

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

**Directors present:** Clark Bradley, Rick Cecil, Hank Clason, Chris Darnell, Wayne Erwin, Candi Fites, Bill Flarida, Kyle Flatter, Elizabeth Gorski, Randy Jacobs, Roger Landis, Binnie Ann Masters, Brent Maxwell, Dave McDonald, Kristine Nagy, Judd Paul, Don Recchiuti, Todd Salome, George Seanor, Denny Thorsell, Dan Trein and Shane Watson.

**Absent Directors:** Rod Atherton, Vic Clark, Kelli Diaz, Ed Dingedine, Shawn Flarida, Bob Hexter, Beth Himes, Fritz Leeman, Ron McCarty, Cindy Morehead, Alan Potts, Skip Salome, Chuck Smith, Brent Tincher, Greg Tordoff and Randy Wilson.

President Hank Clason called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

**Introduction of Guests**

The following were introduced as guests:

Ron Kendel and Ted Handel

**Minutes**

Elizabeth Gorski made a motion to accept the March 2016 minutes. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wayne Erwin. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report**

Barb Benedum reported on the financial statements as of March 31, 2016. The net assets for the Association are \$ 9,164,538. Net liabilities were \$ 87,698 leaving a net equity of \$ 9,076,839. The net profit is showing a 79% increase over 2015, however that is mainly due to timing of invoices. We are on track with the approved budget.

Scott Myers reported that revenues are down from 2015 to date in the following areas:

- Team Arena Sponsors
- Class Sponsors
- Corporate Partners

Brent Maxwell made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dan Trein. Motion passed.

**Tri-Chairmen Report**

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

- Various Commercial Exhibitors were invited for a luncheon and meeting with the Tri-Chairmen to discuss the Congress trade show and various marketing strategies. Nineteen guests attended including representatives from Cashman's, Coughlin, Schneider's, and Rod's.
- Scott gave an update on the Frontier lawsuit. Arbitration was held in Baltimore, Maryland earlier in the month. Neither party could come to final terms on the negotiations. Therefore the items still in dispute will move to litigation. Howev-

er OQHA paid the \$50,000 deposit and is moving forward with the 2016 contract.

- The Tri-Chairmen made the following recommendations.
  - Add a Novice Horse Level 1 Reining, Non-Pro and Open. This class will run concurrently with the Level 2 Reining.
  - Eliminate the Ladies Reining and replace it with a Green Reining Level 2 with a jackpot. This class will run in the same time slot as the Ladies Reining. Dan Trein made a motion to accept the Tri-Chairmen's recommendations for the reining classes. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Denny Thorsell. A vote was taken, motion passed.
  - Offer a Halter Champion of Champions. This class would include three mares, three geldings and three stallions to compete for the title.
  - Crowd award for the Equine Chronicle Masters class. The crowd would be able to submit a text message to determine who they feel the winner is. The exhibitor with the most votes is the winner and will receive a separate award.

Todd Salome made a motion to accept the Tri-Chairmen report. 2<sup>nd</sup> by George Seanor. Motion passed.

## **OHIO COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Annual Banquet**

Barb Benedum reported that the Banquet Committee signed the contract with the Crowne Plaza for the 2017 banquet. The banquet will be held on the first Saturday in February.

### **Executive Committee**

Brent Maxwell reported that the Executive Committee looked into having a proposal done for Long Term Planning provided by Kevin Oschner. This would be a 12 step process. The Executive Committee is recommending up to \$25,000 for the proposal.

Judd Paul made a motion to accept the recommendation. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Randy Jacobs. Motion Passed.

Brent Maxwell reported a recommendation to increase the youth Y.E.S. budget another \$2,000 to make it a total of \$5,000.

Todd Salome made a motion to accept the recommendation. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Judd Paul. Motion Passed.

### **Memberships**

Shane Watson reported that as of April 18, 2016, Ohio currently has 122 Regular Memberships, 230 Amateur Memberships, 167 Youth Memberships and 810 Life Memberships for a total of 1329 Members.

## **Public Policy**

Scott Myers reported OQHA is in the process of finding a new lobbyist.

## **Rules**

Chris Darnell read the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of the following rule changes.

### **ARTICLE III**

#### **DUES AND MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

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**Section 3.** Membership will start January 1 (for all applications received on or before January 1) and be effective through December 31. After January 1, membership will start the day the application and fee are received in the OQHA office and/or it will start the day the show secretary, at an approved OQHA show, receives the application and fee and so notes on the application the date received. **Show management must return memberships to the OQHA office within three (3) business days after completion the show.** Application and fee for the current year must be received in the OQHA office by September 1st for voting privileges. It is the responsibility of the members to read all rules and to understand when the membership becomes effective.

### **ARTICLE XII**

#### **OHIO POINT SYSTEM FOR ANNUAL AWARDS**

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**Section 4.** The results of any approved show and/or special event must be ~~completed in their entirety on official forms furnished by the Association~~ **electronically submitted to OQHA** listing at least the top 9 horses, unless fewer than that number competed, and should be forwarded to the office of the Ohio Quarter Horse Association within **three (3) business** ~~ten (10)~~ days after completion of the show or contest. **Show management must return any OQHA memberships within three (3) business days after completion the show to the OQHA office.** Any show management not meeting the **three** ~~ten~~ day deadline of sending show results to the OQHA office will be subject to non-approval of that show for OQHA points the following year.

### **ARTICLE VII**

#### **SMALL FRY PROGRAM**

6. The exhibitors in the class are prohibited from exhibiting in any three-gaited or contest class at the same show.
7. Exhibitors in this class are not eligible to show in Level 1 (novice), 11 & Under, 13 & Under, and/or 18 & Under equivalent class at the same show. (Small Fry Showmanship may not show in any other showmanship class at the same show.) **Small Fry exhibitors will be allowed to show in AQHA Level**

**1 Walk Trot Division classes but these classes will not be included in the small fry high point year end award.**

## **ARTICLE IX LEAD LINE**

4. Rules #1, 2, 3, 5, 6, and 9 of Article ~~VII~~ ~~VI~~ will apply.

### **Scholarships**

Elizabeth Gorski reported that the 2016 OQHA Golf Outing will be held on July 18<sup>th</sup> at Snow Hill Country Club.

### **Trail Ride**

Todd Salome reported that the OQHA Trail Ride will be held on June 10-12, 2016. The committee hopes to keep increasing the number of attendees.

Todd also reported that OQHA holds the largest trail ride challenge next to AQHA with over 300 attendees.

## **CONGRESS STEERING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Demonstrations/Lectures**

Elizabeth Gorski reported that they are still working on a list of demonstrations and lectures for the 2016 Congress.

### **NYATT**

Donnie Recchiuti reported that the NYATT Committee is in the process of creating a written policy and a NYATT application for Ohio Affiliates.

### **Youth Activities**

Annaliese Ritzi reported that there were 43 attendees at the April meeting with 26 being new members. The youth are sponsoring classes at the All American Youth Horse Show and organizing a social during the event. Lastly, the members voted to donate funds for Ellexah Maxwell and Sydney Hoffa in the amount of \$300 each to attend the Youth World Cup.

## **ASSOCIATION REPORTS**

### **NOQHA**

Candi Fites reminded everyone that stall reservations forms and checks for the NOQHA horse show on May 28-30 need to be turned in as soon as possible.

Candi also reported that NOQHA voted to support Ellexah Maxwell and Sydney Hoffa for the World Cup with a \$750 donation each.

Lastly, Candi stated that NOQHA will be donating \$1,000 to the Ohio Quarter Horse Foundation.

## **SOQHA**

Judd Paul reported that the SOQHA Madness had a great turn out with a total of 12,600 entries and 9,200 AQHA entries. Judd also reported that this is a 27% increase over 2015.

## **EOQHA**

Brent Maxwell reported that the EOQHA horse show held April 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> in Wilmington, Ohio at Roberts Arena was successful. Entries increased from 2015 and there was a great turn out of EOQHA board members who helped make it successful.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- Barbara Aitkin reported that she sent all the Board of Directors a signup sheet via email if they would like to purchase the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary ring or buckle.
- Scott Myers reported that Ohio will no longer have a Breeders Incentive Fund and the money will now go toward other affiliate programs. Scott asked for a director to organize those efforts. Candi Fites volunteered.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Scott Myers reported that all May meetings will be held at the Ohio State University Vet Hospital. OQHA is working with OSU officials to schedule a reception and tour prior to the various meetings.
- Chris Darnell reported the following on Level 2 and 3 points:

### **Level 3 Class**

- Year End Awards and Team Points will be based off the combined Level 2 and Level 3 Judges Card. (If the Level 2 exhibitor places on the Level 3 judges card, Level 2 exhibitor will receive points, in both the Level 3 and Level 2 classes)
- The Level 3 class will count towards the Year End All Around Awards.
- Points will be based on the total number shown in the Level 3 class, (which is the combination of total number shown in the Level 2 and Level 3 class combined)

### **Level 2 Class**

- Level 2 classes will receive a Year End Award for the individual Level 2 classes.
- Level 2 classes will not count towards the Year End All Around Awards.
- Level 2 class points will be calculated off the Level 2 Judges card only.
- Points will be based on the total number shown in the Level 2 class only.
- Don Rechiutti was unable to attend the Annual Banquet, so President Hank Clason presented him with his President's award.

Dan Trein made a motion to adjourn the meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Denny Thorsell.

Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:  
Barb Benedum  
Recording Secretary