

**Ohio Quarter Horse Association
Board of Directors Meeting
September 21, 2015**

Directors present: Lisa Alley, Rod Atherton, Clark Bradley, Hank Clason, Chris Darnell, Kelli Diaz, Ed Dingleline, Candi Fites, Bill Flarida, Shawn Flarida, Kyle Flatter, Elizabeth Gorski, Beth Himes, Randy Jacobs, Roger Landis, Fritz Leeman, Binnie Ann Masters, Ron McCarty, Dr. Dave McDonald, Cindy Morehead, Kristine Nagy, Judd Paul, Alan Potts, Don Recchiuti, Skip Salome, Todd Salome, George Seanor, Chuck Smith, Denny Thorsell, Dan Trein, Brent Tincher, Greg Tordoff, Shane Watson and Randy Wilson.

Absent Directors: Vic Clark, Wayne Erwin, Bob Hexter and Brent Maxwell.

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

Introduction of Guests

The following were introduced as guests:
Courtney Coughlin, Ted Handel and Jaymie Drury.

Courtney Coughlin made a presentation on the 2015 Congress Queens Contest. She presented an overview of the new Queen's website. Courtney also discussed the new awards that will be given this year, including scholarships and a 2 year lease on a new car donated by Coughlin Automotive. Courtney reported that the Style Show will be held in Congress Hall this year.

Minutes

Dan Trein made a motion to accept the August 2015 minutes. 2nd by Elizabeth Gorski. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Barb Benedum reported on the OQHA financial statements. The net income is \$ 3,290,241.05 as of August 31, 2015. Todd Salome made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. 2nd by Skip Salome. Motion passed.

Tri-Chairmen Report

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

Scott recapped the changes and additions for the 2015 Congress

- New Adequan Barn with 1000 permanent stalls.
- New stall provided by the Fairgrounds in the Buckeye and Ag & Hort barns.
- New arena wall in the Celeste.
- New lighting in the Congress Pavillion.

- New various metal signs throughout the Congress.
- New parking barricades to help with traffic flow.
- Media trailers for the Celeste and Coliseum.
- LED Big Screens for the Celeste and Coliseum.

Scott also discussed the various Congress events:

- Parade – October 7
- PBR with free Country Concert – October 9
- Ribbon Cutting – October 14 @ 5:00
- Boots and Buckeyes – October 16

OHIO COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee

Elizabeth Gorski reported on the Executive Committee meeting held earlier:

- The Executive Committee is working on a Conflict of Interest and Confidentiality policy that will be presented to the Board at a later date.
- Elizabeth also reported that they reviewed the OQHA health insurance renewal information and recommended that we continue on the same plan and absorb the 7.5% increase.

Chris Darnell made a motion to accept the recommendation. 2nd by Alan Potts.

Ohio News

Danielle Stephenson reported on the various marketing efforts for the 2015 Congress which includes a digital billboard that will be displayed in downtown Columbus. The cost of the billboard will be split with Standard Parking. There will be several radio and tv spots promoting the various events.

Danielle also reported that advertising for the Souvenir Program is approximately \$ 56,000, which is a considerable increase from last year.

The Ohio News – Winter Edition will be going to press in mid November.

Rules

Elizabeth Gorski read a 1st reading for a proposed rule change regarding Ohio points for Select Riders when combined with Amateur classes.

CONGRESS STEERING REPORTS

Awards Office

Jaymie Drury reported that the Awards staff will be unloading trophies September 26 and 27 at the fairgrounds.

Commercial Exhibitors

Judd Paul reported that there will be an Commercial Exhibitor party on October 6 at 7:00 p.m. in Congress Hall.

Demonstrations/Lectures

Elizabeth reported that she has the posters made and they are available if anyone would like them for their barn or organization.

NYATT

Don Rechutti reported that there will be 63 teams competing this year at Congress in the Team Tournament.

ASSOCIATION REPORTS

Amateur

Justin Billings discussed the pancake breakfast that will be held during Congress.

NOQHA

Candi Fites reported that the NOQA Futurity was held on September 5 & 6, 2015. Stalls increased by 140.

EOQHA

Kyle Flatter reported that EOQHA Futurity had 5000 entries and over 400 stalls.

Ohio Buckskin Association

Ted Handel reported the show year finished in September and they are now working on their annual banquet.

Youth

Olivia Tordoff reported that the OQHYA members have been working on finalizing their election recommendations. Olivia also discussed the Youth Bash that will be held during Congress.

OLD BUSINESS

The Nominating Committee reported their recommendations for the upcoming OQHA election:

Officers

- President – Hank Clason
- 1st Vice President – Chris Darnell
- 2nd Vice President – Candi Fites and Judd Paul

President Hank Clason asked 3 times if there were any other nominations from the floor for any officer position. Todd Salome made a motion to close nominations. 2nd by Shane Watson.

Directors

- Lisa Alley
- Rod Atherton
- Rick Cecil
- Shawn Flarida
- Kyle Flatter
- Elizabeth Gorski
- Ted Handel
- Roger Landis
- Brent Maxwell
- Kristine Nagy
- Don Rechuitti
- Todd Salome
- George Seanor
- Greg Tordoff

President Hank Clason asked 3 times if there were any other nominations from the floor for Director. Chris Darnell made a motion to close nominations. 2nd by Judd Paul.

NEW BUSINESS

Scott reported that the Tri-Chairmen discussed offering discount parking passes to all Ohio NYATT teams. Elizabeth Gorski made a motion to accept the recommendation. 2nd by Lisa Alley.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:
Barb Benedum
Recording Secretary

