

Wisconsin Quarter Horse Association – Board of Directors Meeting

June 7, 2016 – 6:30 pm

Holiday Inn and Conference Center – Fond du Lac, WI

Meeting called to order by President Kathy Doyle.

- Roll Call – in attendance Kathy Doyle, Stephanie Lynn, Lisa Busby (Proxy for Nikki Schultz), Ron Miller, Larry Spratto, LaRue Wills, Jessica Bradley (proxy for Michele Andrade), Rhonda Spratto, Jim Ramthun, Robert Schmitz, Danyelle Gabbert, Brenda Lindvall, Keri Smith, Linda Berg
Additional attendees: Tom & Carol Klamrowski, Lisa Zurn, Becky Ruehle, Pat Miller
- Secretaries Report – Motion made by LaRue Wills and second by Ron Miller to approve the secretaries report. Motion passes.
- Financial Report – There is a \$-16.20 on the financial report that was a shortage from the meals from the last meeting. This month's meeting meals were paid for by each individual that ordered.
Linda Berg is requesting a financial reconciliation from show coordination
Entries under Banquet fees include meeting rooms, coffee, Hall of Fame meals
Rental is for booths at the horse fair
Newsletter expenses – 3 more people to pay the biggest portion. \$100 is from Liberty Classic from last year. \$660 is the outstanding total with \$450 being from 1 ad from Minnesota. Becky volunteered to contact the outstanding accounts.
Jessica asked if it would be better to have Becky bill people when she gets the ads? Kathy S used to offer a discount if paid in advance. Danyelle recommended because they are ahead of dates for publication to bill people and if not paid by a certain date then their ad is not put in the publication. Comments were made that it's easier to get people to advertise if you don't ask for money ahead of time. Becky said she could bill upon acknowledgement of advertising.
Motion made by Jessica Bradley and second by LaRue Wills to approve the financial report. Motion passes.
Money Market account has been set up. Ron and LaRue are trying to come up with the same amount to transfer.
- National Directors – No changes other than what was printed. Ron asked for clarification on the ban on magnets and belly bands.

Committee Reports

- Awards – Inventory update – 15 awards are left from 2014 & 2015. (7 felt totes, 4 blankets, 4 misc. items) Several awards were given out at the last show. 2014 and prior awards are stored at Gwen Prince's storage unit. Are we willing to ship awards to people?
Older awards – what do we do with it? Use for random prizes?
Danyelle has a list that she will send out which includes blankets, jackets, horse head statues, hats and medallions.
Jessica thinks a note should be sent out that if prizes are not picked up they will be donated or recycled.
Stephanie asked that the awards committee come to the next board meeting with a recommendation.
Brenda made a motion to give people until August 1st to claim awards or items will be donated. Jim Ramthun second, Motion passes.
The committee will put information on the awards letter for next year on options to get awards if they don't come to the banquet.
- Banquet – Jessica brought information in regards to extra charges. There is no charge for staging, skirting for tables is included, linens for tables are included, there are 2 large screens in the room and all av equipment is in the room and can be used.

Prices for dinners:

Filet - \$26.99, They have different kinds of chicken entrees and the most expensive is \$18.99

Stuffed pork - \$21.99, Kids meal - \$8.99, Vegetarian - \$17.99

They are fine with offering 5 options.

They would like estimated counts 2 weeks in advance and final count on the Wednesday before the banquet.

We can bring in our own desserts but they must be made in a bakery.

Need to return a signed contract to them as soon as possible

They will send a credit application to Ron

Rooms are \$89.99 with prices good until January 7th. Rooms booked after the 7th will be \$110. Suites are also discounted up until January 7th and will go to regular price after the 7th as well.

- Hall of Fame – no update
- Horse Fair – 7 memberships were sold during horse fair. 3 were new and 4 were renewals.

Robert Schmitz and Stephanie Lynn will each pay for 1 new membership

Membership report – Tim emailed the report to everyone

District	Members	Votes
1	37	50
2	76	113
3	43	66
4	25	34
5	42	55
6	44	60
9	38	56

9 memberships were purchased at the Paper Valley show that are not in the numbers above.

Lisa Zurn is requesting a letter to go out to new members when they pay their membership fees.

Ron said they to get something when they pay via PayPal.

Another suggestion was that members need to be contacted if they don't renew their memberships by a certain date to see if they want to renew.

Larry brought up concerns about no response about memberships and points. He suggested for memberships that a card should be emailed or sent when a person joins or renews and if they choose to carry it around with them they can.

This should be added to the duties of the membership person. The position description would need to be changed.

Several people commented that people want communication back and are not receiving it.

Kathy will contact Tim to see if an email can be sent out to people that paid memberships.

- Newsletter – no update
- Open show program – 12 horse/rider combinations, 26 entries and 2 divisions without any participants (speed events)
Kathy asked Barb to wait on deleting old info in case it is still needed for the open show program.
- Scholarship – No update
- Show Coordination – No update
- State Show and Slot Classes – 60 – 70% of the sponsors are committed for the slot classes. Slots have been starting to sell. Making changes so it feels more like a party and not so rushed.
- Trail Riding – No update
- Website – up and running, no issues.

- WI Horse Council – Board of Directors opposed the proposed bill to change fencing laws. Currently the right side is yours and the left is your neighbors. The proposed bill says that the neighbors would have to get together to discuss. More people are moving to the country and don't want to take care of fencing. Horse Counsel Website will have info on the State Patrol talking about licensing of trailers, trucks etc.
- Youth – Clinic July 8th

Old Business

- Amateurs were requesting a tab to be put on the website for their membership information. Kathy checked with the insurance and there are no issues. Larry made a motion and Robert second to make this change to the website. Motion passes

New Business

- Kerry Hansen is asking for a \$350 sponsorship for Congress Queen Candidate. Larry made a motion and LaRue second to sponsor Kerry. Motion passes. Nikki will send her a letter and Ron will send her a check.

Motion was made by Jessica and second by Larry to adjourn at 8:02 pm

Next meeting – Tuesday, September 20th (Review agenda items and any Bylaw changes for District Meetings)