

Ohio Quarter Horse Association
Board of Directors Meeting
April 15, 2013
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Directors present: Lisa Alley, Rod Atherton, Clark Bradley, Hank Clason, Chris Darnell, Kelli Diaz, Ed Dingleline, Wayne Erwin, Candi Fites, Elizabeth Gorski, Randy Jacobs, Jeff James, Roger Landis, Binnie Ann Masters, Brent Maxwell, Dave McDonald, Cindy Morehead, Don Recchiuti, Judd Paul, Alan Potts, Skip Salome, Todd Salome, Denny Thorsell, Brent Tincher, Dan Trein, Greg Tordoff, Mike Vargo, Shane Watson and Randy Wilson.

Absent Directors: Vic Clark, Bill Florida, Shawn Florida, Bob Hexter, Fritz Leeman, Ron McCarty, Charlie Menker.

President Chris Darnell called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm at the Crowne Plaza North.

Introduction of Guests

Ted Handel, Connie Lechleitner, Kristine Nagy and Mark Watkins were introduced as guests.

Minutes

Brent Maxwell motioned to accept the March minutes, second by Jeff James. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Barb Benedum discussed the March 31, 2013 financial statements. She stated that the finances are continuing to look good and there were no major variances to report. Scott Myers reported that this is the first time in many years there has not been a 1st quarter cash flow issues. Skip Salome motioned to accept the Treasurer's report, second by Alan Potts.

Tri-Chairmen Report

Scott Myers

Tim Kamura's contract has been signed for the 2013 Congress.

The Tri-Chairmen discussed having a Memorial Roping class, however, the schedule will not accommodate.

Ticket sales for the PBR and Freestyle Reining will be available this year online through the OQHA website. There will be PBR box seats available for Directors and Corporate Sponsors. The Cutting and Masters ticket sales will remain in-house.

At this time, committed Commercial Exhibit space is down by approximately 25%.

There will be neck sashes awards to Grand and Reserve Champions this year.

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The 2013 Congress schedule is now available on the OQHA website.

There has been a request that the Congress offer NRCHA and Team Sorting events. There have been discussions that OQHA forms an alliance event in Springfield to be held during Congress.

OHIO COMMITTEE REPORTS

AQHA Reports

Dan Trein reported on the Show Council meeting. He stated that the Blue Ribbon Task Force is waiting for final approval on changes to the Novice point limitations for major shows.

Chris Darnell explained the 5 step process for rule changes that must happen before the change is presented to AQHA's Executive Committee.

Executive Committee

Dr. Dave McDonald clarified the new rule for Board member attendance at regularly scheduled meetings. There will no longer be an "excused" absence. Board members must attend 2/3 of regularly scheduled Board meetings. All the meetings have been posted on the website.

Membership

Shane Watson reported;
199 Adults
188 Youth
258 Amateur
802 Life

Trail Ride

Todd reported that there will be 2 Trail Rides this year. The 1st will be held in conjunction with Ohio Horseman's Council on July 12-14 in Loudonville, Ohio. The 2nd will be an AQHA approved Trail Ride and will be held on August 16-18 in East Sparta, Ohio. The August Trail Ride will be held in cooperation with the Tri-County Trail Ride.

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CONGRESS STEERING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Cutting

Chuck Smith reported that there was a meeting with Dr. Scott Myers and the IT team to look at possible enhancements for the Cutting events.

ASSOCIATION REPORTS

Amateurs

Marla Atherton discussed the upcoming shows.

The Buckeye Classic will have several prizes, including Buckeye Bears for Leadline winners. There are 400 stalls sold to date.

The Little Buckeye will include a Team Tournament, but exhibitors must show at both shows in order to be eligible. There will be a golf outing on July 22 that will benefit OQHYA.

NOQHA

Candi Fites reported on the Memorial Day show. There will be All Around saddles given to the Novice Amateur and Novice Youth.

SOQHA

Judd Paul stated that the Winter Circuit was a big success with over 600 entries. The SOQHA Youth show had over 1000 entries.

EOQHA

Jeff James stated everything looks good for their show May 11/12 in Columbus.

Ohio State Buckskin Association

Ted Handel stated the the first show will be held June 8-9 at Circle G.

New Business

Meeting schedule:

No monthly meetings will be held in July, October or December. The annual picnic will be June 17, 2013. The November meeting will be on the 4th Monday, November 25th, 2013. All other meetings will be held on the 3rd Monday of each month.

Jeff James made a motion to accept the meeting schedule. 2nd by Cindy Morehead.

Motion carried.

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Old Business

Meeting Locations:

There was discussion on where the monthly meetings and annual banquet would be held. Dave McDonald made a motion to have the committee begin actively researching and committing to new venues if viable. 2nd by Randy Jacobs. Motion carried.

Scott Myers reported that the qualifying period for the AQHYA World has been extended to May 27, 2013.

Chris Darnell adjourned the meeting to Executive Session at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Barb Benedum

Recording Secretary