

**Ohio Quarter Horse Association
Board of Directors Meeting
September 18, 2017**

Directors present: Justin Billings, Rick Cecil, Hank Clason, Matt Claypool, Chris Darnell, Candi Fites, Bill Florida, Kyle Flatter, Elizabeth Gorski, Ted Handel, Randy Jacobs, Roger Landis, Binnie Ann Masters, Dave McDonald, Brent Maxwell, Cindy Morehead, Alan Potts, Judd Paul, Don Recchuiti, Brent Tincher, Dan Trein, Skip Salome, Rod Atherton, Clark Bradley, Vic Clark, Shawn Florida, Todd Salome, Wayne Erwin, Fritz Leeman, Kristine Nagy, Greg Tordoff, Randy Wilson, Ed Dingleline Kelli Diaz, Shane Watson, and George Seanor.

Absent Directors: Chuck Smith.

President Chris Darnell called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Introduction of Guests

The following were introduced as guests:

Jessica Daniels, Jaymie Drury, Elaine Wells, Katsy Leeman, Riley Erwin, Chad Piper, Cathy Martz, Scott Nemeth, Cris Martin, and Fred Borer.

Minutes

Dan Trein made a motion to accept the August 2017 minutes, 2nd by Matt Claypool. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Brent Maxwell made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, 2nd by Todd Salome. Motion passed.

Foundation Report

Cathy Martz reported on the OQHA Foundation Gala. It will be held in the Corral, October 22, 2017 beginning at 6:30pm. \$100/person. The theme is The Congress Derby, "A Night At The Races". Betting begins at 6:30pm when the doors open. Corporate tables will be available through October 10. RSVP by October 15.

Tri-Chairmen Report

Scott Myers reported on the Tri-Chairmen meeting held earlier:

The Commercial Exhibitors, Team Arena Sponsors, and Corporate Partners look strong for the 2017 All American Quarter Horse Congress.

The 2016 Drug Finding litigation is still in progress. We have updated the Congress Medications Policy and the Congress Medications Violation Procedure. All of this new information is available at the OQHA office upon request.

The Congress Horse Arrival Schedule:

Reining, Ranch Riding, Cutting and Roping arrive Monday, October 2nd, at 8:00am.

And depart by Wednesday, October 11th at 8:00am.

The Directors horses may arrive on Wednesday, October 11th at 8:00am as long as they are not in the Reining part of the Adequan Barn or the Buckeye Barn.

General horse show early arrival is Thursday, October 12th at 8:00am.

General horse show regular arrival is Friday, October 13th at 8:00am.

The Congress Country Concert will be held Thursday, October 26th in the Lausche Building.

OHIO COMMITTEE REPORTS

Annual Banquet – no report

Advisory Council – no report

Judging Team – no report

Marketing – no report

Trail Ride – no report

Technology – no report

Building Renovation – no report

Youth Association – Olivia Tordoff reported that the youth ballet is complete, with 11 officers and 18 directors. At the 2017 AQHYA World Show, the OQHA World Show team was 1st in team spirit, and 2nd in stall decorating. At the 2018 AQHYA World Show the Level 3 will be divided by 13 & under, and 14-18. Barrel Racing, and Level 2 will remain 18 & under.

Queen – Tammy Gagliardo reported The 2018 Ohio Queen will be announced at the banquet, February 3, 2018.

CONGRESS STEERING COMMITTEE

Medication Committee

Dave McDonald reported that we have made changes to our Medication Policy and Violation Procedure. That information is available upon request at the Ohio Quarter Horse Association office.

Grievance Committee

Elizabeth Gorski reported on a grievance filed by a youth member's parent from an incident at the AQHYA World Show. The committee met, and found no validity to the complaint.

Membership

Kelli Diaz gave a membership report.

1370 Life Members: 295 Amateur, 509 Regular, and 9 Youth

557 Annual Members: 226 Amateur, 143 Regular, and 188 Youth.

Ohio News

Lindsay Titus reported that the 50th Anniversary Book will be available at the Congress. The OQHA marketing department is reaching out to get current Bio's from the directors for the winter magazine.

Rules

Chris Darnell reported that we should remove Scholarship rules from the rulebook since Scholarships has been moved to the foundation. 1st Reading:

ARTICLE XIV OQHA Scholarship Program

(See Ohio Quarter Horse Foundation for Scholarship Rules and Information)

Section 1. The OQHA Scholarship Committee was established to provide opportunities for deserving OQHA or OQHVA members who wish to further their education in a college, university, or other institute of higher learning.

Section 2. Each year the OQHA President shall appoint a scholarship committee consisting of at least, but not limited to, two OQHA Directors.

Section 3. Scholarships (both new and renewal) will be awarded upon recommendation of the scholarship committee and approval of the OQHA Board of Directors, dependent upon monies available in the annual budget.

Section 4. Eligible applicants must meet all three of the following:

(a) Applicant must have been a member of the OQHA/ OQHVA for the three consecutive years immediately 17 prior to the year of application, plus the year of application.

(b) Applicant must be a high school graduate or a senior in high school who will graduate by July 1st of the application year.

(c) Applicants cannot have reached their 23rd birthday by December 31st of the application year.

Section 5. Application Process

(a) Applicants must submit the following written materials:

i. A completed application form provided by OQHA;

ii. Their most current high school or college transcript with cumulative grade point average;

iii. A total of three letters of recommendation from a variety of sources (for example: school administrator, teacher or professor, guidance counselor or academic advisor, employer, community service supervisor, horse industry professional, or OQHA Member).

(b) It is the sole responsibility of the applicant to ensure that ALL application materials are submitted collectively, under one cover, and received at the OQHA Office on or before February 15th.

(c) Applicants must also complete an oral interview, to be held at the OQHA Office in Richwood, Ohio, on the second Saturday in March. Applicants submitting all of the required written application materials in a timely manner will be contacted by OQHA staff to schedule an interview time.

Section 6. Scholarship Awards Notification

The Scholarship Committee will inform all applicants in writing by May 1st if they have (or have not) been awarded a scholarship.

Section 7. Disbursement of Scholarship Funds

~~(a) Scholarship funds will be made available by August 1st. Before scholarship funds can be dispersed, new scholarship recipients must provide proof of official enrollment in the college/university/institute they will be attending.~~

~~(b) Scholarship checks will be made payable to the college/ university/institute, and mailed to the scholarship recipient.~~

~~(c) Scholarship funds must be used within twelve months, or returned to OQHA.~~

Section 8. Renewals

(a) Scholarship recipients are eligible to apply for a renewal of their scholarship three additional times (once per academic year), provided they meet all of the following:

- i. maintains a cumulative GPA of 2.70 or better;
- ii. maintain a current OQHA/OQHVA Membership;
- iii. have not reached their 23rd birthday by December 31st of the application

~~year.~~

~~(b) To apply for renewal of a scholarship award, recipients must submit a letter (not to exceed one page) which briefly describes the progress they have made towards their academic and career goals in the past year, along with a current transcript showing their cumulative GPA. Renewal request letters and transcripts must be received in the OQHA office (together in one envelope) no later than February 15th.~~

~~(c) Renewal scholarship checks will be made payable to the college/university/institute, and mailed to the recipient by August 1st.~~

New Building

George Seanor reported that the new building renovation is coming along very nicely.

Medication Waste, Fire Safety, and Horse Welfare

Cindy Morehead reported that the Medical Waste receptacles and the flyers will be available at the stall office. She also has a group lined up to check fire extinguishers.

Futurities

Hank Clason reported that the 3yo Hunter Under Saddle Futurity is up by two.

The Masters is the same as last year. Reining is expected to have a few more late entries.

The Barrel Racing is down 14 entries, and the Pole Bending is down 20 entries.

Queens

Elaine Wells and Jaymie Drury reported they had 17 Queens contestants for this year.

ASSOCIATION REPORTS

Amateurs

Justin Billings reported that the September Amateur meeting was held September 17, 2017. They did a recap on the Buckeye Classic, and a SWOT analysis, focusing on four areas moving forward. Number one was efficiency/expense management, number 2 was technology, number 3 communication, and number 4 customer service. Paying it forward...OQHAA donated \$2000 to the Association of Equine Practitioners for hurricane relief. New vocations: horse adoption, they helped sponsor travel expenses for Heroes On Horses at the Congress, and the veterans reception on Veterans Day at the AQHA World Show. They will have Amateurs available for move in day at the Congress. The pancake breakfast is scheduled again on youth weekend, October 21st, with proceeds going to St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

NOQHA

Candi Fites reported the NOQHA futurity went well. Checks for the futurity and scholarships have been mailed out.

SOQHA

Judd Paul reported that the SOQHA will not be having the Turkey Circuit this year. They are looking for another date for the show.

EOQHA

Kyle Flatter reported the EOQHA had a good show.

Buckeye Reining – no report

Ohio State Buckskin Association – no report

OLD BUSINESS

Dr. Scott Myers reminded the Board that they needed to turn in their judges survey for the 2018 Congress.

The Nominating Committee reported their recommendations for the upcoming 2018 OQHA election:

Officers

President – Chris Darnell

President Chris Darnell asked 3 times if there were any other nominations from the floor for President. Hank Clason made a motion to close the floor for nominations for President.

Second by Matt Claypool

1st Vice President – Brent Maxwell, Roger Landis and Elizabeth Gorski

President Chris Darnell asked 3 times if there were any other nominations from the floor for 1st Vice President.

Dave McDonald made a motion to close the floor for nominations for 1st Vice President.

Second by Kyle Flatter.

2nd Vice President – Hank Clason

President Chris Darnell asked if there were any other nominations from the floor for 2nd Vice President. Ted Handel made a motion to nominate Todd Salome for 2nd Vice President.

Second by Binnie Ann Masters.

President Chris Darnell asked 2 additional times if there were any other nominations from the floor for 2nd Vice President.

Rod Atherton made a motion to close the floor for nominations for 2nd Vice President.

Second by Shane Watson.

Directors:

Rod Atherton
Jessica Daniels
Candi Fites
Bill Flarida
Kyle Flatter

Ted Handel
Ron Kendle
Katsy Leeman
Kristine Nagy
Judd Paul
Chad Piper
George Seanor
Chuck Smith
Brent Tincher
Randy Wilson

President Chris Darnell asked 3 times if there were any other nominations from the floor for Director. Todd Salome made a motion to close nominations. Second by Kyle Flatter.

Dave McDonald Nominated Skip Salome for a 3-year Tri-Chairman position. Second by Dan Trein. Skip Salome was elected to the 3-year Tri-Chairman position.

NEW BUSINESS

Brent Maxwell made a motion to close the meeting. Second by Wayne Erwin.

Respectfully submitted:
Joanne Taylor
Recording Secretary