

**Ohio Quarter Horse Association
Board of Directors Meeting
August 20, 2018**

Directors present: Justin Billings, Clark Bradley, Rick Cecil, Hank Clason, Matt Claypool, Chris Darnell, Kelli Diaz, Ed Dingedine, Wayne Erwin, Bill Flarida, Shawn Flarida, Kyle Flatter, Elizabeth Gorski, Randy Jacobs, Ron Kendle, Roger Landis, Fritz Leeman, Katsy Leeman, Binnie Ann Masters, Brent Maxwell, Dave McDonald, Cindy Morehead, Kristine Nagy, Judd Paul, Chad Piper, Alan Potts, Skip Salome, George Seanor, Dan Trein and Randy Wilson.

Absent Directors: Rod Atherton, Candi Fites, Don Recchiuti, Todd Salome, Chuck Smith, Brent Tincher, and Greg Tordoff.

President Chris Darnell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., with a moment of silence in memory of Vic Clark.

Introduction of Guests

The following were introduced as guests: Ted Handel, Fred Borer, Danny Blackstone, Rhonda Pickersgill, Elaine Wells, and Jaymie Drury.

Minutes

Alan Potts made a motion to accept the June 2018 minutes, 2nd by Kyle Flatter.
Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Carey Cooper gave the Treasurer's report. Brent Maxwell made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, 2nd by Judd Paul. Motion carried.

Tri-Chairmen's Report

Scott Myers gave the Tri-Chairmen's Report. Litigation on the 2016 Drug Test Finding with Stacy Huls continues. Stacy Huls council is asking for additional information from the USEF. There has been some resistance from the USEF, because the ask is too broad.

The Columbus City Council is imposing a Ticket Tax. This 8% tax will affect all of our ticketed events, for upwards of \$30,000. They are trying to collect \$14,000,000 per year. Four million dollars per year to go to Nationwide Arena, and the remaining to go to the Columbus Arts Council. The Arts Council is the biggest beneficiary of the Bed Tax, and we are, already, the biggest contributor to the Bed Tax.

Scott Myers thanked the Super Sale Committee; Hank Clason, Roger Landis, Debbi Trubee, Gary Trubee, and Mike and Stephanie Jennings, for all their help in the absence of Vic Clark.

The Congress cutting entries will be done completely in house this year.

Danielle Stephenson gave the Marketing report. We have a cop-op initiative with Standard Parking and the Expo Center. We are offering a free parking day on Wednesday, October 10. The goal of the promotion is to bring new traffic to the Congress and the Trade Show.

Standard Parking will offer a \$5.00 discount on a single day pass, to the first 100 people. We are currently looking for sponsors, so this discount will be “brought to you by”.

We are also working on a Coupon Book that first targeted our Corporate Partners and Commercial Exhibitors. We plan to print 10,000 Coupon Books. This 50 page book will offer discounts from our vendors. We have gotten a lot of positive feedback from this initiative.

Scott Myers and Skip Salome met with the Fire Marshal again. This year will be a difficult year with the Fire Marshal.

The Corporate Partners are down \$60,000, because we lost a few sponsors; Equo, Smarkpak, Cashmans, and a decreased sponsorship from Good Ride.

The horse arrival schedule for 2018:

Monday, October 1, 8:00 am: Ranch Riding, Reining and Cutting horses

Wednesday, October 12, 8:00 am: Directors horses NOT in the Adequan barn

Thursday, October 13, 8:00 am: Horses with an early arrival fee

Friday, October 14, 8:00 am: General horses come in

The stall drawing will be September 19, 2018 and hope to have it all posted on the website by the weekend.

Dan Trein made a motion to accept the Tri Chairmen’s report, 2nd by Dave McDonald. Motion carried.

OHIO COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trail

Binnie Ann Masters was invited to attend a meeting at the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. The Department wishes to use Ohio as the destination state for people who use trails.

Membership

Kyle Flatter reported that we have 551 members, 828 life members, for a total of 1,379.

Ohio News

Danielle Stephenson reported that we are having a Stall Giveaway. The feedback from this promotion has been outstanding. We have had more than 98,000 people reached through this promotion, with 7,200 reactions. This includes comments and shares. The winner will be announced very soon. The deadline for the souvenir program is September 1, 2018. Any news for the Newsletter needs to be in by August 31, 2018.

CONGRESS STEERING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Cindy Morehead reported that the next Animal Protection/Fire & Safety meeting will be meeting in September at the September Board Meeting.

Hank Clason reported that the futurities are up by 40. The Reining is up 29. The Markel Western Pleasure Maturity is down 14.

Dave McDonald reported that the Drug Task Force has reviewed and revised the previous Congress Medication Policy and Congress Medication Violation Procedure. A copy is available at the OQHA office.

ASSOCIATION REPORTS

Amateur

Fred Borer reported that the Buckeye Classic horse show was a success again. The Buckeye Classic hosted the Yeda horsemanship challenge, with 31 riders, and gave \$2,200 in scholarship money. They gave Harris Leather gift cards to the top placing riders. Brent Tinchler gave a Horsemanship clinic. The new horse show manager, as well as our Chris Darnell, did a great job with the horse show. Make a Wish made a dream come true for Ruthie, sponsored by Roby Roberts. Ruthie has always wanted to show a horse, and she was able to show in the lead line. The Donkey Race made \$8,000 for Make a Wish.

Buckeye Reining Series

Shawn Florida reported that The Buckeye Reining Series had another great horse show.

EOQHA

Kyle Flatter reported that next show is September 7,8,9 at the Expo Center.

Foundation

Kelli Diaz reported that the Foundation Golf Outing went well again this year. They had 17 teams and made nearly \$12,000. Thank you to everyone who sponsored.

Ohio State Buckskin Association

Ted Handel reported that the IBHA World Show had a 20% increase.

NOQHA

Chris Darnell reported that the NOQHA fall show will be held September 1-2, 2018 in Sunbury, Ohio.

SOQHA

Judd Paul reported the SOQHA will have a horse show August 25-26, 2018.

OLD BUSINESS

Nominating Committee

Matt Claypool reported that there will be a Nominating Committee Meeting at the September Board Meeting. Anyone interested in being on a committee should contact Matt Claypool.

Congress Patterns

All of the patterns have been submitted to Horse Show Patterns. Com. With the exception of the Ranch Riding patterns. The Pattern Committee decided to use an AQHA pattern. The setting of the patterns will be at the September Board Meeting, at 2:00pm. The trail patterns should be to George Seanor by September 1, 2018.

Contributions in Vic Clark's Memory

Vic Clark's family had mentioned that in lieu of flowers, contributions may be given to the church. We tried to decide what to do with any contributions given to OQHA in Vic Clark's memory, and decided on two rotating trophy's for the Super Sale Stakes classes. One for the Western Pleasure, and one for the Hunter Under Saddle. Vic was so passionate about the Super Sale.

NEW BUSINESS

Chris Darnell reported that she and Scott Myers attended the awards banquet at the NSBA World Show. Leo Barbero was the founder of NSBA, and the first president. We were presented with this trophy for the All American Quarter Horse Congress and its contribution to the industry and giving back. Congratulations to the OQHA.

Chris Darnell reported that all directors get 2 free passes and can purchase up to 10 at \$40.00. We would like everyone to fill out their form prior to the September meeting to help speed up the process.

Chris Darnell asked for nominations for a new Corporate Treasurer. Hank Clason nominated Fritz Leeman, 2nd by Brent Maxwell. Judd Paul called to close the nominations, 2nd by Dan Trein. Motion carried.

Chris Darnell reported that AQHA has the Most Valuable Professional Horseman Award. Each affiliate is to nominate someone to be recommended. Dan Trein was the winner in 2017. Brent Maxwell was nominated by Clark Bradley, 2nd by Elizabeth Gorski. Randy Wilson was nominated by Hank Clason, 2nd by Roger Landis. Shawn Florida was nominated by Elizabeth Gorski, 2nd by Kyle Flatter. Binnie Ann Masters called to close the nominations, 2nd by Cindy Morehead.

The November Board Meeting would fall November 19, 2018, the Monday before Thanksgiving, and the Monday after the World Show. Judd Paul made a motion that we move the November Board Meeting to November 26, 2018, 2nd by Matt Claypool. Motion carried.

Ed Dingleline made a motion to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Kyle Flatter.

Respectfully submitted:
Joanne Taylor
Recording Secretary