

**Ohio Quarter Horse Association
Board of Directors Meeting
March 21, 2016**

Directors present: Rod Atherton, Clark Bradley, Rick Cecil, Hank Clason, Chris Darnell, Wayne Erwin, Candi Fites, Bill Flarida, Shawn Flarida, Kyle Flatter, Elizabeth Gorski, Beth Himes, Roger Landis, Fritz Leeman, Binnie Ann Masters, Brent Maxwell, Dave McDonald, Cindy Morehead, Judd Paul, Alan Potts, Don Recchiuti, Skip Salome, George Seanor, Denny Thorsell, Brent Tincher, Greg Tordoff, Dan Trein and Randy Wilson.

Absent Directors: Vic Clark, Kelli Diaz, Ed Dingledine, Bob Hexter, Randy Jacobs, Ron McCarty, Kristine Nagy, Chuck Smith, and Shane Watson.

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

Introduction of Guests

The following were introduced as guests:

Ron Kendel, Matt Claypool, Jason Somnitz and Ted Handel

Minutes

Kyle Flatter made a motion to accept the January 2016 minutes. 2nd by Greg Tordoff. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Barb Benedum reported that the total assets for the organization are \$ 8,716,118.56 as of February 29, 2016. The liabilities are \$ 66,499.66 which leaves \$ 8,649,618.90 in equity. Dave McDonald made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. 2nd by Don Recchiuti

Tri-Chairmen Report

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

- The new videographer for the 2016 Congress will be iEquine.
- The Tri-Chairmen are currently exploring options for a new private security company for the 2016 Congress.
- There has been a 3 year commitment to sponsor Heroes on Horseback at the Congress and the NSBA World Show. Each entity will receive \$25,000 per year to host the program.
- Para-Reining will be added to the 2016 Congress classes.
- The Southern Belle Breeders program will continue for the 2016 Congress without renewing our contract with AQHA or APHA. Other options have been discussed such as The Little Futurity, Fun in the Sun and the Tom Powers Futurity.
- The workers party for the 2016 Congress will move up in the schedule closer to the beginning of the Congress.

- The LED Screens will have the same concept as last year with an addition of the screen being presented on the stage in the Celeste arena.
- There will be more Ring Stewards hired to accommodate one per judge.
- The Trail practice schedule is near completion.

OHIO COMMITTEE REPORTS

Awards

Brent Maxwell reported that Veronica Sholl wrote a thank you note to the OQHA Board of Directors and Awards Committee for her awards.

Annual Banquet

Greg Tordoff reported that the Annual Banquet Committee is looking into a new revenue to accommodate more people attending the Annual Banquet.

AQHA

Clark Bradley reported that the 2016 AQHA Convention was successful. Scott Myers reported that Larry Little and Lainie DeBoer were awarded Professional Horseman and Horsewoman of the year. Scott also reported that there are two Ohio Board Members that were voted to be a part of the AQHA Team Wrangler program; Dan Trein and Brent Maxwell. Elizabeth Gorski reported that while in her Public Policy meeting held at the Convention, it was announced that they raised \$250,000 for PAC. Chris Darnell also reported that Scott Myers was elected chair of the Credentials & Nomination Committee.

Drug Task Force

Dr. Dave McDonald reported that the Drug Task Force Committee met with the Tri-Chairmen earlier in the afternoon. The Drug Task Force Committee and Tri-Chairmen reviewed the drug policy and it will stay the same for 2016.

Finance Committee

Scott Myers reported that the Finance Committee had put together a preliminary budget in December. The Finance Committee met earlier to finalize the 2016 budget. Scott asked that the Board vote to approve the budget as the Finance Committee has prepared. Brent Maxwell made a motion to accept the Finance Committee recommendation for the 2016 budget. 2nd by Dan Trein. Motion passed.

Horse Show Advisory

Dan Trein reported that there was a change in the Ohio show schedules and it is now accurate on the Ohio website.

Judging Team

Dr. Dave McDonald reported that the Ohio Judging Team Coach Jessica Daniels, the Judging Team Committee and the Tri-Chairmen met earlier in the afternoon. They are hoping to expand and grow the Judging Contest at the Congress and also will be utilizing the new Cardinal Hall building.

Memberships

Chris Darnell reported that to March 21, 2016, Ohio currently has 104 Regular Memberships, 195 Amateur Memberships, 132 Youth Memberships and 809 Life Memberships for a total of 1240 Members.

Ohio News

Danielle Stephenson reported that the new Ohio website will launch April 1st and the Ohio Spring Newsletter will be going to print March 24th.

Public Policy

Skip Salome reported OQHA will provide a \$500 subsidy toward a 50th Anniversary belt buckle or ring.

Research

Dr. Dave McDonald reported we will continue to help with the OSU research projects and they are looking into having an upcoming OQHA Board meeting at the Ohio State University.

Rules

Elizabeth Gorski passed out a copy of the 2016 OQHA Rulebook to each board member that was present.

Trail Ride

Todd Salome reported that there are 45 people already signed up for the 2016 OQHA Trail Ride and he passed out flyers for members to distribute to promote the trail ride.

CONGRESS STEERING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Demonstrations/Lectures

Elizabeth Gorski reported that Brent Tincher and she have started the list for the 2016 Congress Demonstrations and Lectures.

Grounds Security

Skip Salome reported the Grounds Security Committee is interviewing other private security companies for the 2016 Congress.

ASSOCIATION REPORTS

NOQHA

Candi Fites reported that all camping and stalls must be pre-paid for the NOQHA horse show at the Findlay Farm being held May 28-30.

SOQHA

Judd Paul reported that the SOQHYA Challenge was a successful horse show with an increase of 800 in youth entries. The SOQHA Madness being held April 6-10 is completely sold out and they are looking forward to a great horse show.

EOQHA

Brent Maxwell reported that the EOQHA horse show being held April 16th & 17th will be held in Wilmington, Ohio at Roberts Arena.

Ohio State Buckskin Assn.

Ted Handel reported the OSBA will be holding a horse show located at Eden Park on May 28-30, along with a horse show at Circle G Arena in Brookville on July 2-4. Both shows will be double judged. The IBHA decided to follow AQHA's rules of banding the lip cord and clenbuterol. He reported that in 2015, IBHA welcomed small fry exhibitors and there was a large turnout in participation. This year for 2016, IBHA will be registering minis. The IBHA World Show will be held in Cloverdale, Indiana.

OLD BUSINESS

Judd Paul reported that SOQHA would like to thank OQHA for letting them be in conjunction to the OQHA Annual Banquet. SOQHA provides a hospitality room for exhibitors to pick up their awards and there was a great turn out.

NEW BUSINESS

Matt Claypool reported the question of if small fry exhibitors were allowed to cross enter in an 18 & Under Walk/Trot Class.

Motion was tabled for more discussion.

The OQHA Foundation has discussed an opportunity of having Founding Members that can donate \$5000 for 3 years. The Foundation Club Funds will be put in permanent endowment. The Founders Club will be recognized in different ways for their donation. The OQHA Foundation will also be holding a gala at the 2016 Congress.

Dan Trein made a motion to adjourn the meeting. 2nd by Skip Salome.

Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:
Barb Benedum
Recording Secretary

