

WQHA Board Meeting Minutes

January 19, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 9:04am by President Judy Zeitler.

In attendance: Judy Zeitler, Tim Schmahl, Stephanie Hicken, Ron Miller, Jerry Laumer, Kelly Ponce, Alec Martin, Jim Ramthun, Pat Miller, Patty Johnson, Leah Grundman, Travis Born, Tiffany Born, Tia Koehler, Greg Mode, Gail Peteler, Shelley Tooley, Doug Tooley, Sherri Albinger, Rich Daniels, Korie Hall, Tina Bothum, Cassandra Duggan, and Trish Schmahl.

Not in attendance: Nikki Schultz, Missy Baker, and Tracy St. Mary.

Ron Miller made a motion to accept the secretaries report. Korie Hall second it. Motion carries.

Treasurer's report- Ron Miller is using a new system for the financials. In the transition about

40% of data was lost. Ron Miller has been diligently working to correct the data loss. Ron Miller

needs the approved November minutes to open bank accounts for the scholarship funds.The

youth account owes WQHA about \$1,300.00 per Ron Miller. Ron Miller said that Midwest Horse

Fair is requesting the liability insurance. Ron Miller received information that WQHA's liability

insurance will increase by at least 10%. Greg Mode made a motion to accept the treasurer's

report. Korie Hall second it. Motion carries.

National Directors - Information on the Horse Protection Act will be given at the AQHA convention, but the Horse Protection Act will begin February 1, 2025 and the convention is after this date.

Awards - Sherri Albinger said she will be right at budget or below for awards. Harris and Lisa Anderson photography gave discounts which is a big help for staying on budget. Something to

think about for the future is if we should do awards for every lead liner. Only 3 were at the awards banquet and now TNT will have to distribute the rest. We also should think about if we

should give awards for people who didn't meet the show or point requirements.

Banquet - Trish Schmahl said that they have received great feedback. Trish doesn't have the bill

yet from LaSure's, but should break even.

Hall of Fame - Jerry Laumer said it went pretty well at the banquet. People were happy. Plaques

cost \$56.00 each. Cost will be up a little bit this year since there were more people and horses

inducted into the Hall of Fame.

Midwest Horse Fair - Stephanie Hicken will send out the sign up sheet. A question was asked of

how the booth could be more interactive. Ideas of having a TV with quarter horses on it, raffles

and even free lessons were suggested. Another suggestion was to do a breed demonstration in

2026.

Membership - Tim Schmahl will continue to update the list. Every board member needs to be a

WQHA member. Please pay for your memberships.

Newsletter & Directory - Ads are due 2/1 and we need more advertisements.

Open Show - Lisa Zurn would like to add to the rules.

1. The horse must be a registered Quarter Horse.

2. The exhibitor must be a current WQHA member prior to the show date.
3. Points/placings are awarded per horse/exhibitor team.
4. An annual nomination fee of \$25.00 per division, plus a copy of the registration, must accompany the initial point form. This is in addition to the WQHA membership. Make checks payable to WQHA.
5. The tiny tot or a member of his/her immediate family must be a WQHA member.
6. Points accumulated as a tiny tot will transfer to youth. Points accumulated as youth will transfer to adult.
7. Points carry over from year to year for the merit and champion divisions; however, all point forms must be received by the open show coordinator within 30 days of the show date, or they will not be counted.
8. The show year begins on October 15th and ends on October 14th of the current year. All point forms must be submitted by October 20th, or they will not count.
9. Any show that is open to horses of all breeds and colors can be used for this program. Buckskin, palomino, and state 4-H shows are not eligible.
10. Champion and reserve classes also count, so please include them. Indicate the corresponding division and the number of entries in the class.
11. Any show that is double judged counts as two separate shows—double points.
12. Point violators will be penalized by not receiving points for that show. Repeated errors will be reviewed by the board, and the participant may be disqualified from year-end awards.
13. Points must be submitted on a WQHA form, and each page must be

signed by the show secretary. All submitted sheets will be verified.

14. WQHA-sanctioned show classes; points count toward WQHA Open

Show points.

Here is clarification on the proposed rule 14 above. It would be and has been all WQHA classes. The All- breed already count.

Scholarship - N/A

Show Coordination - TNT asked Madison for a new contract. They received this information, but

no contract yet. Due to the amount of labor it takes on our end to set up the Kiser lunge pad we

unfortunately won't be able to provide any discounts on this option. So for rental of Pavilion 1+2

with a lunging pad of Kiser dirt in Pavilion 2 the price would be around \$77,600.00.

However, if

you switch over to using only Pavilion 2 for your event we would be willing to offer a discount

since this will be a change compared to what you've had in the past. If you used only Pavilion 2

we would typically charge \$56,000.00 for an 8 day event but we would be willing to discount this

down to \$45,000.00. Then in 2026 we would charge you the full rate of around \$56,000.00.

Madison will start charging for parking as well.

TNT also inquired about 3 different locations for the State Show. None of these venues had the

same date available. Milwaukee would cost about \$33,500.00 and has the weekend of June 21

or June 28 available. Jefferson has August 12-17th available and Oshkosh had dates in

September. Pat Miller makes a motion to have the State Show Committee look for venues outside the state. Tia Koehler second it. Judy Zeitler opposes it. Motion carries.

Travis Born makes a motion to extend his previous motion to defer to the State show committee

to bring 3 options for locations of the 2025 State show to include dates, locations, and for the

committee to hold a meeting by March 18, 2025 or we don't have the show. Alec Martin second

it. Motion carries.

Slots - Rule changes are as follows:

1. Move the last NP Challenge class to first shows, so it's not so near the end of the show.

2. Add some slot committee members that have volunteered to Stephanie Hicken.

3. Change rule that a class will canceled under 8 horses, to: Classes with 6 horses or less is \$500 Jackpot

4. Change open trail Slot with high placing green horse and high placing NP to Green Trail with High placing NP. No elevated poles in Green Trail. Several exhibitors said they were too hard for green horses

5. Re-do entry forms to give us all of the information we need to place NP and WI bred, that can be updated on line or at the show. Set it up where if horses or riders change, we must be notified.

6. Develop a script for the announcer to follow so a new or different announcer does not need a coach.

7. Not definite, but the paints may give us money to pay for high placing paint in some slot classes.

8. Put the year back on awards.

9. Go to 3 buckles in each slot class for Champion, Reserve Champion, and Bronze Champion similar to the NSBA and AQHA world shows. Use the leather halters for 4 th and 5 th place. Some other awards for 6th to 10 th . Cost would not be much more.

11. If bags are used for awards, we should get clear ones so people see the awards better.

A new chair is needed for the slots. Tiffany Born will chair the slots.

Recreation - Trail ride will be happening again this year in the fall. Jim Ramthun is hoping to use the same weekend as last year.

Website and Emailed Newsletter - N/A

Horse Council -

Level 3 membership costs \$100.00. Stephanie Hicken makes a motion to renew Level 3 membership for \$100.00. Ron Miller second it. Motion carries.

Youth - The WQHYA is owed \$3,894.59 from WQHA. The WQHYA had \$3,432.35 from liability P & L plus the carryover from 2024 of \$462.24 which totals \$3,894.59.

2025 Youth Officers:

Karli Grathen - President

Madelynn Schuh - Vice President

Carlissa Heling - Secretary

Delanie Schuh - Treasurer

Alee Foss - Social Director

Kate Macklin - Social Director

Youth booster award - Kate Macklin

Youth Sportsmanship Award - Carlissa Heling

Old Business - We will not have a clinic in 2025.

Korie Hall would like to be the amateur ambassador and she will complete the paperwork.

New Business -

- a. Committee's proposed budgets due at March meeting.
- b. Confirm committee chairs for the following committees:
 - i. Awards - Sherri Albinger
 - ii. Banquet - Trish Schmahl
 - iii. Hall of Fame - Jerry Laumer
 - iv. Horse Council - Ron Miller
 - v. Membership Points/Awards - Tim Schmahl
 - vi. Midwest Horse Fair - Judy Zeitler
 - vii. Open Show & Emailed Newsletter - Lisa Zurn
 - viii. Queen Coordinator - Kerry Osborn
 - ix. Recreational Activities - Jim Ramthun
 - x. Scholarship - Kerry Osborn
 - xi. Show Coordination - Kathy Doyle
 - xii. WQHA Publications - Vickie Kettlewell
 - xiii. WQHA Slot Classes - Tiffany Born
 - xiv. WQHA State Show - TNT Events
 - xv. Youth - WQHYA - Kristy Grathen
 - xvi. WQHA Website - Nikki Schultz

Ron Miller moves to adjourn the meeting at 11:33am. Tim Schmahl second it. Motion carries.