

**Ohio Quarter Horse Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
January 19, 2015**

**Directors present:** Lisa Alley, Rod Atherton, Clark Bradley, Vic Clark, Hank Clason, Chris Darnell, Kelli Diaz, Wayne Erwin, Candi Fites, Bill Flarida, Shawn Flarida, Elizabeth Gorski, Roger Landis, Binnie Ann Masters, Ron McCarty, Cindy Morehead, Kristine Nagy, Judd Paul, Alan Potts, George Seanor, Skip Salome, Denny Thorsell, Dan Trein, Mike Vargo, Shane Watson and Randy Wilson.

**Absent Directors:**, Ed Dingledine, Beth Himes, Bob Hexter, Randy Jacobs, Fritz Lee-man, Brent Maxwell, Dr. Dave McDonald, Don Recchiuti, Todd Salome, Chuck Smith, Brent Tincher, and Greg Tordoff, and

President Chris Darnell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Introduction of Guests**

The following were introduced as guests:

Ted Handel

**Minutes**

Alan Potts made a motion to accept the November 2014 minutes. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wayne Erwin. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report**

Vic Clark reported on the December 2014 financial statements. OQHA is reporting \$ 6,369,520 in total assets. Liabilities are \$ 213,266 along with net income of \$ 1,348,592 the year ending December 31, 2014. Denny Thorsell made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Judd Paul. Motion passed

**Tri-Chairmen Report**

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

- The 2015 judge's list is near completion. The final list should be available by the Annual Meeting.
- The new stall building at the Ohio Expo Center is slated to be completed by August 20, 2015
- The Friends of Reining initiatives will continue for 2015. The contract have been sent but not received back in the OQHA office.
- Roping will continue as it did in 2014 with the American Qualifier.
- The 2015 Congress schedule will be very similar to the past year. There will be classes added for Riders with Disabilities.
- There are several contracts that are being negotiated at this time:
  - Mike Christensen
  - Wayne Davis
  - Manure Contract – received 3 bids
  - Frontier Tent and Stall
  - MTM Recognition – Trophies

- Discussions on Cowboy Mounted Shooting were tabled.
- The workers' and judges' hotel contract will be renegotiated for 2015
- The Tri-Chair chose not add the Select Novice division to the 2015 schedule.
- OQHA will continue with the PBR. There is an initiative to have a concert immediately following the event.
- There has been discussion on using a tent solely for trail practice.

Elizabeth Gorski made a motion to accept the Tri-Chairmen's report. 2<sup>nd</sup> by George Seanor. Motion passed.

As part of the Tri-Chairmen report, Hank Clason reported on Futurity Committee meeting held earlier in the month.

- Color Breeds will be allowed to enter the Futurity and Stakes classes at Congress.

Hank Clason made the motion to accept the recommendation. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cindy Morehead. Motion passed with Binnie Ann Masters abstaining.

- The Master's class will run as a Futurity class and a slot will not be needed. The payment schedule will be the same as all other Futurities: 4/1, 6/1 and 8/1. The Western Pleasure entry fee will be \$ 3500 and the Hunter Under Saddle will be \$ 2500.
- There was discussion regarding making the 3YO NP a Stakes class. The committee recommended leaving it a Futurity class.

Hank Clason made the motion to accept the recommendation. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dan Trein. Motion carried.

### **Executive Committee**

Scott Myers reported on the Executive Committee meeting held earlier that day:

- The Finance Committee met in December and has prepared a preliminary 2015 budget.
- The Youth will not be having a fund raiser requirement. The committee is recommending cutting the Youth budget by \$ 10,000. However, it was decided that OQHA would match fund raiser dollars up to \$ 5,000.
- Youth members not in good standing will be mailed a certified letter requesting payment for their outstanding balances or they would be suspended as of February 1, 2015.

Hank Clason made a motion to accept the Executive Committee report. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Candi Fites. Motion carried.

### **OHIO COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Annual Banquet**

Candi Fites reported that the banquet is scheduled for February 6, 2015 and reservations are due January 30, 2015.

## Rules

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of proposed rule changes

#### ARTICLE XII

#### OHIO POINT SYSTEM FOR ANNUAL AWARDS

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##### Section 1.

The point year shall be from the Saturday and Sunday shows only of the Southern Ohio Quarter Horse Association ~~approved winter circuit in March~~ **sponsored Madness Show** through and including the final day of September in each calendar year, provided, however, that no weekday show except shows held on national holidays shall count for state points and team points. Points from shows held on March 31st and April 1st, May 31st and June 1st, July 31st and August 1st, and September 30th and October 1st when they fall on Saturday and Sunday, and when these shows are held in the split-combined format, will count for state points and team points.

Lisa Alley made a motion to accept the rule as read. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Binnie Ann Masters. Motion carried.

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#### Section 7.

~~A national Honor Roll horse owned by an Ohio resident who is an Ohio Quarter Horse Association member shall be honored by a feature article in the Ohio News. The article is to appear after the Honor Roll titles have been awarded by the American Quarter Horse Association.~~

## Ohio Quarter Horse Youth Association Constitution and Bylaws

### ARTICLE III

#### OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

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**Section 2.** Officers: The officers of the Organization shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Reporter and **will be** ~~who shall~~ elected by ballot annually. ~~at the time of the Annual Meeting of The Ohio Quarter Horse Association.~~ Candidates for President and Vice President must be at least 14 years old by January 1 of the year running for office, and must have completed a minimum of twelve (12) months of service as a Director or Officer of the Ohio Quarter Horse Youth Association. Such officers shall hold office for a period of one year and until their successors are elected and qualified.

(e) Reporter: Shall have the responsibility of reporting ~~on~~ the activities of the Association and of the individual members of the Association to the **Media Department of the** Ohio Quarter Horse Association ~~News~~. The Reporter shall serve as historian of the Association and shall have and perform such other duties, authorities and responsibilities as may be prescribed from time to time by the Board of Directors or the President.

**Section 3.** Directors: Shall exercise equal voting privileges with the **Officers** in managing the business and property of the OQHYA. ~~If an office holder misses two or~~

~~more meetings in succession or a total of three, the matter will go before the youth board and advisors for consideration of dismissal.~~

(a) There shall be six (6) Directors elected ~~at the annual meeting by ballot from the membership~~ who will serve a term of one year. The ~~President and Advisors will select an Executive Committee comprised of the 5 newly elected officers and advisors,~~ will appoint up to ~~(3) six (6)~~ additional Directors who will serve a term of one (1) year.

(b) Vacancy: In case of a vacancy in the Board of Directors, the President shall appoint a successor to fill the unexpired term of the association's Directors.

(c) Past Presidents shall serve as Directors during their membership in OQHYA.

**(d) All unelected officer candidates shall become honorary Directors for a period of one (1) year with full voting privileges.**

**(e) If an ~~office holder~~ an officer or director misses two or more meetings in succession or a total of three, the matter will go before the youth board and advisors for consideration of dismissal.**

**Section 4.** In the matter of the election, ~~at the Annual Meeting, of Directors, the President, the Vice President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the News Reporter, of the Officers and the Directors,~~ all members of the association in good standing, shall be mailed, ~~postmarked no later than twenty (20) days prior to the Annual Meeting,~~ at his or her address as it appears on the records of the association, an official election ballot with a return envelope, addressed to the **OQHA office.** ~~an independant accounting or law firm designated by the OQHA Board of Directors, which~~ **The ballot return** envelope shall contain an authenticating label of the member-affied **affixed** thereon. ~~Once the ballot and return envelope are received by the independent accounting or law firm and after verification of the authenticity of the envelope, the ballot shall be extracted from the envelope and separated from it and tabulated by the independent accounting or law firm with the results of such tabulation to be certified by said independent accounting or law firm to the Ohio Quarter Horse Association. Such mail~~ **The ballot must be received by the OQHA office independent accounting or law firm,** in the return envelope, at least six (6) working days prior to the Annual Meeting.

**Section 5.** All Old Business at the Annual Meeting shall be conducted by the outgoing Board of Officers and Directors. All issues included in Old Business shall be voted on by the outgoing Board of Officers and Directors. At which time the and Directors shall be announced and the new Officers and Directors will then take over the running of the Annual Meeting. All New Business will be conducted by the new Officers and Directors. All issues included in New Business shall be voted on by the new Officers and Directors.

**Section 56.** Delegates to the ~~AQHYA Convention~~ **Youth Excellence Seminar (YES)** shall be as follows: The OQHYA President will be the first delegate; the OQHYA Vice President will be the second delegate; **up to three** additional delegates if needed will be chosen by the OQHYA officers, **directors** and the advisors.

**Section 67.** Candidates for national office must declare themselves to the OQHA Youth Advisor by ~~January 25~~ **the regular January meeting** of the year in which they are interested in running. ~~At the time, The association~~ **OQHA** will designate criteria for the selection of the candidate(s) who will receive the financial support and the approval of the OQHA. The OQHA shall announce their final decision no later than February 25.

Hank Clason made a motion to accept the rule as read. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dan Trein. Motion carried.

#### ARTICLE IV

#### OHIO QUARTER HORSE YOUTH POINT SYSTEM

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**Section 1.** The Point System for annual awards will be generally the same point system as is used by Ohio Quarter Horse Association. **Year-end awards will be presented to all Ohio youth members placing in the top 6 for each event in both 13 and under and 14-18 age groups, and novice youth 18 and under provided they have earned points in at least five shows and accumulated at least fifteen points in an event.** ~~High point awards to the youth member residing in Ohio in both 13 and under and 14-18 age groups will be presented for each event provided the youth has earned points in at least five shows and accumulated at least fifteen points in the event.~~ To earn Ohio Youth **and/or Novice Youth** points only the exhibitor needs to be an Ohio Quarter Horse **Association Youth** member in good standing.

~~(a) High point Novice awards will be given to the top 6 placings in all approved Novice Youth classes. Requirements will be the same as for the corresponding Youth Division classes.~~

**(a) In the event of a tie in any Year End points, no ties will be broken and duplicate awards would be given for each tied placing. (Eg: Tie for 1st place, two 1<sup>st</sup> place awards will be given and the next award would be 3rd place.)**

**(b) High Point Novice Youth and Reserve High Point Novice Youth will be awarded to the novice youth who earns the most points with one horse, one rider combination in Novice Youth classes.**

**Section 2.** All Around Awards - A year end all around award will be given to **the Ohio Youth Member** ~~the youth member residing in Ohio~~ who earns the most points with one horse in Youth Activity halter and performance classes. ~~A contestant may exhibit more than one horse; however, the points earned by the youth with each horse will be compiled separately.~~ There will be all around and reserve awards for age groups - 13 & under and 14 - 18. ~~In addition there will be an out of state all around and reserve awarded annually to non-resident members of OQHYA.~~

~~(a) Points will be compiled on a one horse, one youth basis in Youth Activity events.~~ **A contestant may exhibit more than one horse; however, the points earned by the youth with each horse will be compiled separately.**

(b) Points must have been earned in halter and three or more performance events with a minimum of fifteen points earned in each of such events. Showmanship at Halter will be counted as a performance event. A youth must have earned Ohio points at least 5 times in halter and at least 5 times in each of the three or more performance events.

(c) Ownership of the horse exhibited by the above youth is to be as required in the current edition of the Official Handbook of the American Quarter Horse Association.

~~(d) In the event of a tie in any Year End points, no ties will be broken and duplicate awards would be given for each tied placing. (Eg: Tie for 1st place, two 1<sup>st</sup> place awards will be given and the next award would be 3rd place.)~~

**Section 3.** ~~Ohio News recognition shall be given to any OQHYA members winning a National Youth Activity award.~~

**Section 34.** An Annual Sportsmanship Award will be given to the youth selected by majority vote of the youth members at the Annual meeting, based on the following considerations:

1. Attitude
2. Conduct
3. Willingness to help other youth
4. Image created
5. Contribution to Youth Association

Wayne Erwin made a motion to accept the rule as read. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Roger Landis. Motion carried.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **SELECTION OF AQHYA WORLD SHOW TEAM REPRESENTING OHIO QUARTER HORSE YOUTH ASSOCIATION**

**Section 1.** The point system for selection of the AQHYA World Show Team to be as follows: There will be (30) points maximum awarded for each class. Points will be awarded on the basis of (1) point for each horse the exhibitor defeats plus one point for the exhibitor up to 9 places. The exhibitor's best 10 shows in the qualifying period will be counted from the Saturday & Sunday shows only of the SOQHA-sponsored Madness Show through May 31 inclusive.

In the case of all ties involving representatives for the AQHYA World Show, we will calculate additional shows beyond 10, one at a time until the tie is broken. If a tie still exists with respect to a particular class, the age factor will determine the representative, first by show age and then, if necessary, by actual calendar age, the older exhibitor to be chosen. Any youth qualifying for more than two events in the state shall be entered in the two events of his or her choice for the AQHYA World Show, which shall be in addition to any class for which he or she may be qualified nationally.

Points will be compiled on a one horse, one youth basis in all events except horsemanship, equitation and showmanship where points are accumulated for the event if more than one horse is shown during the qualifying period.

Ownership of the horse exhibited by the youth is to be as required in the current edition of the Official Handbook of the American Quarter Horse Association.

**Section 2.** To be a **state qualified** member of the AQHYA World Show Team the following requirements must be met:

- Place in a minimum of three shows.
- Accumulate a minimum of 10 points in the qualifying period for the AQHYA World Show Team.
- Youth must attend at least 2 AQHYA board meetings between January 1<sup>st</sup> and July 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.
- Youth must reside in Ohio or have an official AQHA hardship.

(a) Current youth members interested in qualifying for a cattle event, working hunter, jumping, equitation over fences, **hunter hack, stake race** and any other classes not usually offered at regular shows or cannot meet the point requirement must declare

their interest in competing at the AQHYA World Show on or before the date of March 1st, however, if such class or classes is/are offered six (6) or more times, participation in these classes will take precedence over the letter of declaration in determining who will be state representatives at the AQHYA World Show. This letter of declaration should be sent to OQHA by way of certified mail with return receipt. OQHA will designate requirements to qualify for the above listed events.

(b) The Ohio AQHYA World Show Team will be made up of any Ohio Youth who have met the national requirements or the state requirements to compete at the AQHYA World Show. The Ohio Quarter Horse Association will pay for stall and entry fees to the AQHYA World Show for all Ohio World Show Team Members. OQHA will limit payment of entry and stall fees to one horse, per event, per exhibitor, unless a specific event allows for the exhibitor to show more than one horse in that event. The OQHA may choose to give a stipend to AQHYA World Show Team members to help with expenses. To be eligible to receive entry fees, stall fees, and stipend, youth are required to attend at least two OQHYA board meetings between January 1 and July 1 of the current year.

(c) Youth qualified to represent Ohio at the AQHYA World Show through the specified requirements or by qualifying nationally for a particular class or classes may elect, at their own expense, to add a class or classes for which we do not have the allotted amount of participants. If there are more individuals wanting to add a class than there are spots available, the oldest individual would have priority with the final decision being determined by the youth advisor.

(d) To participate on the OQHA AQHYA World Show Judging, Hippology, and Speech Teams, youth must attend at least two OQHYA board meetings between January 1 and July 1 of the current year. The OQHA may choose to give a stipend to World Show Youth Team Members to help with expenses.

(e) Any youth going to the AQHYA World Show must have written approval from parent or guardian who will be responsible for the conduct of the youth.

**Section 3.** Team standings and year **end** standings will be published on the OQHA website.

~~(These sections incorporated above or are obsolete?)~~

~~(d) It is reiterated that shows within the qualifying period are subject to drug testing under the policies of the OQHA.~~

~~**Section 3.** Show approval will be the same as specified in the By Laws of the Ohio Quarter Horse Association.~~

~~**Section 4.** All point classes that will be used in competition for the team tournament in which the individual will be competing must have been approved by the AQHA and OQHYA with the exception of the cattle events.~~

~~**Section 5.** Ownership will be the same as specified in ARTICLE IV, Section 2(c) and the OQHYA Constitution and By Laws.~~

Binnie Ann Masters made a motion to accept the rule as read. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cindy Morehead. Motion carried.

## ARTICLE VI

### SELECTION OF OHIO CONGRESS YOUTH TEAM REPRESENTING OHIO QUARTER HORSE YOUTH ASSOCIATION

**Section 1.** The point system for selection of the Ohio Congress Youth Team to be as follows: There will be (30) points maximum awarded for each class. Points will be awarded on the basis of (1) point for each horse the exhibitor defeats plus one point for the exhibitor up to 9 places. The person's best 10 shows in the qualifying period will counted from the Saturday & Sunday shows only of the SOQHA-sponsored Madness Show through July 31 inclusive.

In the case of all ties involving representatives for the Ohio Congress Youth Team, we will calculate additional shows beyond 10, one at a time until the tie is broken. If a tie still exists with respect to a particular class, the age factor will determine the representative, first by show age and then, if necessary, by actual calendar age, the older exhibitor to be chosen. Members of the Ohio Congress Youth Team shall be permitted to show in only one event in the NYATT.

Points will be compiled on a one horse, one youth basis in all events except horsemanship and showmanship where points are accumulated for the event if more than one horse is shown during the qualifying period.

Ownership of the horse exhibited by the youth is to be as required in the current edition of the Official Handbook of the American Quarter Horse Association.

**Section 2.** To be a member of the Ohio Congress Youth Team the following requirements must be met:

- Place in a minimum of three shows.
- Accumulate a minimum of 10 points in the qualifying period for the Ohio Congress Youth Team.
- Youth must reside in Ohio or have an official AQHA hardship.
- Members of the Ohio Congress Youth Team shall be permitted to show in only one **entry in the same class/event** in the NYATT. **If, however, there is a vacancy on the team, and there is an existing team member who has met qualifications with another horse, that member may be invited to fill the vacancy in the same event with the other qualified horse.**

(a) To participate on the OQHA Congress Youth Team youth are required to attend at least two OQHYA board meetings between January 1 and July 1 of the current year.

**(b) Youth who accepts compensation for the AQHYA World Show Team stall, travel, entry fee or stipend that qualifies for the OQHA Congress Youth Team will be required, if invited, to represent Ohio by competing on the Ohio Congress Youth Team in the NYATT competition. Failure to comply voids all compensation. The only exception will be college students prohibited from participating by currently riding on an equestrian team through their school of choice.**

Hank Clason made a motion to accept the rule as read. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Roger Landis. Motion failed.

Lisa Alley made a motion to accept the rule with the deletion of paragraph (b). 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dan Trein. Motion carried.

## **Scholarships**

Elizabeth Gorski reported that the applications are due February 15, 2015 and interviews will be held on March 14, 2015 at the Richwood office.

## **CONGRESS COMMITTEES**

### **Congress Cares**

Kelli Diaz reported that there will be OSU tickets auctioned the annual banquet and proceeds will benefit Congress Cares.

## **ASSOCIATION REPORTS**

### **Amateur**

Marla Atherton reported on the Amateurs' activities:

- The Amateurs are finalizing plans for the AQHA Convention.
- The Buckeye Classic will sponsor all AAYHA rider's with disability classes.
- The Amateurs participated in the Toys for Tots toy drive in November.
- Stalls will be available for the Little Buckeye and the Buckeye Classic beginning at 3:00p.m. on February 6, 2015.

### **NOQHA**

Candi Fites reported that the NOQHA banquet is scheduled for January 31 at the Hilton.

### **SOQHA**

Judd Paul reported that the Madness show is scheduled for April 2-5, 2015 at Robert's Arena.

### **Ohio Buckskin Association**

Ted Handel reported the annual banquet was held January 10, 2015 and was well attended. The 2015 show schedule is finalized and can be found on the website.

### **Youth**

Lauren Diaz reported from the Youth meeting.

- Lauren read all Ohio Youth placing in the Top 20 for 2014.
- The youth discussed new fund raising ideas for 2015 and possibilities on how those funds would be spent.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Chris Darnell asked for a motion for Ollie Griffith's request for funds for the IHSA show in March.

Dan Trein made a motion to allocate \$ 3,000 to the IHSA semi-finals. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cindy Morehead. Motion failed.

Dan Trein made a motion to allocate \$ 2,000 to the IHSA semi-finals. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Elizabeth Gorski. Motion passed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Lisa Alley made a motion to cancel the February meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rod Atherton. Motion passed.

Alan Potts made a motion to allocate \$1,000 for AQHA National Directors and OQHA Directors that sit on an AQHA committee to attend the 2015 AQHA Convention. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Skip Salome. Motion carried.

Roger Landis made a motion to adjourn meeting at 9:45 p.m. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Denny Thorsell. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:  
Barb Benedum  
Recording Secretary