

## **Wisconsin Quarter Horse Association - Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – January 2019**

The WQHA Board of Directors meeting was called to Order at 9:02 am by President Stephanie Lynn. In Attendance were the following: Stephanie Lynn, Nikki Schultz, Elise Sheard, Ron Miller, Jessica Bradley (for Cindy Tousey), Tim Schmahl, Jim Ramthum, Robert Schmitz, Danyelle Gabbert, Keri Smith, Amy Marx, Linda Berg, Ann Williams, Kathy Shehan, Gretta Zeller, Pat Miller, Trish Schmahl, Becky Ruehle, and Jan Ruehle.

New board members were introduced. Motion made to correct previous minutes to say that the Board of Directors meeting ran concurrently with the general membership meeting (Ron approved, Jim Seconds).

Financial committee presented stating that through January, 2018 say a \$2,000 decrease in profit from the year before. This was mainly due to the decrease in shows held. The Accounts Receivable section is mostly due to the \$850 still due for the 2017 directory. Becky agreed to follow up with persons regarding a payment plan. The association has a new CC number, thus the old number should no longer be used. The 1099's were mailed on the 14<sup>th</sup> of January. Ron noted that Pat Gauthier still has several years of records and motioned for approval to store all records in the storage garage (Nikki approves, Keri seconds). Nikki motioned to approve financials, Elise seconds.

Stephanie made report for National Directors noting that AQHA was launching their new website and preparing for the convention (Stephanie will be in attendance). Potential changes in AAQHC schedule were also discussed.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Banquet:** The dessert auction brought in \$268. From the comment cards, the most written comment was to remain at this location. It was also mentioned that Jessica would be changing her role in the committee. Linda recommended moving banquet back a week due to the difficulty in having awards procured post-holiday rush. For 2020, the tentative dates are the 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>, with the 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> also being held for time being. An additional person would be extremely helpful on the banquet committee. It was recommended that RSVP's and seating be made one job. Music was heavily discussed and the consensus was that those who stayed enjoyed the music and it was a worthwhile addition.

**Awards:** Awards committee estimates that they stayed within budget this year. Goggins award was discussed at length, due to its size and limited remaining space. Stephanie recommended that WQHA keeps custody of actual trophy throughout the year and a plaque is given to awardees. Linda is contacting Lance in regards to the longevity of award. Stephanie presented Lisa with the president's award.

**Hall of Fame:** Three horses and two people were inducted this year, and recipients were in excellent attendance. Robert would like to meet earlier (September) and more often as committee as well as adapt the presentation of the awards (adding videos and such).

**Horse Fair:** Robert and Brett will be assisting with set up. Ann volunteered to help. Nikki will make vouchers for a stall for new members and will contact shows about how the voucher works. The electric has been canceled for the booth. The theme for the Horse Fair is 'Legends'. Stephanie is ordering material from AQHA (Thanks Mike).

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Membership: Memberships are coming in both electronically and physically.

News Letter and Directory: Profit for 2018 was about \$1,000 less than 2017, mainly due to increased printing. Targeted distribution to shows and trainers was discussed. It was questioned whether 750 or 1000 newsletters should be printed, with a consensus reached of 1000. Motion made to increase non WQHA showbill charge to \$150 (Tim approved, Nikki seconds). Ads are due February 10<sup>th</sup> and Newsletter goes out April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Open Show Program: Vouchers were not given out at banquet, it was determined that we can send them ourselves with a letter. Grand champions will get a stall voucher and reserve gets 50% off classes.

Break was taken at this point

Recreational Activity: ...

Scholarships: Two scholarships were awarded (to Katelyn and Madison). Changes for the application were presented (there was 1 typo to be corrected). Committee will use three unbiased jurors in decision process and are developing an official policy and procedure. Application was approved with typo addressed (Robert approved, Danyelle seconds)

Show Coordination: The organization of the Halter classes was discussed at length (holding open v. amateur first). Ultimately WQHA only determines the state show and show management must decide on a show to show basis.

Website: Any forms should be sent to Nikki. Motion was approved to renew website for \$1,425

State Show: The contract and deposit have been made for 2019. Per contract, alliant energy cannot raise more than 5% per year and this contract can be extended for two more years for an additional \$1,000 per year, for a total of \$3,000 (Robert approves, Keri seconds). Nikki will be meeting with facility on February 6<sup>th</sup>.

Slot Classes: This committee is in the midst of brain storming adaptations to be made. Trainer auction will be coordinated with Amateurs, as they already hold an auction. Amateurs have agreed to split the profits of the auction into equal thirds, and the state show and slot classes automatically get \$1,200 off the top. We must confirm that this format is still acceptable to those who have agreed to donate.

Wisconsin Horse Council: A proposal is being made to increase horse council support for competition stating that Level 3 members can apply for grants to go towards competition.

Youth: The youth annual meeting was held yesterday , 2019 officers are Katelyn, Madison, Rachel, Jax, and Lu. The bylaws were updated in regards to volunteering / helping at shows. The youth show is on hold this year, and they are brainstorming about a two day show for the following year.

New Business: The spring show was removed from website. Ann's name has been corrected. Michelle is hosting an intro show this year. District meetings should be added to the July agenda. April 6<sup>th</sup> is the training meeting.

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2019 Dates:

3/12/19

5/14/19

7/30/19

9/28/19 – also date of show coordination meeting

11/2/19

Ron motioned to adjourn meeting, Ann seconded.