

WQHA Board Meeting Minutes

July 23, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 6:32pm by President Judy Zeitler.

In attendance: Judy Zeitler, Tim Schmahl, Stephanie Hicken, Ron Miller, Jerry Laumer, Brenda Lindvall, Kelly Ponce, Krystle Kuhse, Sherri Albinger (Proxy for Danyelle Gabbert-Wiechert), Linda Berg, Alec Martin, Amy Bucholtz, Jim Ramthun, Nikki Schultz, Patty Johnson, Leah Grundman, and Travis Born.

Not in attendance: Keri Smith, Missy Baker, and Jessica Bradley.

Ron Miller made a motion to accept the secretary's report. Krystle Kuhse second it. Motion passed.

Nikki Schultz made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Linda Berg second it. Motion passed.

Awards - The budget for awards will be lower this year. Hopeful to have \$12, 000.00 from dollar fees.

Banquet - The date is January 18, 2025. The Annual Meeting will be held on January 19, 2025.

Hall of Fame - New committee members are Lynn Egan and Alec Martin. We need nominations of horses and people.

Horse Fair - Table for next meeting - should we continue to have a booth.

Memberships - The current member list is up to date on the WQHA website. Jim Ramthun asked if people can be asked if they want to renew their memberships. Tim Schmahl said they can ask in person, and when people become members online they get an instant email to keep track of.

News Letter and Directory - With Vicki's salary we did lose about \$1,000.00 on 2023's directory.

Open Show Program - For the 2024 show season so far there are 43 entries. 14 exhibitors (8 adults/6 youth) and 15 horses.

Scholarship - N/A

Show Coordination - Judy Zeitler will email Kathy Doyle asking about insurance and if it will cover the WQHA trail ride.

State Show and Slots - Alliant Energy has contaminated the old Kizer footing. The Coliseum will potentially keep the dirt in it, and so we will not need the longing pad as we will have the Coliseum. We need to continue to ask for sponsorships. Slot chair and committee will reach out to prior slot entries to remind them of the August 1st deadline. Tony Tousey will not be able to deliver bedding for the State Show. Monday night is when bedding would need to be delivered. Nikki Schultz will reach out to Ashley Carlson to see if the local 4-H could help deliver bedding. Nikki Schultz will bring an additional golf cart to help distribute bedding. Two committees will get together before the show.

Recreational Activities - Jim Ramthun reserved the group campsites for the Trail Ride. It cost \$150.00. We will discuss more details at the September meeting. The trail ride dates are October 4th - 6th 2024. WQHA has applied for \$1,500.00 in AQHA funding which would help offset this cost.

Website & Emailed Newsletter - N/A

WI Horse Council - Ron Miller retired as treasurer after 25+ years! Nikki Schultz did apply for a grant to help pay for awards at the State Show and Slots.

Youth - I, ~~Stephanie Hicken, make a motion to have youth funds be moved to a WQHYA checking account and the WQHA treasurer would write checks for -- withdrawn.~~

Nikki Schultz makes a motion that the youth funds should be reinstated as a liability from the funds from March of 2024 and current. Sherri Albinger second. Ron Miller is opposed. Motion carries. Nikki Schultz rescinded this motion.

Nikk Schultz makes a motion that as of January 1st, 2025 the youth will maintain their own funds and checking account and will provide a financial statement to WQHA BOD. Committee reports will be at WQHA meetings. WQHA will cut a check at year end 2024 to the youth. Ron Miller second this. Motion carries.

Saddle Raffle - We have collected over \$6, 000.00. If each board member can sell tickets (all 500) we would net \$8, 500.00.

Keri Smith has missed 3 consecutive meetings. Jerry Laumer moved for Pat Miller to replace Keri until the end of the year. Travis Born second this. Motion carries.

Ron Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:52pm. Stephanie Hicken second it. Motion carries.