

WQHA January Meeting – Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm by WQHA President Nikki Schultz. Also in attendance were the following: Stephanie Lynn, Tim Schmahl, Ron Miller, Elise Sheard, Kathy Doyle, Becky Ruehle, Zoe Miller, Cindy Tousey, Jerry Laumer, Robert Schmitz, Amy Marx, Kelly Ponce, Danyelle Gabbert, Jim Ramthun, Missy Baker, Jean Sandmire, Brenda Lindvall, Keri Smith, Linda Berg, Kathy Sheahan.

The meeting began with a welcome to new directors and an overview of WQHA procedures and policies with the use of Robert's rules. The committee chairs as listed on the website will be updated to reflect that Amy Marx is now the chair for the Horse Fair and Jessica Bradley will be removed as banquet co chair. Linda Berg resigned from position as awards chair – position will need to be filled ASAP. Reminder that committee reports should be sent to the board prior to the meetings in order to increase effectiveness of meeting discussion time.

The secretary's report was edited to reflect that the previously used 'annual meeting' should instead state 'general membership meeting'. Upon the above edit the secretary's report was passed with a motion from Ron, a second from Stephanie and the vote of the board.

The Treasurer reported that a donation has been received to be applied to the open show program awards fund. Noted that Lisa will send the thank you. It was stated to new directors and reminder to previous that the timing of previous year banquet payments effects how the end of year books look. Financial report passed with a motion from Elise and a second from Danyelle and confirming vote from the board.

National Directors reported the staffing changes and hires recently announced by AQHA, and that the convention will be a leaner version than past years with many committee meetings occurring virtually. At time of meeting announcement on the combined novice and world championships had not been made.

Awards committee reminder that this chair position needs to be filled.

The banquet committee reported that Danyelle will talk to both Lasures and the Best Western Downtown to look at dates for the 2022 WQHA Banquet.

Membership reported that memberships have continued to come in slowly (per the norm) so far and asked that an online newsletter be sent out as a reminder ASAP.

The Midwest Horse Fair has been cancelled for 2021, and they are looking at 2022 planning. The Madison facility is still being used for testing at this point.

Becky reported that ads and payment are slowly coming in for the WQHA publication – deadline of February 15th. At minimum page estimates should be submitted ASAP. Thank you to participants in the cover auctions. Plan to order fewer copies because of the MWHF not being held. However group agreed to once again work to get increased distribution by shipping to shows and trainers from other states.

Lisa is updating the Open Show rules and program for 2021 per last 2020 meeting.

Anyone with interest in being the WQHA Queen should contact Kerry Osborn.

Recreation committee will have an update next meeting following the convention.

Nikki will follow up with Kerry for updates on scholarship program. Plan on having one page in publication for the scholarships.

Show committee reminds that the insurance renewal is due in March and any changes in facility or date must be reported prior. We are still looking for an open date / facility combination to hold a 2 / 3 day show in July. Currently waiting for the announcement of show dates from IA and MN. Reminder that AQHA announced that at least for this year, shows that have been lost can be reactivated. Jerry reported that Manitowac facility is likely not a good option. Still discussed the concerns at Oshkosh of expense if stall rental is necessary. Hope to hold a special planning meeting for show this spring.

Horse Council reports that the Judges seminar for 2021 has been cancelled and noted that WQHA has already renewed membership.

The State Show and Slot Class committee reported that they are working to finalized the showbill, which will likely be similar to the 2019 format with additions to the Non Pro Challenge and potentially a few All Breed special event classes.

The board agreed to make the \$100.00 payment to add the SSL security. The previous minutes and reports are being updated to the website.

The Youth officers had yet to meet at time of meeting.

2021 Meeting Dates

March 16th, 6:30pm – Zoom

May 11th, 6:30pm – In Person

July 13th, 6:30pm – Zoom

September 25th, 9:30 am Show Coordination, with BoD meeting to follow – In Person

District Meetings – Early October

October 30th, 9:30am – Annual meeting In Person

Motion to adjourn meeting Zoe, second from Amy, motion passed.