

Wisconsin Quarter Horse Association  
Minutes  
October 29, 2012  
Fond du Lac, WI.

Meeting called to order by President Joe Spak at 1:15PM. The following officers and directors were present: Joe Spak, Kathy Schroeder, Diane Baier, Kathy Doyle, Ron Miller, Beth Treptow, Zoe Miller (skype), Douglas Baier, Cindy Tousey, Gary Rudolph, Rob Schmitz (proxy), Pat Gauthier, LaRue Wills, Robert Wills, Keri Smith, Kathy Sheahan, Greta Zeller, Lance Treptow, John Schmahl.

Secretaries Report-Motion was made by Douglas to accept report as emailed/mailed. Seconded by Ron. Approved

Financial Report-Liabilities and Equity at this time is \$89,893.15. Motion was made by Gary and seconded by Kathy S. to table discussion on the financials for state show. Approved.

State Show Report-No discussion. The issue of no back numbers sold at show was brought up.

Show Coordination Report-It was discussed that we will send a letter to the AQHA for show, time, date, and place for 2012 state show. There was discussion to decide if the WQHA wants to with our current show number that we approve. Which are 39. 35 shows were held in 2011 and 4 were canceled. There was a discussion to cap our show approvals and each show needs to apply for approval each year. There was a motion by Rob to allow the board to go over the 35 existing show limit yearly. 2011 shows have a priority and any shows after that need to come to the board for approval. Seconded by Kathy. Approved. There was a motion made to approve the LLQHA run for the border for 7/5-7/8 by Lance. Further discussion noted that the LLQHA must pay all approval fees and results going to WQHA within 5 days. The WQHA would not approve the Special Event the Run for the Border was having. Seconded by Kathy S. Approved. The Silver Dollar asked the board to add 2 more shows to their existing shows in August. Lance and Kathy D. were contacted by the AQHA and want to know the Affiliates decision on this matter. Keri made a motion to not approve these 2 shows to make 6 judges in 4 days. Seconded by Beth. Discussion followed and the board decided that the shows were to close to

the associations show and could possibly hurt the attendance. It would be putting a hardship on the exhibitors to have so many shows in such a short span of time in August. They did decide that the 2 shows could be held at some other time and place. Approved.

Escanaba came before the board and wanted to bring the 2-day show to July from September to be run along with the 4-day show if approved by the AQHA. Motion was made by John to approve this move and seconded by Kathy. Vote yes-8, no-5 Approved

There was discussion to see if the WQHA needs to have a back number person for the upcoming show season. A job description will be sent to Kathy D. and applicants can contact her.

Membership Report-633 current members. 115 youth types and 324 others. Tim re-applied for the membership and points position. Kathy made a motion to accept Tim's application and seconded by Cindy. Approved. LaRue made a motion to accept Tim's report. Seconded by Cindy. Approved

Youth Report-None at this time.

Scholarship Report-We had only 1 applicant for this year and LaRue is placing an ad in the newsletter to try to get more people interested in taking advantage of this program. Items are also needed by district to bring to the banquet to be auctioned off and help raise funds to be distributed to the recipients.

Hall of Fame Report-Deadline is 11-10-11 and please send them to Robert Milkie. People can be either alive or deceased and horses can be deceased for 1 year to be up for acceptance.

Regional Report-Ron Miller is the new chairperson for the 2012 show. There was a profit made last year of \$16,000. It was also the largest regional show for the year, nationally. Next years dates are 7/11-7/15, 2012.

Horse Fair Report-Plans are in the making. On Aug. 17-18 there will be a Project Cowboy Competition that will be held in Madison. The competition will be between men and women and Sat. evening will be the crowning. They will only be using the coliseum, the arena and 3 barns. It should be a great competition and try to attend. There will be a lot more hands on

things, like saddle and bridal making and artisan projects. Please contact Pat Miller for all information.

#### District Meeting Items-

#1-More communication for the members. There should also be some kind of penalty fee for shows who cancel and leave exhibitors with no notice. The shows should be responsible for notifying exhibitors and members.

#2-N/A

#3 Different awards if wanted. The committee should be approached for suggestion or options and should discuss it and then bring to the board what items were decided on. The awards committee is Tim, Pat, Kathy D. and Beth.

Discussion on combining the Directory, and newsletter, in to 1 issue. There also was a discussion of our association moving into the 21st century. It would cost about \$12,000 for the initial change over of our website and a monthly cost of approx. \$70. It was decided that we would combine our Directory and April Newsletter for 2012 and we would get more options brought to the board by the next meeting for our website updating. The updating would be more interactive and would also allow members to access meeting minutes and classifieds and farm info of the members who wish to sign on. More information will be coming in 2012.

#### NOMINATIONS FOR DIRECTORS/OFFICERS

District 1-Stephanie Lynn, Zoe Miller (2)    District 2-Douglas Baier,  
Gary Rudolph, Cindy Tousey (3)  
District 3-Janice McGauley, Nikki Schultz, Robert Schmitz (vote needed)(2)  
District 4-Larue Wills, Robert Wills (2)    District 5-Elizabeth Widmar,  
Keri Smith (2)

District 6-Kathy Sheahan, Greta Zeller (2)

VP North-Beth Treptow

VP Central-Kathy Doyle

VP South-Ron Miller

Kathy Schroeder made a motion to accept all nominations. Seconded by Robert Wills. There will be a vote for District 3. Approved. Any other nominations may be accept at the annual meeting.

#### OLD BUSINESS

#### NEW BUSINESS

Ripon College contacted Kathy D. about working with us on an AIM Grant from the AQHA to be used for support of their Equestrian Team. Kathy Schroeder will contact them and discuss things further on our behalf.

Fuzzy Wuzzy show will be canceled and they will be holding a clinic at Ehrets facility instead for 2012.

There was some discussion about some changes that need to be made to our by-laws. A committee will be assigned and the by-laws will be discussed by them and brought to the board.

Starting in Jan. of 2012 any merits from Trail Challenges will be put onto the show records for horse/rider. Trail Challenges are an old fashion trail class and can be held at your show. They would be for new exhibitors, intermediate exhibitors and master exhibitors. Check with the AQHA if you have further questions.

National Directors-You need to check the AQHA website for upcoming changes for the scholarships that are available and the discussion on the incentive fund changes and rule changes for the upcoming show season. There also has been some discussion on a Novice Championship show that may be held in Las Vegas or Murfreesboro, TN. In 2012.

Motion was made by Ron to adjourn. Seconded by Douglas. Approved at 4:58PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Diane Baier*

WQHA Secretary