ***Ron Miller made a motion to table for January meeting. Linda Berg will write up description and proposal for January meeting. Linda also noted that AQHA goes to 9th place horse and will submit a new points chart for WQHA use.*** Pat Miller noted we should advertise any national AQHA year end awards. **Meeting scheduled for 11/12 at 9:30.**

Open Show & AQHA Intro Show Update – Michele Andrade noted the date is confirmed for May 6th with Jessica Bradley as Show Manager. She asked for approval to submit the \$150 application fee. Nikki Schultz made a motion to approve the \$150 application fee being paid to AQHA ***with the requirement that Michele email the BOD completed details on the show financials following the show committee meeting next week,*** Robert Schmitz seconded, motion carried.

National Director Reports – Larry Lemke AQHA Rule change forms are available on AQHA.com for 2017 changes. He noted the AQHA Annual Convention will be held in San Antonio, March 17-20.

Committee Reports:

Awards – Ron & Kathy Doyle confirmed there was approximately \$20,000 available for awards this year. At the end of last year \$8167 was moved to General Fund, \$3000 is for Show Insurance. There is \$21,700 on the P/L with approximately \$800 earmarked for new ipads - \$20,900 balance. ***Tim Schmahl asked for final awards so he can add to letters and get sent out. Linda will email to him. A membership form and banquet rsvp will be included with the mailing.***

Banquet – Details are being finalized. ***She will submit the Banquet RSVP to Tim.***

Hall of Fame – Robert will host the HOF Committee meeting early December to review nominees.

Midwest Horse Fair – Ron Miller confirmed reserving two RV spaces. Further planning was tabled pending AQHA decision to attend or not.

Membership – Tim reported were trending towards average membership numbers. Would like to send out a packet with Show Info early February.

Newsletter & Directory – Becky Ruehle submitted Publications Job Description and proposal from Ripon Printers for 2017 with an estimated cost to Print/Bind/Pack a 72 page publication with 24 color pages, & Covers for \$3454 for 500 copies. ***Discussed setting up a wqha gmail account for newsletter to come from instead of individual.***

Open Show Program – Lisa Zurn presented the 2017 Open Show Program. Katie Kosobucki made a motion to clarify the WQHA Award to a Division, seconded by LaRue Wills, motion carried.

From previous meeting discussion for comp stall to Open Show 2016 winners to encourage crossover, Lazy Days, Memorial Day, Cap Gun and State Show will each sponsor a stall & a class.

Scholarship – LaRue reminded Directors to bring a donation for Silent Auction to Banquet.

State Show – Nikki asked for approval to hire 6 Judges and a Slot Class judge. Ron Miller made a motion to approve expense for hiring judges, Cindy Tousey second, motion carried.

Website – changed emailed reply to membership chair.

Wisconsin Horse Council – Ron Miller had emailed “AHC Submits Comments on Proposed Horse Protection Act Regulations” to BOD. The WHC thinks the proposal is too broad and is working to assist the USDA for a narrower interpretation. Ron noted the WQHA membership is due in January and they are still accepting Achievement Award nominees.

Youth – Nikki Schultz reported that the Youth had a successful NYATT placing 7th and receiving medallions during the All American Quarter Horse Congress.

Old Business: Nothing additional

New Business: *Committee Listing and Chairs will be reviewed at January Meeting.*

The Ballot Counting Meeting for District 5 Ballots will be December 6th at 6:30 pm at the Holiday Inn & Conference Center, Fond du lac.

The meeting transitioned to the WQHA Annual Meeting at 9:19 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nikki Schultz

WQHA Secretary