Wisconsin Quarter Horse Association



AQHA Animal Welfare: A Continuing Effort - The AQHA Executive Committee approved recommendations from the AQHA Animal Welfare Commission to continue to make strides for the benefit of American Quarter Horses. <u>Click Here</u> to read full article.

The American Quarter Horse Association Executive Committee met April 26-28 in Amarillo to review the standing-committee recommendations approved at the 2016 AQHA Convention by the AQHA Board of Directors, with the exception of those related to bylaw changes and rules of registration, for which final approval lies with the board of directors. Even though some agenda items were not approved, careful consideration, discussion and debate were devoted to each item. Below are the highlights of approved agenda items from the 2016 standing-committee reports. Read the <u>full committee</u> <u>reports at www.agha.com/convention</u>.

Midwest Horse Fair Sets Attendance Record of 61,000! The fair attendance record was set in 2010, when 56,000 people came through the fair gates. Approximately 54,500 individuals attended the 2014 fair and this year 61,000. Sunny skies and temperatures in excess of 70 degrees during most of the fair also helped bring fairgoers to the event, said fair General Manager Rhonda Reese. "We couldn't have asked for a better weekend weather-wise, and our new facilities surely improved the overall experience for those who attended and exhibited this year," Reese said. "We're proud that this event has become so successful, and has boosted Wisconsin's reputation for a strong equine past, present, and future. The Midwest Horse Fair has become the place for horse owners and horse lovers alike to celebrate the many different breeds and disciplines in the horse world."

SAVE THE DATE for the 2016 Midwest Horse Fair, April 15-17 at the Alliant Energy Center where "The Sky's the Limit." Visit our Facebook page and website, <u>MidwestHorseFair.com</u>, in the coming year to learn more.

Congratulations to Alyssa Reilly and Joy Gasser on winning the drawings for the WQHA One Year Membership!

Have you picked up your 2014 and 2015 WQHA Year End Awards? If not, please stop by the show office during the WQHA Spring Show to pick them up! Last Call for award pick up or to make arrangements for shipping is June 25th. Remaining items will be donated back to WQHA. For More Information, contact Danyelle Gabbert at <u>ddgabbert@gmail.com</u>

Show Updates:

Updated Showbills & Patterns are being posted to the show's websites or posted to the WQHA Showing Page of our website, <u>http://www.wqha.com/showing/</u>

Memorial Day Classic - See website for Patterns

Paper Valley - See website for revised showbill, the order of classes for Ranch Riding has been updated.

Cap Gun - Patterns are posted. All Youth attending the show, Nutrena will again be sponsoring a Feed Bag Design Contest, be thinking of ideas! Feedbags in a variety of colors as well as decorations will be provided.

AQHA Introductory Shows & PFP Open Shows - this is a great opportunity to give AQHA shows a try! Join us July 9th & 10th at the Elkhorn Fairgrounds. Save the date of Friday, July 8th for "Ride The Pattern" clinics with AQHA Professional Horseman Stephanie Lynn, Larry & Rhonda Spratto and other WQHA Professionals! Watch wqha.com for more information.

Liberty Classic - Please send stall reservations to: Carol Ulrich, 9811 Bluff Drive Pittsville, WI 54466

2016 Slot Classes at the WQHA State Shows - Entry Forms and Sponsorship Forms are available on the ?<u>Showing Tab of the WQHA website</u>, or <u>contact Robert Schmitz</u> for more information.

WQHA 2016 Calendar of Events:

Please visit wgha.com/showing for updates!

Many local associations approve the WQHA shows for their year end Awards programs. Be sure to visit their websites for forms and information: <u>BQHA</u>, <u>LLQHA</u>, <u>NEWQHA</u>, <u>UPQHA</u>, <u>WAQHA</u>

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Learn more >> <u>http://www.wqha.com/info-forms/pdf/rules-2016-wqha-open-</u> show-program-rules.pdf

Hello everyone! I'm Kerry Hansen and this year I will be representing the Wisconsin Quarter Horse Association as their All American Quarter Horse Congress Queen candidate. I have been showing in Wisconsin since I was a small child and grew up with a passion for horses that my mom instilled in me. I have so much love for quarter horses and my home state of Wisconsin and am honored that I get to share that at the Congress this year. Please feel free to ask me anything about it when you see me around this summer and if you or your business would be interested in being a sponsor, we could talk about that as well! I wish everyone a successful summer! Click Here to Email Kerry

WQHYA Letters of Intent - Forms are available at www.wqha.com NYATT Congress Team - Letter of Intent & Sponsorship is due June 1st! Please contact WQHYA Advisor Nikki Schultz for more information or visit the Youth tab of www.wqha.com: nikker@netwurx.net or 414/587-7227

AQHA Trail Ride - Ride with us in Eminence, MO June 25 - July 2

Join the American Quarter Horse Association from June 25 to July 2 for a week of fun at Cross Country Trail Rides in Eminence, MO. Participate in a ranch riding and trail challenge clinic, compete in a <u>trail</u> <u>challenge</u> and take advantage of the onsite AQHA booth. For more information, pricing and lodging details <u>Click Here</u>.

Have you renewed your WQHA membership for 2016? If not, membership forms are available in the WQHA publications, you can print from the WQHA website or do an <u>online application</u>. (Remember owners **and** exhibitors must be members to be eligible for WQHA Year End Awards.) WQHA Members receive the WQHA Spring Newsletter, the WQHA Annual Directory, access to Member Benefits discounts and more! Renew today!!



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