

**WQHA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
**August 22, 2017- 6:30 pm**  
**Holiday Inn, Fond du Lac, WI**

The WQHA Board of Directors Meeting was called to order by President Stephanie Lynn at 6:35 pm. Roll call was taken with 13 voting members in attendance: Stephanie Lynn, Nikki Schultz, Lisa Busby, Ron Miller, Jessica Bradley (proxy for Larry Spratto), LaRue Wills, Kay DeBoer, Jerry Laumer (proxy for Rhonda Spratto), Robert Schmitz, Danyelle Gabbert, Pat Miller (proxy for Brett Cumberledge), Linda Berg, Sara Hauer. Additional attendees: Tim Schmahl

**Secretaries Report** – Lisa Busby reported the minutes were previously emailed. Ron Miller made a motion to approve the report with no changes, seconded by Jerry Laumer, motion carried.

**Financial Report** – Ron Miller reviewed the financials he distributed noting that the net income is currently -\$7,823.37 and this is due to the award money being taken out and there is outstanding money he is expecting from UP, Liberty Classic, and Badger Horse Shows. LaRue made a motion to approve the report, seconded by Robert, motion carried.

**National Director's Report** – The 13 & under division will now have 7 classes instead of 5 as they added Ranch Riding and Hunter Under Saddle

**Committee Reports:**

**Awards** – Linda Berg is requesting information from Ron on the budget for awards. Points should be updated 1 to 2 weeks after State Show if we don't worry about and DQ letters.

**Banquet** – Waiting on board approval for the banquet to be held on January 27, 2018 in Oshkosh at the LaSure's banquet hall. Rental fee is \$595. Rental fee can be made up by the price of meals and sponsors. Meals are less than last year. They have 1 big room to be partitioned off for meetings. They will have multiple bartenders and the bar will be open as long as we want them to stay open. There is a block of 30 rooms being held at the Hawthorne Suites which is attached to the banquet hall. Rooms are \$99 until December 27<sup>th</sup> after the 27<sup>th</sup> rooms will be \$159.

**Hall of Fame** – No update. Will have a meeting mid-September and a committee meeting at the end of November or early December.

**Horse Fair** – April 20 – 22, 2018. 2 spots have been reserved and paid for. Need someone to take over the coordination of the event. Suggested that National Directions, Amateurs, Queen, Youth etc. each have volunteers to help with the booth.

**Membership** – 310 types, 551 individual memberships which includes youth. Asked Tim to send labels for district meetings.

**Newsletter & Directory** – There are outstanding invoices totaling \$2,400. Ron has sent invoices to those that owe 2 times. The date for the Directory has been moved to December 20<sup>th</sup> to have a bigger gap between the directory and spring newsletter and keep 2 publications.

**Open Show Program** – Currently has 44 entries which is 10% increase from last year. There is strong competition in each division with showmanship, western performance, halter and walk-trot having 7 or more participants per division. As of today, the exhibitors have earned 6 bronze, 3 silver and 2 gold merit awards. The

show vouchers were not awarded in 2016. Would like to implement that this year. Wanted to get through the bumps of the first year before adding something new. Hoping the shows will still offer the awards.

**Queen** – No update

**Recreational Riding** – No update

**Scholarship** – No update.

**Show Coordination** – Ron has requested that a steward training be offered again.

Need to get the notice out earlier so it gets out to more people so more people can be trained. April timeframe works well. Tim will figure out a date and bring the information to the next meeting.

**Introductory Show** – showed a loss of \$318.00

**State Show** – Haven't had much response from the board to volunteer to help at the show. Could use some extra hands working gates if anyone wants to volunteer. There will be an exhibitors party on Friday night, Coffee & Bagels each morning sponsored by WI Equine. Food stand will be open from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm each day.

**Slot Classes** – Still some openings for some of the slot classes. There will be a reception before the slot classes begin. There are still tables available.

**Website** – No Update

**WI Horse Council** – The National Horse Survey is available. Robert asked if the Council ever does grants for horse events that promote the industry in Wisconsin.

Yes, they do, but you have to have a specific reason for requesting the grants. There is \$25,000 to \$30,000 available annually for these programs. It is an unwritten policy that they don't support "horse shows" you need to emphasize "education". If you are interested in applying for a grant, you need to get your application in early. The deadline is 10/1.

**Youth** – Youth team has 22 youth attend this year. 9 new exhibitors due to the Level 2 Ranch & Boxing. Ride the pattern was a great experience for new people. The show was up 1300 entries from last year.

Congress teams can have 4 to 5 members. If on a team for college cannot ride NYATT everything except Reining.

**Agenda for District Meetings**

WQHA non-pro walk trot classes vs. AQHA walk trot classes

Rookie Halter

Longline Classes

2 & 3 Year old Classes

Leveling

Please send your district meeting dates/locations to Lisa and she will put them on the website and in the newsletter.

Show Manager/Professional Horseman Meeting will be held November 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am

General Meeting/BOD Meeting will be held on November 4<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm

**Motion to adjourn was made by Sara and second by Ron. Meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm.**

**Next Meeting – Tuesday, September 26, 2017 at 6:30 pm, Holiday Inn & Convention Center, Fond du lac**