

WQHA Conference Call
March 17th, 2020
Zoom

The call was called to order at 6:37 pm by WQHA President Stephanie Lynn. Also in attendance were Tim Schmahl, Ron Miller, Nikki Schultz, Kay DeBoer, Jerry, Judy Zeitler, Jim Ramthun, Jean Sandmire, Amy Marx, Ann Williams, Linda Berg, Kathy Doyle, Trish Schmahl, and Pat Miller.

The Awards committee reported that they were still wrapping the 2019 season, but anticipated being well within budget.

The Wisconsin Horse Fair committee reported that refunds are available for the canceled event or funds could be reallocated for next year (2021). The Directories had already been shipped to Amy and are being redistributed, and we were able to cancel the 300 additional prints for the horse fair. The Board chose to roll our submitted booth payment over to 2021.

Jerry motioned to cancel (as opposed to reschedule) the Ring Steward training, seconded by Ann. Recommendation to be flexible when considering options for rescheduling horse shows, and brainstorm ways to combine shows and dates. At point of call no meetings have been canceled, and decisions are being held until more time has passed.

Pat Miller developed a worksheet to assist the board in assessing the bylaws and potential changes to them. The plan is to discuss initial thoughts at May meeting, again in July, then present at September and November meetings to meet current bylaw requirements.

Current Recommendations Include:

Addressing Mission Statement – specifically in regards to references to racing and trail riding

Article III – suggestions on adjusting membership lengths and terms including that memberships taken after the last horse show roll over to next year, and a recommendation for a straight 12 month membership

Article IV – addressing board composition, election terms and requirements. Much discussion ensued about increasing engagement throughout regions and the current state of dichotomy between the northern portion of the state and the rest of the state. Requested suggestions on how to address these concerns within the terms of the bylaws. Linda recommended considering dividing the board crosswise or even an at large BoD. Additional recommendations included that nonfilled positions should not count towards quorum, and to decrease total board members needed, and move to a majority instead of a quorum.

Additional discussion on whether the treasurer should be an elected or nominated position (help to keep an additional vote). Board determined position should continue to be a nominated position in order to maintain integrity and quality of work done.

Meeting adjourned 7:20 pm.