

WQHA General Meeting Minutes

January 21, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 am by President Judy Zeitler.

In attendance: Judy Zeitler, Tim Schmahl, Stephanie Hicken, Ron Miller, Jerry Laumer, Brenda Lindvall, Kelly Ponce, Krystle Kuhse, Linda Berg, Missy Baker, Keri Smith, Alec Martin, Jessica Bradley, Trish Schmahl, Pat Miller, Lisa Zurn, Patty Johnson, Amy Bucholtz, Nikki Schultz, Danyelle Gabbert-Wiechert, Jim Ramthun, and Travis Born.

Not in attendance: Keri Smith.

Nikki Schultz made a motion to approve the amended secretary's report. Jessica Bradley second it.

Treasurer's report - all 1099's that are required to be sent out have been mailed out.

Judy Zeitler will be in charge of the saddle raffle money and stubs/ticket numbers for board members. Linda Berg asked if the club lost \$14, 549.51 in 2023? Ron Miller confirmed that WQHA did lose \$14, 549.51 in 2023.

Jerry Laumer shared a trend chart, and urged that WQHA cut costs somewhere or get more income. Or both! (See chart below)

Nikki Schultz made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as emailed to BOD. Jerry Laumer second it.

National Directors Report - Judy Zeitler is in her 2nd term. Tim Schmahl completed the paperwork needed to be National Director.

Awards - Any money that is leftover is put back into the general fund. Nikki Schultz will assist Sherri and Melissa Albinger with the awards committee for 2024. Sherri Albinger is the new awards chair.

Banquet - 162 people reserved meals and only 3 people did not attend. This is up from 137 people last year. \$941.00 was made from the dessert auction. There is an estimated \$200.00 of income made from the banquet. Danyelle is stepping down from banquet chair.

Hall of Fame - Robert Schmitz and Brenda Lindvall stepped down as chairs. Jerry Laumer will

be the Hall of Fame chair.

Horse Fair - Ron cancelled one booth so WQHA has only one booth space for the 2024

Midwest Horse Fair.

Membership - If memberships are signed up for at shows they need to be done on a separate form and have a separate check written out or paid online.

Directory - March 4, 2024 the printing will begin. Printing will be complete by March 29, 2024.

850 copies were printed last year and WQHA had a lot left over. Jerry Laumer made a motion to print 650 copies for 2024. Nikki Schultz second it.

Youth board - President, Karli Grathen. Vice President, Lauren Sleik. Treasurer/Secretary, Kaylyn Kruchten.

State Show - Nikki Schultz was able to get several discounts from the Alliant Energy Center.

\$650.00 was removed from the bill for manure and trash being mixed. Alliant had charged WQHA \$650.00 for manure and trash being mixed together, but they could not prove this thus removing it from the bill.

Open Show - Lisa Zurn reported that she was able to stay under her budget for awards in 2023.

Scholarship - No updates.

Slot presentation - Stephanie Hicken presented the proposed changes that the slot committee came up with. The slot committee proposed to hold the slots on one night. The night of choice is Saturday and would start no earlier than 4:00pm. Move the NSBA longe line to Friday night to allow more prep time for young horses. Add a Non-Pro walk/trot western and hunt seat class.

The updated payout would be as follows: 1 st 40%, 2 nd 30%, 3 rd 15%, 4 th 10%, 5 th 5%.

Product awards may be given after 5th place. Purse update: Change purse description from \$1000 added to \$1000 Jackpot

Award a buckle to each class held (no year on buckle)

Payback % by Place: 1st 40%, 2nd 30%, 3rd 15%, 4th 10%, 5th 5%

Maximum of 15 slots to be sold

A minimum of 8 slots must be sold to hold the class

Entry fees \$150 by 8/1, \$200 after 8/1.

A slot table is still \$500, wine and snacks will be provided.

No entry fee included with table. Sponsorship plan: All Sponsorships made out to WQHA State Show. Sponsorships for Slot Class expenses/awards. Any balance goes to WQHA.

Jerry Laumer moved to accept the package. Danyelle Gabbert-Wiechert second.

Show Coordination -

WI Horse Council - Ron Miller asked if WQHA would renew their membership for \$100.00.

Jessica Bradley made a motion to renew the membership for \$100.00, and Alec Martin second it.

Old Business - Linda Berg asked when the saddle raffle was approved. Judy Zeitler stated that the executive committee approved it.

New Business - Newqha.

i. Given the lack of involvement in NEWQHA during the past few years, the most recent members of NEWQHA (from 2022, the last year we had any paying members) have all agreed to dissolve the association. There is nothing in the By-Laws about how to dissolve the group and how to disperse the remaining funds, so these members have agreed to the following:

1. The \$7500 that is currently in the Paper Valley Festival show account will stay in that account, under the direction of WAQHA, for purposes of putting on the Paper Valley Festival show each year. When and if WAQHA ever decides to stop doing the Paper Valley Festival show, or any other WQHA sanctioned show, then these funds (or the remaining portion of these funds if there have been losses from the shows) will revert to WQHA.

2. An additional \$1500 will be put into the Paper Valley Festival show account to be used to further participation / engagement at that or other WQHA shows. The Show Committee can decide the best use of the

funds, but our thought would be to support Non-Pro Challenge or other added-money type classes.

3. We have \$305.15 that was previously raised by the NEWQHA youth, which will be given to the WQHA youth.

4. The remaining balance (\$1293.12 as of December 20, 2023) will be given to the WQHA youth group to support their fundraising efforts.

Cindy Tousey was our most recent Treasurer, so she will work with the appropriate members of WQHA and WQHA youth to disperse the remaining funds. She will then close the bank accounts.

I will contact the insurance carrier to cancel our current insurance policy, and we Roy Schwab and Gwen Prince are working to get our Facebook page deleted.

If you or the Board have any questions or comments, please let me know.

Sherri

NEWQHA most recent President.

Stephanie Hicken made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:45pm. Jerry Laumer second it.