

WQHA Board of Directors Meeting
July 17th, 2022

Meeting called to order at 6:43 pm by president Nikki Schultz. Also in attendance were the following: Ron Miller, Stephanie Lynn, Jerry Laumer, Judy Zeitler, Robert Schmitz, Brenda Lindvall, Tim Schmahl, Kelly Ponce, Jim Ramthum, Linda Berg, Missy Baker, and Elise Sheard. *The secretary's report was approved with a motion by Jerry and second by Ron – passed.* Financials were sent via email for June and through July 11th. Of note, still had one newsletter advertisement to collect and several shows to collect to date. Question raised about line item 'undeposited funds', Ron explained was a QB quirk due to credit card fees. *Judy motioned to approve financials as emailed, second by Jerry - passed.*

National directors report included reminder that for 2023 WQHA will have two National Director positions opening. Individuals should be brought forward at district meetings, with nominations at WQHA annual meeting, followed by interviews by AQHA at National Convention. Reminder that there are still (at time of meeting) several open staff positions at AQHA.

Awards & Banquet committee report included discussion on banquet location. Reminder that best western only had January the 14th open, and we would share facility with a wedding. Group determined best to stick with LaSures on the 21st for this year, with potentially slightly smaller shows and familiarity with facility.

Hall of Fame reported that forms should go out again in newsletter.

Membership committee reported that several district numbers are very close to border of director increases from last year – guess that they will be over by end of season.

Newsletter & Directory report included update that our requested bid for directory production came back with some features WQHA will not utilize and once those are removed, bid looks comparable if not more economic than previous. Have used google docs to maintain records, contacts etc, which will help make transition of information easier. Treasurer requested that email addresses be obtained for all advertisers for billing purposes. Also requested that page numbers be included. *Motion made to accept Vicki Kettlewell as editor for 2023 by Jerry and second by Judy – passed*

Open Show program has seen excellent participation in 2022.

Queen program updates that Alexis has been provided her check and crown has been ordered, and she is excited to get started.

Recreational activities had update from AQHA that regional contacts & participation numbers have been shared, asked that WQHA help promote continued program participation.

Scholarship applications should go in next emailed newsletter.

Show Coordination committee reports that brand new exhibitors from MN attended Cap Gun and were very pleased with experience. Members of WIPHC reached out with potential for show collaboration. Concerns from board over distributing fees (stall & facility), and scheduling with joint show, but board agrees to keep brainstorming moving forward. Reminder that Slot and Non Pro Challenge classes at State Show are All Breed. Tim has seen greatest interest in joint show from Palomino.

State Show committee is still working with facility to confirm set up, but was pleased with layout for Cap Gun. Slot Class forms are being finalized and will be shared when complete.

Discussion over offering a Yearling Longe Line second class. Tim to look at schedule and Judy and Jerry look at getting sponsorship for trophies. Still finalizing awards for Slot Classes & Non Pro Challenge.

WI Horse Council report updated that the new budget included \$10,000 allocated to grants for Level 3 (association) memberships. Nikki will work on WQHA grant application.

Youth chair reported that that fundraisers at paper valley and cap gun went well. 9 youth with 17 horses going to youth world. Discussion over making a WQHA approved show required for youth team, but determined would not be beneficial because we do not have roping offered at WQHA shows.

Old Business followed up on Minnesota show collaboration. Same concerns raised over April dates for Winona and number of stalls. Madison facility runs out of dirt, so unable to add another riding pen for bigger show. IA members have also reached out to Tim about potential collaboration. Strong desire to develop regional show for region three in 2023 or 2024. Justin Billings stated that if regional show was put on AQ would provide buckles for L1 and L2 classes. Regional show and specific MN dual approval should be on all district agendas. Membership lists for district meetings.

District 1 & 2 will meet on September 28th, other districts need to pick dates to be sent out ASAP.

Discussion Points for District Meetings:

Regional Show

1 Day Open / Novice Show

MN Dual Approval

Open Positions: Secretary, President, 2 National Directors

At Large Position for Board

Reminder for BoD members that attendance / participation rules will be enforced for 2023.

Meeting adjourned with motion from Ron and second from Judy – passed

Next Meeting: September 20th – Zoom

October 29th – In person