

**Ohio Quarter Horse Association
Board of Directors Meeting
January 18, 2016**

Directors present: Lisa Alley, Clark Bradley, Hank Clason, Chris Darnell, Candi Fites, Bill Flarida, Shawn Flarida, Kyle Flatter, Elizabeth Gorski, Randy Jacobs, Roger Landis, Binnie Ann Masters, Brent Maxwell, Ron McCarty, Cindy Morehead, Kristine Nagy, Judd Paul, Alan Potts, Skip Salome, Todd Salome, George Seanor, Denny Thorsell, Brent Tincher, Dan Trein, and Randy Wilson.

Absent Directors: Rod Atherton, Vic Clark, Ed Dingledine, Wayne Erwin, Beth Himes, Fritz Leeman, Dave McDonald, Don Recchiuti, Chuck Smith, Greg Tordoff, Shane Watson.

President Hank Clason called the meeting to order at 7:16 p.m.

Introduction of Guests

The following were introduced as guests:

Jessica Daniels and Ted Handel

Minutes

Dan Trein made a motion to accept the November 2015 minutes. 2nd by Skip Salome. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Vic Clark reported that the financials were not completely finished, but we should still have a net profit over \$ 1,300,000 for 2015.

Tri-Chairmen Report

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

- The Frontier Stall and Tent dispute has not been resolved.
- The new Cardinal Hall Exhibition Center will possibly hold special events and trade show exhibits during the 2016 Congress.
- New Corporate Partners are being explored for 2016.
- The Private Security contract was reviewed.
- The Futurity and Stakes classes will have a drug testing fee beginning with the 2016 Congress.
- There will be a \$7.00 drug testing fee for all Reining classes.
- The 2016 PBR Bull Riding logistics and budgets were discussed.
- Cutting Tickets for the Mercuria will be \$15.00.
- The Southern Belle Breeders will continue for the 2016 Congress.
- There will no longer be a Breeders Halter Challenge for 2016.
- The 50th Anniversary Budget was reviewed.
- Additional Ring Stewards will be hired for the 2016 Congress.

- The Congress Trail Stakes will be divided into 3 year old and 4 & 5 year old classes.
- There was discussion about improving the cattle for the Roping events.
- Cutting stall fees will be increased to \$200.
- The Pattern Committee will meet earlier in the year to discuss the 2016 Congress patterns.
- The new NYATT Rules and Conditions were passed.

Todd Salome made a motion to accept the Tri-Chairmen Report. 2nd by Elizabeth Gorski.

OHIO COMMITTEE REPORTS

Awards

Brent Maxwell reported that the Awards Committee is on target for the annual banquet.

Annual Banquet

Greg Tordoff reported that everything is in order for the banquet to be held on February 6, 2016.

AQHA

Denny Thorsell reported there will be a change in the AQHA steward program for 2016.

Executive Committee

Brent Maxwell reported on the Executive Committee meeting held earlier:

- The Executive Committee recommended that OQHA Directors that serve on an AQHA Committee and Task Force members having a meeting during the AQHA Convention receive a \$1,000 stipend. OQHA will also pay for the registration of the Ohio Amateur Officers.

Todd Salome made a motion to accept and Judd Paul 2nd. Motion passed.

- The Executive Committee recommended that the Ohio Amateur Quarter Horse Association should obtain their own tax id number and become their own legal entity.

Motion tabled.

- The Executive Committee recommended that OQHA does not offer any in state qualifying for the 2017 Novice Championship Show.

Dan Trein made a motion to accept the recommendation. 2nd by Kyle Flatter.

- The Executive Committee discussed that \$100,000 from the Life Membership account should be donated to the Foundation for their permanent endowment.

Judd Paul made the motion to accept. Skip Salome 2nd. Motion passed

Ohio News

Danielle Stephenson reported that all Top 6 award winners in each class provide a win picture for the Annual Banquet slide show. She stated that if any of the OQHA affiliates would like to be in the OQHA News, they are to send photos, text, etc. Danielle also mentioned that the Futurity Entry Book deadline for ads is January 28th.

Public Policy

Skip Salome reported that he and Scott met with the new lobbyist.

Rules

Elizabeth Gorski read a 3rd reading regarding approving points for all day Friday shows for OQHA year end and team qualifying. Judd Paul made a motion that all show days would count for OQHA year end and team qualifying points from March-September. 2nd by Denny Thorsell. After discussion a vote was taken and the motion failed.

George Seanor made the motion to approve the 3rd reading of the following rule.

Show management has the option of holding some classes the Friday before their approved show date(s) provided per AQHA rules. Those classes held on the prior day will be approved for OQHA points. 2nd by Judd Paul, motion passed.

Elizabeth Gorski presented a 3rd reading of the following rule.

The point year shall be from March 1st through the final day of September. Points from the 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 13 held in the split combined format, will count for state points and team points. Brent Maxwell made a motion to accept the rule as read. 2nd by Skip Salome. Motion passed.

Elizabeth Gorski presented the 3rd reading for the following youth rules.

ARTICLE III

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Section 1. The business and property of the organization shall be managed and controlled by officers and directors.

Section 2. Officers: The officers of the Organization shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Reporter and will be elected by ballot from the membership annually. 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~~ **The President and Vice President shall hold office for a period of one year and until their successors are elected and qualified. The President and Vice President may succeed themselves in office for a period of one year.**

(a) President: The President shall be the chief executive officer of the association and shall have general supervision of the affairs of the association subject to the direction of the officers and directors. The President shall appoint all committees of the association subject to the approval of the officers and directors. The President shall submit to the members annually at their meeting a report of the status of the association and its activities during the preceding year. ~~The term of office is for one year.~~

ARTICLE II

Membership

Section 2. Annual membership fee shall be \$15.00 due January 1 of the calendar year; membership, **points, and any requirements for AQHYA World Show Team and/or Ohio Congress Youth Team** to be effective when the application and fee is received in the OQHA office during regular office hours. **Also membership, points, and any requirements for AQHYA World Show Team and/or Ohio Congress Youth Team** ~~Points will start~~ **to be effective** the day the show secretary, at an approved OQHA show, receives the application and fee and so notes on the application the date received.

ARTICLE V

SELECTION OF AQHYA WORLD SHOW TEAM REPRESENTING

OHIO QUARTER HORSE YOUTH 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.
 - Exhibitor must accumulate a minimum of 10 points in the event during the qualifying period for the AQHYA World Show Team.
 - Youth must attend at least two OQHYA board meetings between January 1 and July 1 of the current year.
 - Youth must reside in Ohio or have an official AQHA hardship.
- * Youth must be a current member of Ohio Quarter Horse Association in good standing for points and any requirements to count.**

(d) To participate on the OQHA AQHYA World Show

Judging, Hippology, and Speech Teams, youth must **be a current member of Ohio Quarter Horse Association in good standing for any requirements to count.** 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.

ARTICLE VI

SELECTION OF OHIO CONGRESS YOUTH TEAM REPRESENTING

OHIO QUARTER HORSE YOUTH 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.
- Exhibitor must accumulate a minimum of 10 points in the event during 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 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.
- 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.

*** Youth must be a current member of Ohio Quarter Horse Association in good standing for points and any requirements to count.**

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Brent Maxwell made a motion to pass the youth rule changes. 2nd by Kyle Flatter. Motion passed.

Trail Ride

Todd Salome reported that the OQHA Annual Trail Ride is the 2nd largest attended next to AQHA.

ASSOCIATION REPORTS

NOQHA

Candi Fites reported that the NOQHA banquet will be held January 30th.

Youth

Ellexxah Maxwell reported there were seven new members that attended the meeting and they discussed the 2016 YES Seminar. There will be 3 youth running for AQHYA directors this year. She also presented OQHA with their Reserve NYATT Congress bronze.

SOQHA

Judd Paul reported that SOQHA will be holding their first horse show March 19 & 20 at Roberts Arena in Wilmington, Ohio.

EOQHA

Brent Maxwell reported that EOQHA had a successful banquet and they are moving their horse show on April 16 & 17 to Roberts Arena in Wilmington, Ohio.

OLD BUSINESS

Scott Myers reported to following:

- 50th Anniversary Budget
 - There will be a 50th Anniversary book produced following the 2016 Congress.
 - The 50th Anniversary Directors and Workers' jackets will cost an additional \$117.00.
 - There will be a 50th Anniversary Buckle produced by Belts by Herb.
 - There was discussion from the OQHA board that they would like a ring produced as well.

Todd Salome made a motion to cancel the 2016 February meeting. 2nd by Randy Jacobs. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Barb Benedum

Recording Secretary