

Wisconsin Board of Directors Meeting
Moy's Restaurant
Elkhorn, WI.
March 15, 2011

Meeting called to order by President Joe Spak at 6:40PM. Roll call was taken and the following people were present: Joe Spak, Kathy Schroeder, Diane Baier, Kathy Doyle, Ron Miller, Beth Treptow, Douglas Baier, Gary Rudolph, Mary Cram (proxy) for Cindy Tousey, Robert Schmitz, Pat Gauthier, Keri Smith, Elizabeth Widmar, Kathy Sheahan, Greta Zeller, Lance Treptow, John Schmahl.

Secretaries Report-Kathy Schroeder corrected the last minutes to read 1200 copies of the April newsletter were made. Motion made by Gary to accept as mailed/emailed. Seconded by Ron Miller. Approved.

Financial Report-Kathy did a report and handed out a current balance sheet. Current total Liabilities and Equity for the WQHA is \$45,414.25. Motion was made to accept the report by Gary, seconded by Ron. Approved.

State Show Report-A committee members list was handed out to board members. There was some discussion that followed on the projected budget that was handed out. Some board members think the numbers are unrealistic, but the committee says no. Kathy Doyle also handed out a comparison from 2008 to 2010. Motion was made by Greta to accept the report and seconded by Pat. Approved

Show Coordination Report-There was some discussion on the scribe school that will be held either the end of April or beginning of May. Show managers/secretaries will be receiving letters to confirm attendance and time and place. Kathy is working on the insurance costs for the shows for the 2011 season.

Membership Report-A \$5 discount will be given to NEW memberships that are taken at the Horse Fair this year. This motion was made by Kathy Sheahan and seconded by Biz. Approved. At this time there are 432 total members, including youth, in our association.

Youth Report-May reported that the youth would be running the novice show/introductory show at Horse Shoe Springs in Fond du Lac, on July 9-10, 2011. The judge will be Lance Treptow. She also reported that an ATV was donated for the youth members to raffle off as a fundraiser for the year. Tickets will be available from all youth members. A clinic will be held on May 31 at the Sunnyview Expo grounds on Tuesday evening for the 4-H in the area. The youth will also be coming to help out at the Horse Fair this year in the booth of stall area.

Scholarship Report-None at this time.

Regional Championship-A special Thank You was given to John Schmahl and Lance Treptow for helping to get 2 AQHA shows to be held within the Regional Championship

Show. This show will run strictly within the Regional Show. The profit for the 2010 Regional was about \$1500.00. Hopefully the AQHA show will help to generate extra income for the up coming years of the Regional Championship. A motion was made by Kathy Doyle to set aside \$500 for the Regional, in case they need it, from the WQHA. Seconded by John. Approved. This is done every year, just in case they show needs extra funds to cover expenses. In the past they have been sufficient enough to pay all obligations and to make a profit.

Newsletter Report-Eric Reiter from the Minnesota Fall Futurity would like to put a full-page ad on our website to help promote their futurity. It was discussed and suggested we get a hold of him and ask that in exchange for his ad on our website, they put our state show showbill on their website. Kathy Schroeder will contact him.

Horse Fair Report-Biz reported that the demo is all set. Leslie Lange will have a horsemanship demo on Fri./Sat. Leonard Berryhill will also be doing clinic on bits and spurs and on Western Riding. The booth will be paid for this year by the AQHA thanks to John Schmahl and all his hard work on getting the AQHA to send representatives to help out any and all AQHA members that have questions again this year. The AQHA will be sending 2 people this year as reps, because of the enormous turnout that we have had in the past by people who need the AQHA's help with papers, questions, and membership. The reps this year are Tammy Canida and Wendy Kite.

Marketing Report-NONE

OLD BUSINESS

There was a discussion on the approval of the Roscoe shows for the 2012 show season.

Lance brought to our attention that in 2010 we dipped into the general fund to cover \$7000 the everyday expenses to run the association, publications, etc. Just a FYI for all members. WE need to seriously look into some type of fundraising for our association. This association cannot survive on membership costs alone. To date the only fundraising we have is the Spring Show, State Shows, and membership.

National Directors Report-It was reported that registrations are down by 50,000 from 2005-2010 within the AQHA. Memberships are also down within the AQHA and the WQHA within that time frame. Transfers were down 2004-2010 by 1700. It was also reported that the Show Leveling begins in 2012. This will be a totally new spin put on the shows and exhibitors for the future. Green and Novice will now be called LIMITED. You will need to check the journal to get the total breakdown of how this is all going to be run. There will also be intermediate and advanced categories, too. You cannot go down to limited if you are an advanced or intermediate exhibitors, but the limited can show with the intermediate and advanced if they want. These categories will be decided by, points that have been earned from exhibiting. Updates will be decided in the future with weekly meetings and developing the program to hopefully get the bugs

out. This will all affect the qualifying for the world shows. Lance is on this committee and will keep us informed of changes.

It was also reported that there were 58 approved shows in Wisconsin 2010 and 21 of them were Dressage Shows.

Horse Council-The Horse Council will no longer be called the State Horse Council. It will now be called the Wisconsin Horse Council. Equisure will be carrying liability insurance for anyone who is a small horse owner. You need to contact them for any further questions.

CAROL KLAMROWSKI will be honored this year at the Horse Fair because she has been chosen as the HORSE PERSON OF THE YEAR. Also, DANA PANELLA has been honored as JUDGE OF THE YEAR. Congratulations to both of you ladies! We are all very proud that these two ladies are quarter horse owners and members of the Wisconsin Quarter Horse Association.

Motion was made, by Kathy Sheahan to adjourn at 8:50PM. Seconded by Greta. Approved.

The next meeting will be held in District 4 on July 19th, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Baier
WQHA Secretary