

Wisconsin Quarter Horse Association

Board of Directors Meeting

May 2012-Appleton, WI

Meeting was called to order by President Joe Spak. The following people were present: Joe Spak, Kathy Schroeder, Diane Baier, Kathy Doyle, Beth Treptow, Mary Cram(proxy), Gary Rudolph, Cindy Tousey, Robert Schmitz, LaRue Wills, Bob Wills, Kathy Sheahan, Greta Zeller, Larry Lemke, Lance Treptow, John Schmahl.

Secretarie Report-Motion was made to accept as emailed, mailed by LaRue. Seconded by Bob Wills. Approved.

Newsletter Report-The cost for Directory was \$9007 and there is \$8400 on billings. Thank you from Kathy to everyone who advertised this year. There was a discussion on the 2013 newsletter with show bills being separated from the Directory. Kathy will check on having a show edition. Please take note that the WQHA website is up and going. Sign on and keep track of your points or classified ads.

Financial Report-There is nothing to report at this time. There has been no financial activity.

State Show-Nutrena/Cargill are donators this year. Equipment will be coming from NEWQHA and Alison Koenig will be taking care of jumps. Rhonda Spratto will be doing a clinic in June to help fundraise. There will also be a clinic in July in Washington County. Sponsorship forms will be ready soon if you would like to make a donation towards the show.

Show Coordination-It was discussed that people who make monies from WQ shows should be members. Prisoners will be hired again this year to clean-up after the shows in Oshkosh. The MDC and PVF are hired and paid by respective shows, NOT the WQHA. The arranging for the hires is done by Kathy Doyle.

Membership Report-At this time there are 483 total members. There was some discussion on changing our membership from yearly to maybe 2 year. There

again was the question of what do we offer the non-showing members??? We thought maybe there could be a small item incentive for joining.

Youth Report-An ad will be placed in the Horsemans News for upcoming Introductory Show in Fond du Lac. \$460 was taken in at the Horse Fair by selling raffle tickets. There will be a book sale at the Memorial Day Classic. A taco party at Cap Gun.

Scholarship Report-fund raising ideas were mentioned by H. Anne Lemke and LaRue Wills. They too will be selling books at the MDC. It was also mentioned that there be items at the banquet that are sold by Silent Auction and by Live Auction.

Hall of Fame-Bob Milkie has decided to resign. Nominees need to bring info to committee for horse or person they are nominating. The President needs to appoint a new committee chair and members. Bob Suggested Nikki take over the position as chair.

Regional Championship-The WQHA did receive funds from an AIM Grant. Some of the funds will cover some awards for the Rookie Classes. WQHA again this year cover the cost for whomever places first under the judge from the WQHA Spring Show in a NOVICE class.

Horse Fair-20 memberships were taken at the Horse Fair. The demo was excellent and thank to all who participated. LaRue has volunteered to do stall decorations for 2013.

Horse Coimcil-N/A

Trail Ride Program-Kathy Schroeder checked with surrounding states to get their ideas for a Horseback Riding program. It would be done in divisions,a youth division and 2 adult divisions. You would log hours and get awards at the end of the season. Further discussion is needed.

OLD BUSINESS

There was some discussion on the scribe class for this show season. It was just hard for our volunteers to get it going for 2012. There was a discussion of having it at the annual meeting day or the banquet day. I will keep you posted.

#### NEW BUSINESS

The issue with our 501© is not being filed for 2009-2012. Our taxes also have not been filed. There was some discussion and the board elected unanimously to remove Mike Ellsworth from any and all of our finances, as an association. A motion was made by Robert to remove Mike and have LaRue hire whomever she needs to hire that can take care of our taxes and not for profit status. Seconded by Beth. Approved unanimously. Kathy suggested we take all of our info to a CPA right now and see if we can get any of this taken care, she said it does not look favorable because so many years have gone by without our finances being taken care of on time.

Open Show Award-There was a complaint about some of the awards having names spelt wrong. We will take care of that issue and get them fixed.

There was a question on the state show or any shows having the appropriate signage for concealed carry on our grounds during shows. At Oshkosh we will be letting the county take care of that issue.

There were questions on the leveling program and there are no answers at this time from the AQ.

NATIONAL DIRECTOR- There are some changes coming to rules in May instead of December. One item is if you are 70+ and have not shown in 5 years or trained you will qualify for Novice Amateur status. It is also important that everyone knows that the OFFICIAL RULE BOOK is on the AQHA website.

Motion was made to adjourn at 8:45pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday July 24<sup>th</sup>. I will contact everyone closer to date for official site for the meeting. It will be starting at 6:30pm and held in District 4 area, which is LaRue and Bob Wills. It will be at Bublitz's Restaurant on Hwy. 41. It is south of Fond du Lac.

Respectfully submitted,

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WQHA Secretary