

Wisconsin Quarter Horse Association
Board of Directors & Annual Meeting
October 29th, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 12:36 by president Nikki Schultz following the conclusion of the Show Coordination and Planning Meeting. Also in attendance were the following: Ron Miller, Pat Miller, Stephanie Lynn, Jerry Laumer, Stephanie Hickman, Tim Schmahl, Trish Schmahl, Robert Schmitz, Brenda Lindvall, Kelly Ponce, Tony Tousey, Judy Zeitler, Danyelle Gabbert, Jean Sandmire, Keri Smith, Linda Berg, Carol, Jessica Bradley, Elise Sheard, Kathy Doyle, and Vicki Kettlewell

The Secretary's Report was passed with the addendum of Linda Berg to roll call. Motion by Jerry, second by Judy.

Financial Report included carryover discussion from prior meeting of misclassified auction income in State Show, will be reclassified as 'fundraisers'. Final breakout for State Show income will be sent to board, not complete at time of meeting as bill from Alliant was received 4 days prior. 1099 information will be sent to accounting company using a jump drive this year to avoid QB updates. *Financials approved by Stephanie Lynn, seconded by Danyelle, passed.*

Newsletter report given by 2023 editor Vickie Kettlewell. Reported to be excited for this new project and bringing more stories and human interest pieces to newsletter, while maintaining awareness of page counts. The cover auction will be December 1 – 10th, and the ad deadline is still February 1st. Forms can be sent asap, team will continue to use google doc for communication. Recommendation to look at providing package deal for additional pages to sponsors, with option for additional pages at cost. Committee will confirm at cost rate per page.

*District Meeting reports sent separately via email from Nikki.

All districts recommended approving Minnesota state show, and allowing MN approval of WI State Show. Continued interest in clinics and 1 day open / introductory show. *Bylaw changes approved with language update to include: "In addition three Director at Large will be elected. They may be elected from any district. Each elected official shall have the responsibility to name in alternate in the case of their absence. Directors at Large may select any WQHA member and Wisconsin resident to serve as an alternate."* Motion by Jerry, second by Ron, passed. Recommendation to consider updating to included out of state members in 2024.

Officer Nominees:

President: Judy Zeitler

Vice President: Tim Schmahl

Treasurer: Ron Miller

Secretary: Stephanie Hickman

National Director: Judy Zeitler

Regional VP North: Jerry Laumer

Regional VP Central: Robert Schmitz

Regional VP South: Brenda Lindvall

Paid Positions:

Treasurer: Ron Miller

Membership: Tim Schmahl

Newsletter: Vicki Kettlewell

Board Nominees:

D1 Kelly Ponce

D2 Danyelle Gabbert, Krystal Kuehle

D3 Jim Ramthun, Missy Baker

D4 Jean Sandmire

D5 Keri Smith

D6 Linda Berg

Directors at Large: Tony Tousey, Amy Bucholz, Lisa Crull

All nominees were approved unanimously per board vote, no positions are contested and ballots to not need to be sent.

Show Coordination report: meeting held that morning, shows are scheduled for 2023. Badger is unlikely to be held in 2023, under consideration for 2024. The recommendation to collaborate with existing open shows made at northern district meeting will be followed up on. *Show and Contest Rules updated to include "Combined L2 & L3 classes will result in L3 point allocation" for clarity in future with motion by Elise, second by Jerry, passed by vote.* Scribe training will not be held in conjunction with horse council judges certification as location as changed and is not conducive.

Awards committee reported short fall in funds due to decreased entries. The budget will include \$600 excess from 2021, as well as the \$50 approval fee from shows that did not utilize WQHA owned computer equipment. *Motion by Stephanie Lynn, seconded by Judy Zeitler to approve a \$2500 expenditure to support awards budget as needed, passed by Board vote.*

Banquet will be held January 28th, 2023. Ads have been built for social media and newsletter. Registration will be online again. Ron and Pat Miller volunteer to run welcome / ticket table.

Hall of Fame nomination deadline is November 1st, there are three carry over nominees from prior years.

Midwest Horsefair committee reminder to send liability insurance for booth.

Membership renewals will go out with award letters.

Scholarship deadline is December 1st

State Show detail financials will be sent via email when finalized to include complete invoice from Alliant. Optimistic for 2023, new leadership at Alliant is strong.

Recreation committee included discussion on potential clinic to be offered by WQHA. Jack Bound has offered WQHA use of facility, note stalls unavailable. Potential dates include weekend of March 25th or April 22nd. BoD selected Saturday April 22nd. Clinician candidates include: Robert Schmitz, Jimmy Roth, Stephanie Lynn. Consideration to also include a tack swap with clinics. Kelly Ponce and Pat Miller offer to work on committee.

Newsletter will move back to set release date each month.

Application for \$500 bonus bucks from the WI Horse Council was submitted and approved, to be used this fiscal year for WI Bred Horse Award at banquet. Can apply again in June / July, must be utilized for competition.

Queen committee reported that Alexid Daugird had very positive experience, and came in 5th overall. Rachel Kruchten is applying for 2023.

There were five competitors on the WQHA NYATT team at the congress.

Old Business:

FaceBook Auction fundraiser will go again in 2023, in March. Recommendation to consider platforms outside of FaceBook for Auction itself, just advertise on socials.

Next Meeting: January 29th, following day after banquet.

Motion to adjourn by Ron Miller, seconded by Judy Zeitler, passed.