

**Ohio Quarter Horse Association
Board of Directors Meeting
April 20, 2015**

Directors present: Rod Atherton, Clark Bradley, Vic Clark, Hank Clason, Chris Darnell, Candi Fites, Bill Flarida, Shawn Flarida, Kyle Flatter, Elizabeth Gorski, Randy Jacobs, Roger Landis, Fritz Leeman, Binnie Ann Masters, Brent Maxwell, Dr. Dave McDonald, Cindy Morehead, Kristine Nagy, Judd Paul, Alan Potts, Don Recchiuti, Todd Salome, Skip Salome, Denny Thorsell, Greg Tordoff and Dan Trein.

Absent Directors Lisa Alley, Kelli Diaz, Ed Dingledine, Wayne Erwin, Bob Hexter, Beth Himes, Ron McCarty, George Seanor, Chuck Smith, Brent Tincher, Shane Watson and Randy Wilson .

President Hank Clason called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Introduction of Guests

The following were introduced as guests:
Ted Handel, Jason Somnitz and Rick Cecil.

Minutes

Todd Salome made a motion to accept the March 2015 minutes with the following correction: In the EOQHA news, it should read that the NOQHA show on September 5 & 6 is approved for EOQHA points. 2nd by Alan Potts. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Vic Clark reported on the OQHA financial statements. Total assets are \$ 7,089,734 while liabilities are \$ 49,192 leaving net equity of \$ 7,040,542 as of March 31, 2015.

Vic also stated that the Profit and Loss is in line with the current budget. Greg Tordoff made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. 2nd by Todd Salome. Motion passed.

Tri-Chairmen Report

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

- The Tri-Chairmen met with officials from the Ohio Racing Association. They are planning on having Congress races where they will add \$ 10,000 to the purse and AQHA will match. Chris Darnell made a motion that OQHA support the races in name and provide the awards. 2nd by Roger Landis. Motion passed
- Scott gave an update on the new building at the Expo Center. The building is on track for completion by Congress. The new stalls are being installed in the Gilligan building.
- There was discussion on the Yearling Halter Futurity. It was decided to follow the current futurity rules. Therefore no action was taken.

- The Tri-Chairmen reviewed the judge's relative policy. Dan Trein made a motion to amend the action taken at the March meeting to make the judge's relative policy be included in the Judge's Policies and Guidelines and not included in their contract. 2nd by Brent Maxwell.
- Scott reported that he met with Lynn Bruce to discuss the concept of having a charity event at the Congress. The Boots and Brains event will most likely be on a Friday night at the Corral and OQHA will support the event in name and logistics.
- The OQHYA has requested that they be able to reinstate the NYATT social events as done in the past.
- Scott reported that The Corral will be open on the weekends during Congress.
- Scott attended a Reining meeting to discuss the Friends of Reining sponsorship. It was decided that there would not be a CRI Reining during Congress. The sponsorship is on track for the 2015 Congress.

OHIO COMMITTEE REPORTS

Annual Banquet

Greg Tordoff reported that the 2016 contract has been signed with the Crowne Plaza.

Finance Committee

Scott Myers reported that the \$ 25,000 1st quarter contribution to the long term investment account has been sent.

Horse Show Advisory

Dan Trein reported that the committee discussed the request that the Buckeye Reining event in June be awarded OQHA points. Per Article XII, Section 2 of the rule book, this request was denied.

Memberships

Chris Darnell gave the 2015 membership report as follows:

- 250 Amateurs Members
- 143 Regular Members
- 156 Youth Members
- 813 Life Members

Scholarships

Elizabeth Gorski reported that she spoke to the Youth about the Scholarship Program. She also reported that the Annual Golf Outing will be held Monday, July 20th at Oakhaven Golf Course.

Trail Ride

Todd Salome reported that the 2015 Trail Ride is scheduled for June 12th – 14th.

ASSOCIATION REPORTS

Amateur

Justin Billings reported that the Amateurs are working on strategic plans in conjunction with their mission statement. The main emphasis will be on the following:

- Grass root efforts
- Building affiliate relationships
- Educational opportunities
- The Buckeye Classic brand and structure for profits
- Enhancing the relationship with the OQHA Open Board of Directors

The Amateur's also congratulated Fritz Leeman on his induction to the NSBA Hall of Fame.

NOQHA

Candi Fites reported that the NOQHA will have reduced stall fees if reserved by May 1, 2015 for the Memorial Weekend show.

SOQHA

Judd Paul stated that the Madness show had a total of just over 9,200 entries. The new facilities at Roberts Arena were very impressive.

EOQHA

Brent Maxwell reported that the first show was well attended. The Youth will be selling hanging baskets at the May show.

Ohio Buckskin Association

Ted Handel stated that total scholarships awarded surpassed \$ 300,000 this year.

Youth

Madison Thiel reported from the Youth meeting.

- The Youth will be having their annual clothing drive.
- There will be a basket donation at the Tough Enough to Wear Pink horse show.
- The attendees for the YES Convention have been finalized.
- The Youth are in the planning stages for the AQHYA Show.

OLD BUSINESS

Scott Myers reported that the donation was made for the ISHA Regional Semi-Finals and Wayne Erwin represented OQHA that week end.

NEW BUSINESS

Scott Myers presented a request from NSBA for a \$ 3,000 Bronze Sponsorship. Vic Clark made a motion to make the donation. 2nd by Todd Salome. Motion passed.

Scott Myers reported that Nicole Barker's Visa expires in August and we will need to replace that position.

The regular meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Barb Benedum

Recording Secretary