



**Ohio Quarter Horse Association  
Board of Director Minutes  
April 21, 2014**

**Directors Present:** Lisa Alley, Rod Atherton, Hank Clason, Chris Darnell, Wayne Erwin, Candi Fites, Bill Flarida, Shawn Flarida, Elizabeth Gorski, Beth Himes, Randy Jacobs, Roger Landis, Binnie Ann Masters, Brent Maxwell, Ron McCarty, Dave McDonald, Kristine Nagy, Judd Paul, Alan Potts, Don Recchuiti, Skip Salome, Chuck Smith, George Seanor, Brent Tincher, Greg Tordoff, Denny Thorsell, Dan Trein, Mike Vargo, and Randy Wilson.

**Absent Directors:** Clark Bradley, Kelli Diaz, Bob Hexter, Charlie Menker, Cindy Morehead, Todd Salome, Shane Watson.

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm by President, Chris Darnell.

**Introduction of Guests:** Ted Handel, Jason Somnitz, Shari Tordoff, Tom Turner, and Mark Watkins were introduced as guests.

**Minutes**

Alan Potts motioned to accept the March 17, 2014 minutes. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Skip Salome. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report**

Scott Myers gave the treasurer report. Ron McCarty motioned to accept the report. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave McDonald. Motion passed.

**Tri-Chairmen Report**

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

- Capital improvements will be discussed in executive session
- We have a new IT Company and the new contract will start next Tuesday, April 29, 2014.
- Photographer – There has been considerable interest, however more research needs to be completed before a decision is made.
- Youth Ranch Pleasure will be added to the 2014 Congress schedule.
- The conflict with posting scribe sheets has been resolved with Alex Ross. We will only post the finals.
- Concert at the Crew Stadium – artist yet to be identified.
- Scott Myers introduced a program called “Congress Gives Back”. We would sell lapel pins for approximately \$5.00 each. The proceeds would be used for a charity to be decided at a later date. Dave McDonald made a motion to approve the “Congress Cares concept with the red pin. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Skip Salome. Motion passed. Details and refinement are still needed.

## **Professional Horseman**

Brent Maxwell reported the following:

- The committee is recommending that a pattern be added in the small fry horsemanship and hunt seat equitation, using the same format as other pattern classes. The pattern would be worked first and then bring finalists back to the rail
- Ownership and relationship in small fry classes will follow AQHA rules to be consistent.
- A small fry western pleasure class will be added.

Lisa Alley motioned to accept committee recommendations. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rod Atherton. Motion passed.

## **Ohio Committee Reports**

### **Breeders Incentive Fund**

Candi Fites – The committee is recommending the following guidelines for 2014;

- OQHA will provide \$5,000.00 OFBIF money to each regional association (EOQHA, NOQHA, SOQHA)
- A current futurity show bill must be returned with complete application to the OQHA office by July 15th of current year.
- Show results must be sent to OQHA within a maximum of 30 days of last day of the horse show to be eligible for money.
- Paybacks are at the discretion of the regional association, but must follow the NSBA schedule.
- The approved OFBIF classes are attached. The affiliates are encouraged to hold all classes, but must hold a minimum of 10 classes (See attached for list of classes)

Dan Trein motioned to approve the recommendation. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ron McCarty. Motion passed.

## **Public Policy**

Skip will present in executive session.

## **Rules**

Elizabeth Gorski presented a first reading of the revised rule concerning directors meeting attendance.

### **Article V, Section 12**

Because important Association business is conducted at all regularly scheduled OQHA meetings, attendance and input from all Directors is expected and very important. As such, any yearly Congress Director Benefits will be earned once a Director has attended 4 regularly scheduled meetings from the February regular meeting (conducted after the annual meeting), through the September regular meeting.

## **Trail Ride**

Committee will schedule a meeting before the May OQHA Board of Director's meeting.

## **Congress Committees**

### **Futurity**

Hank Clason reported that most class entries are close to the same as last year with the exception of Barrels, down 59 and Poles, down 13.

## **NYATT**

Don Recchuiti presented the revised NYATT rules. Skip motioned to accept. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wayne Erwin. Motion passed

Clarification on how to break the ties in the barrels and reining was needed. Roger Landis motioned to accept Option 2. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Elizabeth Gorski. Motion passed.

Option 2 - Every class, except barrels, will be judged by three judges whose scores will be combined for the final placing. There will be fifteen (15) placings in each class.

For Barrels:

First place ties will be broken by a run off.

Contestants may choose to flip a coin to break first place ties in lieu of a run off.

Ties for second (2) through fifteen (15) placing will be broken by a flip of the coin.

### **Association Reports**

**NOQHA** – Candi Fites reported that electric and stalls for Findlay are close to selling out, get your reservations in.

**SOQHA** – Judd Paul reported they had 7,700 total entries at their Madness in March show with 6,100 AQHA entries. iEquine provided live streaming for the show and reported that during the slot class, there were 70,000 views.

**EOQHA** – Beth Himes reported they had 800 entries per each of their 4 judges the past weekend at their show in Columbus.

### **Amateur**

Marla Atherton reported they expect to have 146 camping spots sold at Sunbury and there is currently a waiting list. All 625 stalls have been sold, with 130 on the waiting list. No tents will be set up. The Hampton Inn is sold out. The Little Buckeye golf outing will be held on Tuesday, July 26.

### **Youth**

Lauren Diaz reported they had 37 youth attend the meeting. They broke down into committees to focus on planning. The youth world show theme is Operation Success and OQHYA will have a military theme. Chance boxes will be sold at the Sunbury show.

Denise Igoe reported there will be various speakers at their meetings to present information on IEA and NCEA.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

George Seanor introduced Tom Turner, Vice President at Mercy Medical Center Development Foundation. Tom provided information on setting up a foundation. Chris asked for names of anyone interested in being on the task force.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Shari Tordoff presented information on improving our social media.

Scott Myers is the recipient of the 2014 Jack Benson Memorial Award giving by NSBA.

All guests were excused to go into executive session at 9:10.

Respectfully submitted:

Barb Benedum

Recording Secretary