

Ohio Quarter Horse Association
Board of Directors Meeting
June 22, 2015

Directors present: Rod Atherton, Clark Bradley, Vic Clark, Hank Clason, Chris Darnell, Ed Dingleline, Candi Fites, Kyle Flatter, Elizabeth Gorski, Binnie Ann Masters, Brent Maxwell, Ron McCarty, Dr. Dave McDonald, Cindy Morehead , Kristine Nagy, Alan Potts, Don Recchiuti, Todd Salome, Skip Salome, George Seanor, Chuck Smith, Denny Thorsell, Dan Trein, Shane Watson and Randy Wilson.

Absent Directors Lisa Alley, Kelli Diaz, Wayne Erwin, Bill Flarida, Shawn Flarida, Bob Hexter, Beth Himes, Randy Jacobs, Roger Landis, Fritz Leeman, Judd Paul, Brent Tincher and Greg Tordoff.

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

Introduction of Guests

The following were introduced as guests:

Ted Handel, Russ Faulhaber, Danielle Stephenson and Jason Somnitz

Minutes

Elizabeth Gorski made a motion to accept the May 2015 minutes. 2nd by Dave McDonald. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Barb Benedum reported on the OQHA financial statements. Total assets are \$ 7,710,724.81 while liabilities are \$ 54,704.04. leaving a net equity is \$ 7,714,417.81 as of May 31, 2015. Randy Wilson made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. 2nd by Cindy Morehead. Motion passed.

Tri-Chairmen Report

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

- Scott reported that the Commercial Exhibitors and Corporate Sponsors are on track for the 2015 Congress.
- There was an update on the new barn, which will be named the Adequan barn for the Congress event only. The construction is on track for use this year.
- Bob Kiser will be returning this year as he has in the past for installation of the Celeste footing.

- There is an initiative to have entertainment after the PBR. We are working on booking a country entertainer and then tickets will go on sale.

Elizabeth Gorski made a motion to accept the Tri-Chairmen report. 2nd by Candi Fites.

OHIO COMMITTEE REPORTS

AQHA Reports

Scott Myers reported that he will be attending meeting for the AQHA Foundation Executive Director search committee.

Executive Committee

Brent Maxwell reported on the Executive Committee held earlier:

- There was discussion on the AQHYA World Show Stipends. Brent Maxwell made a motion to recommend that each eligible Ohio Youth be given a \$ 500.00 stipend. 2nd by Dan Trein. Motion passed.

Trail Ride

Todd Salome reported on the 2015 Trail Ride:

- There were 135 horses with approximately 300 people attending.
- There were 75 in the AQHA Trail Challenge competition, which is the most for any trail ride in the nation.

Cindy from Tri County presented Hank Clason with a \$ 1,000 donation to Congress Cares on behalf of the 2015 Trail Ride.

Todd Salome made a motion to have a 2016 Trail Ride. 2nd by Randy Wilson. Motion carried.

CONGRESS STEERING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Animal Protection/Fir and Safety

Binnie Ann Masters reported that there will need to be additional signage and patrol for the new Adequan barn.

Congress Futurities

Randy Wilson reported the Futurity entries as of the June 1, 2015 payment date. There were some classes with significant decrease in entries. However, total entries will not be available until the final payments are due.

Trail

Brent Maxwell shared the committee's recommendation on Trail Practice using several arenas at different times during the show. Scott asked that the committee put the suggestions in writing for the Tri-Chairmen to review.

ASSOCIATION REPORTS

Amateur

Justin Billings stated the Amateurs are finalizing all preparations for the Buckeye shows: There will be a town meeting with Patty Carter to discuss the leveling program at the Buckeye shows.

There will be the 1st annual Buckeye Blitz 5K with proceeds to go toward an OAHQA scholarship fund.

NOQHA

Chris Darnell reported that the 1st Findlay show had over 5,000 entries. The Futurity is scheduled for Labor Day weekend at Eden Park.

EOQHA

Brent Maxwell reported that the May show a success.

Ohio Buckskin Association

Ted Handel stated that the IBHA World show will be held July 28 – August 1 at Cloverdale. It appears that entries will be slightly up this year.

Youth

Madison Thiel reported that the AQHYA World Show entries will be finalized at the OQHA office this week and sent out. All World Show committees have been assigned and plans are being finalized for the show.

OLD BUSINESS

Scott reported that the Sponsorship Request form has been completed and is now part of the policy handbook.

There was discussion regarding the screens on the Celeste make-up arena. After much discussion, Dan Trein made a motion to move the East panels to the West side of the make-up arena with the intention to look into permanent solutions. 2nd by Chris Darnell. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Scott reported that he is working on proposals for a 50th Anniversary Congress book

Hank Clason reported that a Nominating Committee must be selected at this time. The following were elected to the committee:

Vic Clark by Ed Dingledine and Binnie Ann Masters

Dave McDonald by Binnie Ann Masters and Chris Darnell

Brent Maxwell by Chris Darnell and Elizabeth Gorski

Chris Darnell by Dan Trein and Elizabeth Gorski

Todd Salome by Ron McCarty and Randy Wilson

Randy Wilson by Brent Maxwell and Chris Darnell

Elizabeth Gorski by Brent Maxwell and Todd Salome

Randy Wilson was named Chair of the Nominating Committee.

Respectfully submitted:

Barb Benedum

Recording Secretary

