

**Ohio Quarter Horse Association
Board of Directors Meeting
September 16, 2013
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Directors present: Rod Atherton, Clark Bradley, Vic Clark, Hank Clason, Chris Darnell, Ed Dingleline, Wayne Erwin, Candi Fites, Bill Flarida, Elizabeth Gorski, Bob Hexter, Jeff James, Roger Landis, Binnie Ann Masters, Brent Maxwell, Ron McCarty Dave McDonald, Charlie Menker, Cindy Morehead, Judd Paul, Don Recchiuti, Alan Potts, Skip Salome, Todd Salome, Chuck Smith, Brent Tincher, Greg Tordoff, Dan Trein, Denny Thorsell, Mike Vargo, Shane Watson and Randy Wilson.

Absent Directors: Lisa Alley, Kelli Diaz, Shawn Flarida, Randy Jacobs and Fritz Leeman.

President Chris Darnell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Introduction of Guests

Kristine Nagy, George Seanor and Ted Handel were introduced as guests.

Minutes

Alan Potts made a motion to accept the August minutes. 2nd by Shane Watson. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Vic Clark presented the August Financial Statements. The 2013 net income is \$ 3,039,998.94 compared to 2012 of \$ 3,096,099.75. Vic stated that everything are some timing issues with the entry income, but everything is financially on track for 2013. Judd Paul made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, second by Todd Salome. Motion carried.

Tri-Chairmen Report

Scott Myers reported the following:

There are 17,800 entries for the 2013 Congress. This is approximately 400 less than 2012.

The Tri-Chairmen met with Cox Concession to finalize the 2013 Congress needs.

Skip Salome reported that the Tri-Chairmen have met with the various security entities. The Ohio State Patrol will be reduced this year as a cost saving measure. However, there will be additional expense in private security.

Standard Parking charges OQHA for the entire length of the show for a camping permit, where as if individuals pay their own fees, they will be credited for days not used. Therefore, the Tri-Chairmen are asking Board members to pay for their permits and then be reimbursed by OQHA.

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Details are being finalized for the parade with the mayor's office which is scheduled for October 9, 2013

Brent Maxwell made a motion to accept the Tri-Chairmen report. 2nd by Bob Hexter.
Motion carried

OHIO COMMITTEE REPORTS

Annual Banquet

Candi Fites reported that the contract has been signed for the 2014 Banquet. The venue will be the Hilton, Downtown Columbus. The committee will be meeting in the next couple months to finalize all the details of the event.

AQHA

Chris Darnell presented a report from the Blue Ribbon Task Force on upcoming changes to the AQHA leveling program.

Drug Task Force

Dr. Dave McDonald reported that the committee has finalized the protocol.

Membership

Shane Watson reported;

231 Adults

223 Youth

301 Amateur

803 Life

Public Policy

Skip Salome reported on the following initiatives:

The annual parade through downtown Columbus is scheduled for October 9, 2013 at 11:00 a.m.

There will be an elected officials reception and tour at the fairgrounds on October 16, 2013.

There is a Political Action Committee reception scheduled on October 14, 2013 from 4:30 – 6:30.

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Rules

This is the second reading of proposed rule change:

Article V, Section 12. Page 5

Elected and appointed board members/officers must attend at least two-thirds of the regular scheduled meetings in a calendar year beginning at the annual meeting. Failure to attend two-thirds of the meetings will require said board member/officer to relinquish their position on the board. Extenuating circumstances can be appealed to the ~~board~~ **Executive Committee. The Executive Committee will make a recommendation to the Board.** The Board of Directors' decision is final.

The following was the 1st reading of proposed rule change:

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ARTICLE III

DUES AND MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Section 1. Each partnership or association as well as each individual person or a corporation shall pay dues of \$20.00 annually. Family memberships are available at a fee of \$40.00. A family membership includes parents and all youth age 18 years and younger residing in the same household. (~~One magazine per family membership~~). Life membership shall be \$150.00 but no additional dues shall be assessed. Dues, eligibility and membership application for Ohio Quarter Horse Youth Association shall be governed by the Constitution and By-Laws of the Ohio Quarter Horse Youth Association.

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ARTICLE V

SELECTION OF TEAMS REPRESENTING OHIO

QUARTER HORSE YOUTH ASSOCIATION

Section 1. The point system for selection of teams will be as follows: There will be (30) points maximum awarded for each class. Points will be awarded on the basis of (1) point for each horse the exhibitor defeats plus one point for the exhibitor up to 9 places. The person's best 10 shows in the qualifying period will count, subject to the requirements of placing in a minimum of three shows and accumulating at least 10 points in the qualifying period for the AQHYA National Finals. Membership on AQHYA National Finals shall be exclusive to OQHYA youth members residing in Ohio and hardship cases. Membership on the All-American Quarter Horse Congress Team shall be exclusive to OQHYA youth members residing in Ohio.

~~(a) It is also required for youth to participate and meet current year fundraiser requirements as well as attend at least two (2) OQHYA board meetings between January 1 and July 1 of the current year in order to participate on the AQHYA National Finals team and/or the Congress team.~~

(a) The Ohio National Youth Team will be made up of any Ohio youth who have met the national requirements and Ohio youth who have met the state requirement. It is also required for youth to ~~participate and meet current year fundraiser requirements as well as~~ attend at least two (2) OQHYA board meetings between January 1 and July 1 of the current year in order to participate on the AQHYA National Finals team and/or the Congress team.

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(b) The Ohio Quarter Horse Association will pay for stall and entry fees to the AQHYA World show for all Ohio National Youth Team members. The OQHA may choose to give an additional stipend to Ohio National Youth Team to help team members with expenses. To be eligible for a stipend, youth are required to attend at least two OQHYA board meetings between January 1 and July 1, of the current year.

~~(b) AQHYA National Finals team members **meeting fundraiser requirements and** attending the two (2) required meetings will receive the funds per exhibitor cash disbursement **for stall fees and entries for up to 2 horses. OQHA will NOT pay for the fees if more than one horse is qualified and entered in the same class, unless that specific class allows for exhibitor to show more than one horse.** Those qualifying nationally and current members of OQHYA may participate on the team, but would not receive the funds from the Association without **meeting the required current year fundraiser and** attending the two (2) required meetings.~~

(c) The OQHA will pay entry fees and stall fees for one horse, per event, per exhibitor, unless that specific event allows for the exhibitor to show more than one horse in that event. To be eligible for the entry fees and stalls fees to be paid the youth are required to attend at least two OQHYA board meetings between January 1 and July 1, of the current year.

(d) For the AQHYA National finals team, points will be counted from the Saturday & Sunday shows only of the SOQHA-sponsored Winter Circuit in March through May 31 inclusive. Any youth going to the AQHYA finals must have written approval from parent or guardian who will be responsible for the conduct of the youth. Current youth members interested in qualifying for a cattle event, working hunter, jumping, equitation over fences, and other classes not usually offered at regular shows or cannot meet the point requirement must declare their interest in competing at the AQHYA World Championship show on or before the date of March 1st, however, if such class(es) is/are offered six (6) or more times, participation in these classes will take precedence over the letter of declaration in determining who will be state representatives at the AQHYA World Championship show. This letter of declaration should be sent to OQHA by way of certified mail with return receipt. OQHA will designate requirements to qualify for the above listed events.

Section 2. Team standings and year standings will be published **and** on the OQHA website.

CONGRESS STEERING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Judging Tournament

Don Recchiuti reported that there will be an Ohio Hippology team this year at the Congress. The committee is requesting \$ 1,250.00 for uniforms for the team. Hank Clason made a motion to approve the expense. 2nd by Dan Trein. Motion carried

Super Sale

Professional Horse Services will administer the 2013 Super Sale again this year. Vic Clark reported that there are 155 consignments for the Super Sale. They are anticipating accepting another 25 by the deadline.

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Don Recchiuti stated that there will be 68 teams competing this year. This is a decrease of 11 teams.

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Pattern Committee

The committee met today and the patterns have all been measured.

ASSOCIATION REPORTS

NOQHA

The Northern Ohio Futurity is set for 9/28 - 9/29/2013

EOQHA

The Eastern Ohio Futurity had over 1300 entries along with 550 stalls.

OAQHA

The OAQHA will be hosting their annual pancake breakfast on October 19, 2013 in the Voinovich building. Proceeds will be donated to St. Jude's.

OQHYA

Chris Darnell reported that the Executive Committee accepted the resignation of Kelli Diaz as Youth Advisor. Cindy Morehead will be the interim advisor.

Old Business

Scott Myers reminded the Board that move in day for Directors at the Congress is Wednesday, October 9th at 5:00 p.m.

New Business

Scott Myers stated that the next meeting will be held on the 4th Monday of November to alleviate World Show conflicts. (November 25, 2013)

Skip Salome requested volunteers to hang signs at the fairgrounds on Monday, September 30, 2013

Todd Salome requested a \$ 2,000.00 donation to the FFA. Dan Trein made a motion to forward the request to the Finance Committee. 2nd by Brent Maxwell. Motion carried.

Ed Dingledine needs to be added to the 2014 Judge's selection process.

Nominating Committee Report

Hank Clason reported on the Nominating Committee's slate for the upcoming election:

Chris Darnell - President. There were no nominations from the floor. Brent Maxwell made a motion to close nomination for President. 2nd by Wayne Erwin. Nominations were closed.

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Vic Clark – 1st Vice President. There were no nominations from the floor. Ed Dingleline made a motion to close nomination for President. 2nd by Dave McDonald. Nominations were closed.

Judd Paul and Elizabeth Gorski – 2nd Vice President. There were no nominations from the floor. Denny Thorsell made a motion to close nomination for President. 2nd by Dan Trein. Nominations were closed.

The committee recommended the following for Director:

Ted Handel
George Seanor
Hank Clason
Greg Tordoff
Mike Vargo
Mark Watkins
Rod Atherton
Kelli Diaz
Candi Fites
Randy Jacobs
Cindy Morehead
Chuck Smith
Denny Thorsell
Kristine Nagy
Bob Hexter

There were no nominations from the floor. Binnie Ann Masters made a motion to close nominations. 2nd by Todd Salome. Motion carried.

Tri-Chair Election

Clark Bradley nominated Denny Thorsell for Tri-Chairmen. 2nd by Dan Trein.
Alan Potts nominated Ron McCarty for Tri-Chairmen. 2nd by Cindy Morehead.
Ed Dingleline made a motion to close nominations. 2nd by Todd Salome.
Denny Thorsell was elected as Tri-Chairmen by a vote of the Board of Directors.

Ed Dingleline made a motion to adjourn the meeting. 2nd by Todd Salome. Meeting adjourned at 9:03

Respectfully submitted:
Barb Benedum
Recording Secretary