



**Ohio Quarter Horse Association
Board of Directors Meeting
March 17, 2014**

Directors present: Rod Atherton, Clark Bradley, Hank Clason, Chris Darnell, Kelli Diaz, Wayne Erwin, Candi Fites, Bill Florida, Shawn Florida, Elizabeth Gorski, Randy Jacobs, Binnie Ann Masters, Brent Maxwell, Ron McCarty, Dr. Dave McDonald, Cindy Morehead, Kristine Nagy, Don Recchiuti, Alan Potts, George Seanor, Skip Salome, Todd Salome, Denny Thorsell, Dan Trein, Shane Watson and Randy Wilson.

Excused Directors: Lisa Alley, Vic Clark, Ed Dingedine, Bob Hexter, Roger Landis, Fritz Lee-man, Charlie Menker, Judd Paul, Chuck Smith and Mike Vargo.

President Chris Darnell called the meeting to order at 7:17 p.m.

A brief moment of silence was observed in memory of Don Clason.

Introduction of Guests

Ted Handel was introduced as a guest.

Minutes

Todd Salome made a motion to accept the January 2014 minutes. 2nd by Elizabeth Gorski. Motion passed.

Tri-Chairmen Report

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

Amateur Versatility

- This class will be no longer offered.

Paybacks

- Will use NSBA payback scale.

Futurity/Stakes Entry Fees

- There will be an increase in entry fees for most Futurity and Stakes classes.

Green Trail

- The Green Trail will be split into Junior and Senior.

Small Fry

- There will be Trail and Equitation added for Small Fry. The Committee will discuss whether there will be patterns.

Todd Salome made motion to accept the above recommendations. 2nd by Ron McCarty. Motion carried.

Columbus Crew

- The Tri-Chairmen are exploring the idea of working in conjunction with the Columbus Crew stadium to have a concert the first weekend of Congress.

Ron McCarty made a motion to move forward in negotiations with the Columbus Crew. 2nd by Wayne Erwin. Motion passed

IT Support

- The Tri-Chairmen are reviewing various options to handle the OQHA IT contract.

Ohio Expo Center

- Scott provided the initial options for the new buildings at the Expo Center. The proposal includes an Equine Building with 1,000 permanent stalls. It also includes an All Purpose building the will be north of 17th Avenue.

Photographer

- Jeff Kirkbride has decided to step away from the Congress beginning in 2014. OQHA will begin accepting bids for this contract.

PBR

- OQHA will commit to a \$ 3,000 sponsorship for Buckin Ohio in order to continue to promote the Congress PBR. Eileen Thorsell will also sell sponsorships for the Congress PBR with a 15% commission.

Dave McDonald made a motion to accept the recommendations regarding the PBR. 2nd by Rod Atherton. Motion carried.

Ohio Racing

- The Tri-Chairmen agreed to support Ohio Racing however; no money will be allocated to the program.

OHIO COMMITTEE REPORTS

Banquet

Candi Fites reported on the banquet held in February

- There were 360 reservations for the 2014 banquet, which represents a 20% increase from the previous year.
- The 2015 banquet will be held at the Crowne Plaza.

AQHA

Clark Bradley reported on the AQHA Convention held in New Orleans, LA.

Scott Myers reported on that Ralph Seekins was elected to the AQHA Executive Committee.

Executive Committee

Brent Maxwell reported that there was a request for an Introductory Show in Georgetown OH, but they are not requesting Ohio points. Dan Trein made the motion to accept. 2nd by Binnie Ann Masters. Motion carried.

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee is recommending restricting \$ 1,750,000 for long term capital funds. Ron McCarty made the motion to accept the recommendation. 2nd by Brent Maxwell.

The Finance Committee is also recommending conducting an annual review of the financial statements.

Hank Clason made the motion to accept the recommendation. 2nd by Elizabeth Gorski.

Lastly, the Committee is recommending that a task force begin investigating an Ohio Quarter Horse Foundation.

Membership

Shane Watson reported on our membership numbers:

205 – Amateurs

145 – Regular

134 – Youth

808 – Life

Scott Myers introduced the new membership card that will now be mailed to members. The new card was sponsored by John Deere and will have a member benefit in their Equine Program.

Ohio News

Katie Dobrowolski reported that there have been 57 purchased subscriptions for the 2014 Ohio News.

Scholarships

Elizabeth Gorski announced the 2014 scholarship recipients. They are as follows:

Lindsay Brush – \$ 1,000 Outstanding Horseman Award

Brittany Walford – \$ 1,000 Jess Cecil Memorial Scholarship

\$ 750 Higher Education Learning Scholarships:

Kayla Magrum

Kelsey Sybert

Sheldon McCoy

Cole Brooks

Lauren Martyn

Hannah Bradley

There were also 17 renewals for \$ 700.00 each.

Shane Watson made a motion to approve the scholarship awards. 2nd by Don Recchiuti. Motion passed

Elizabeth also discussed the possibility of advertising Uncle Jimmy's Equine products on our website with a portion of the sales to be donated to the scholarship fund.

Greg Tordoff motioned to investigate the possibility of advertising outside vendors on our website. 2nd by Wayne Erwin.

Trail Ride

Todd Salome reported that he met with the Ohio Horse Council to have a trail ride on June 28, 2014.

NYATT

Don Recchiuti reported that there will be changes to the NYATT rules and they will be sent out to the Directors for review.

ASSOCIATION REPORTS

NOQHA

Candi Fites announced that the show bills are now online.
Also, stalls are almost already sold out for the Findlay show.

Ohio Buckskin

Ted Handel reported that the show schedule is as follows:

June 7-8

June 28-29

September 6-7

OAQHA

Marla Atherton reported that the Buckeye Classic has sold approximately 500 stalls currently has a waiting list for camping.

OQHYA

Lauren Diaz reported that committees were assigned during their meeting.

New Business

Shane Watson made a motion that the meeting minutes be published on the OQHA website and no longer included in the Ohio News. 2nd by Greg Tordoff.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Barb Benedum

Recording Secretary