

WQHA Board of Directors Meeting
September 20th, 2022 – Zoom

The meeting was called to order by WQHA President Nikki Schultz. Also in attendance were the following: Brenda Lindvall, Jean Sandmire, Jim Ramthun, Jerry Laumer, Cindy Tausey, Keri Smith, Tim Schmahl, Kelly Ponce, Ron Miller, Stephanie Lynn, Danyelle Gabbert, Robert Schmitz, Judy Zeitler, Missy Baker, and Elise Sheard.

The Secretary's report was approved with a motion by Jean and a second by Cindy

Question posed about financial report, online auction reflected as state show income.

Financials approved with note that auction income needs to be reallocated first from Elise, second from Jim.

National Directors reported that AQ World Show entries are due 9/20, and WQHA is able to nominate a Most Valuable Professional. If you have a nominee, please contact Nikki.

Awards Committee report updated that they are gathering ideas, and starting on ordering process. Letters will go out to winners after state show is finalized.

Banquet committee discussed options between the Radisson and LaSures. Consensus is that room and amenities quality is better at Radisson for comparable price, and facility is willing to negotiate rental fees. *Motion to officially move the WQHA banquet to the Radisson on January 28th, seconded by Keri, passed.*

Hall of Fame committee is starting to plan meeting times and date.

Membership report included discussion of continuance of three-year discount offering.

Determined that we did not see significant increase in memberships correlating to discount.

Motion to discontinue membership discount as of meeting date, by Elise, second by Jean, motion passed.

The newsletter cover auction will be managed through a different outlet than Facebook post this year. The bid from the new printer shows significant opportunity for savings. There are two outstanding ad bills for 2022, one individual has had previous incidents of non-payment. Recommendation from treasurer that both individuals who still owe for 2022 be put on pre-payment only policy moving forward. Recommendation accepted and passed along to newsletter team.

Open Show program has shown healthy participation and is starting to prepare final standings for awards.

Scholarship report included discussion on the allocation of donations from youth fundraisers, will be clarified for next meeting.

Show Management meeting will be October 29th beginning at 9:30 am. Meeting purpose includes finalizing dates for shows, and a request to start looking at developing a proposal for a regional show or regional show collaboration.

State Show committee reported comparable stall count to previous year, with predicted financial balance to 2021. Reminder to BoD to help with sponsorship and where forms are located. State show team feels optimistic about new Director at Alliant, and are looking to have an in person meeting this winter. General reminder of expectations of BoD confidentiality. Finalized financials to be sent for next meeting.

Slot Classes and Non Pro Challenge still finalizing financials, overall participation solid with shifts in participation across divisions from year to year.

No report from recreation committee.

Website renewal for 2023 will be sent soon.

Midwest Horse Fair and Horse Council reports included reminder that the Wisconsin Horse Council has grants available for fiscal year.

Youth report included update on NYATT team, will move to division 1 for first time since divisions created.

Old Business updates started with discussion of collaboration with neighboring states. Per previous minutes, topic will be sent to district meetings for discussion. *Motion by Jerry, to approve proposal for dual approval of state shows with MnQHA – motion tabled per need to discuss at district meetings.* Concerns include time of year, and RV spaces available. Individuals in support of proposal cite potential for growth of shows, support of individuals already attending Wisconsin Shows from MN, expansion of show season for WQHA members, improved qualification opportunities for WQHA exhibitors, and minimal to no financial risk. Also to be discussed at district meetings: open officer positions (President, and Secretary), along with a National Director position for 2023. Discussed concern over requiring WQHA BoD history for president position, limits pool, but also provides important background. Reminder for Board members to complete memberships. Note of need to put 2023 auction fundraiser on agenda for October.

Meeting closed.