

WQHA Minutes
Board Meeting
General Membership Meeting
10/31/20

The meeting was called to order by WQHA President Stephanie Lynn. Also in attendance were the following: Tim Schmahl, Ron Miller, Cindy Tousey, Nikki Schultz, Kay DeBoer, Dawn Beihoffer, Jerry Laumer, Judy Zeitler, Danyelle Gabbert, Jim Ramthum, Katie Schmitz (for Robert Schmitz), Jean Sandmire, Linda Berg, Kathy Doyle, Pat Miller, Lisa Zurn, Larry Spratto, Kathy Sheahan, and Elise Sheard.

The secretary's report was passed with a motion from Jerry and seconded by Kathy. Treasurer reported that the October bank statement had not yet been received. The collection agency is moving towards legal action for uncollected newsletter / directory funds. There was a request to have a specific 2020 income v expense report sent to board. Financial report was passed with a motion from Jerry and a second from Judy.

National Directors reported a large increase in AQHA World Show entries for 2020, and noted that qualifying will be added back in for 2021. The convention plans to move forward at this time.

In the awards committee report, Lisa noted that she is finalizing the points for the 2020 open show program, but had issues with inaccurate reporting from individuals. Lisa was waiting for verification from show management. Motion: **Only verifiable points should count towards year end totals.** Motion made by Jerry, motion passed. Board agreed that open lines of communication with individual are important, and Lisa is developing language for 2021 in regards to nonverifiable records and inaccurate reporting. Tim recommends requesting result submission from show management.

At time of meeting, horse fair had no additional information to report.

Membership committee reported a total of 436 individual members for 2020, which is down approximately 100 members from previous year.

Becky called in for the Newsletter / Directory report. Board reaffirmed previous decision to have a single publication in 2021.

There are currently two applications for the WQHA scholarship and one for the Jack Bound scholarship.

Show coordination reported that there was a date potentially available at Elkhorn for a two day show, but none available at Cedarburg. Escanaba shows will be held the first weekend of August in 2021. The Liberty Classic is on hold for 2021 and will be reevaluated in 2022. Badger will still be held July 22 – 25th at Jefferson.

The State Show committee reported that they are monitoring the status of events in Dane County. At time of meeting, all events had been cancelled through March. POA's were planning to move forward with their show, which was encouraging.

The Horse Council committee reported that the lawsuit against former Executive Director has been tentatively settled. **Kathy motioned to renew WQHA Horse Council membership for 2021**, Jean seconded and the motion passed.

Bylaws:

Updates in domestic partnership language was passed with a motion by Judy and a second by Ron.

Motion to accept bylaws as presented was made by Ron, and seconded by Linda. Motion NOT passed per concerns about decreasing the number of board members.

Recommendation from Jerry to move forward with election and nominations with the decreased number of board members as required by Bylaws. Then in January at Annual meeting, new Bylaws can be updated stating that 2021 will use 2019 membership numbers, and vacancies can be filled. **Motion: Add an amendment for the next annual meeting to approve that for 2021, the board will use 2019 membership numbers for total of board members. Jerry made motion, Judy seconded. Motion passed. Motion to approve bylaws with amendment made by Ron, seconded by Linda, passed by Board.**

Board then moved on to discuss the potential for hosting a two day show in 2021. Elkhorn is available weekend of July 10th, but the track is being used. Cedarburg had no available dates. Board discussed Fon du Lac, but had concerns over the expense of rented stalls. Jean recommended looking at La Crosse. Jerry recommended Glenn Valley, but there was again a concern for the stall rental. Board discussed adapting the schedule so the entirety of the youth and amateur classes ran on Saturday and Sunday, with only open classes Friday. Jerry will look for dates at Manitowac or Plymouth and Tim will look at Fon du Lac and West Salem.

District Meeting Notes:

District One: Nothing additional to report, but Zo Miller and Kelly Ponce were nominated from the floor for director positions.

District Two: Nominations are Judy and Cindy, with Jerry as Regional VP

Districts Three and Four: Held a joint meeting and had volunteers for a clinic at a two day show. Nominations were Robert and Jim for region 3 and Jean for region 4, Nikki nominated as regional VP.

District Five: nominations were Kerri Smith and Brenda Lindvall

District Six: nominations were Linda Berg and Kathy Sheahan with Amy Marx as regional VP

Motion to close board meeting and commence General Membership meeting made by Elise and seconded by Jerry. Motion passed.

General Membership Meeting

Motion by Jerry and seconded by Ron to use Board Meeting minutes for General Membership and move straight to new business and elections. Motion passed.

Nominations:

District One: Zo Miller and Kelly Ponce nominated from floor – ballot needed per 2020 bylaws

District Two: Judy Zeitler and Cindy Tousey nominated from district meeting. Danyelle Gabbert nominated from floor. – ballot needed per 2020 bylaws

District Three: Jim Ramthun nomination from district meeting, and Missy Baker nominated from the floor. Nomination for Robert Schmitz rescinded.

District Four: Jean Sandmire nominated from district meeting

District Five: Keri Smith and Brenda Lindval – ballot needed per 2020 bylaws

District Six: Linda Berg and Kathy Sheahan - ballot needed per 2020 bylaws

RVP 1 & 2: Jerry Laumer

RVP 3 & 4: Robert Schmitz

RVP 5 & 6: Amy Marx

Secretary: Elise

VP: Tim Schmahl

President: Nikki Schultz

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Elise and seconded by Ron. Tim and Nikki will confirm January meeting date and format.