

**Ohio Quarter Horse Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
September 19th, 2016**

**Directors present:** Rod Atherton, Clark Bradley, Rick Cecil, Vic Clark, Hank Clason, Chris Darnell, Kelli Diaz, Ed Dingleline, Wayne Erwin, Candi Fites, Bill Flarida, Shawn Flarida, Kyle Flatter, Elizabeth Gorski, Ted Handel, Randy Jacobs, Roger Landis, Binnie Ann Masters, Dave McDonald, Cindy Morehead, Judd Paul, Alan Potts, Don Recchiuti, Skip Salome, Todd Salome, George Seanor, Denny Thorsell, Brent Tincher, Greg Tor-doff, Dan Trein, Shane Watson, Randy Wilson.

**Absent Directors:** Bob Hexter, Kristine Nagy, Chuck Smith, Fritz Leeman, Brent Maxwell

President Hank Clason called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

**Introduction of Guests**

The following were introduced as guests:

Lori Gingrich, Cathy Martz, Ron Kendle, Jessica Daniels and Matt Claypool

**Minutes**

Wayne Erwin made a motioned to accept the August 2016 minutes. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alan Potts. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report**

Vic Clark reported on the financial statements as of August 31, 2016. The total assets for OQHA are \$ 10,322,089 and liabilities are \$80,226 resulting in \$ 10,241,823 in owner's equity.

**Tri-Chairmen Report**

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

- OQHA has entered a settlement with Frontier and all stalls and tents will be in place for the 2016 Congress.
- New for the 2016 Congress there will be a new entry office. All the set up for the Congress is in progress.
- The stall assignments for the 2016 Congress will be Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>.
- The stall assignments for the 2016 Congress reiners will be Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>.
- The Country Concert will be held on October 7<sup>th</sup> featuring Randy Houser, along with Casey Donahew.
- Farnam will be co-branding bottles of water to be passed out at the stall office for exhibitors as they enter the fairgrounds.
- There is an increase in ticket sales compared to this time last year for the cutting, PBR and Freestyle Reining.

- Big screens will continue to be in the Coliseum and Celeste for the Congress. The big screen will be relocated to the center of Celeste.
- Medical waste containers will be provided in all stall areas.
- New Heroes on Horses classes at the Congress have a total of 5 entries and could increase.
- Entry Considerations will remain the same being the death of a horse to receive your entry money back.
- The Exhibitor Appreciation Party and Mechanical Bull Ride will take place on October 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Team Arena Sponsors and all Corporate Sponsors will receive a plaque to be placed on their stall fronts in appreciation for their continued support.
- Horse arrival times for the Congress will be the following.
  - 1. Reining**
    - a. Arrive 8am Wednesday October 5<sup>th</sup>
    - b. Depart by 8am Wednesday October 12<sup>th</sup>
    - c. Reining horses stalling with a general horse show agent may go into assigned general horse show stalls
  - 2. Ranch Riding with Reining**
    - a. Arrive 8am Wednesday October 5<sup>th</sup>
    - b. Depart by 8am Saturday October 15<sup>th</sup>
  - 3. Ranch Riding only**
    - a. Arrive 8am Thursday October 13<sup>th</sup> – No early arrival fee
    - b. Depart by 8am Saturday October 15<sup>th</sup>
  - 4. Ranch Riding with General Horse Show Horses**
    - a. All horses assigned a \$350 stall
    - b. Arrive noon Thursday October 13<sup>th</sup> 8am - with no early arrival for ranch riders but general horse show horses must pay early arrival fee (Exceptions per Scott & Rhonda)
  - 5. Director's Horses**
    - a. Arrive 8am on Wednesday October 12th (if not in the reining part of the Adequan Barn)
  - 6. General Horse Show-early arrival**
    - a. Arrive 8am Thursday October 13<sup>th</sup> - \$25 early fee
  - 7. General Horse Show-regular arrival**
    - a. Arrive 8am Friday October 14<sup>th</sup>
  - 8. NYATT**
    - a. Group stalling in Commercial buildings
  - 9. If \$350 stall request exceed supply**
    - a. Will be assigned to Commercial - \$100 refund

## **OHIO COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Long Range Planning**

Greg Tordoff reported Kevin Oschner and the Long Range Planning Committee met September 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> discussing the strategic planning for the future of OQHA. The Long Range Planning Committee and Kevin produced a new mission statement. A 1<sup>st</sup> reading was read.

- **Section 1.** The Ohio Quarter Horse Association will, with unwavering integrity, protect and promote the Quarter Horse and the interest of owners, breeders, exhibitors and enthusiasts. OQHA is committed to setting the standard in the equine industry by engaging equine enthusiast through world-class competition, recreational activities, education and engagement of the next generation of participants and industry leaders.

### **Judging Team**

Jessica Daniels reported the Ohio Quarter Horse Youth Judging team will not have a team competing at the Congress due to scheduling of other events.

### **Ohio News**

Danielle Stephenson reported that the souvenir program has been sent to print for the 2016 Congress. On the Road will be filming on October 15<sup>th</sup> during the Congress. On the Road will air during the Congress on RFD TV on October 26<sup>th</sup>. iHeart Radio will be doing live and phone interview with familiar faces of the Congress. OQHA has continued the internship program and the new intern will be assisting in the Press Room. The Blue Jackets have offered the Congress discounted tickets for all the Blue Jackets hockey games during the month of October.

### **Public Policy**

Skip Salome reported Scott Myers and himself had met with the mayor's office to discuss the parade that will be held October 11<sup>th</sup>. Skip stated that the Judges Lounge will be located in Cardinal Hall.

### **Rules**

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

## **BY-LAWS THE OHIO QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION, INC.**

### **ARTICLE I**

#### **NAME, OBJECT AND LOCATION**

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the Ohio Quarter Horse Association, Inc. Its object shall be to promote in all ways the interests of Ohio Quarter Horse owners, to increase the number of Ohio breeders and owners of Quarter Horses registered by the American Quarter Horse Association and to advance Ohio to the position of the leading Quarter Horse State. All the proceedings of this Association shall be in harmony with the policies and activities of the American Quarter Horse Association.

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Chris Darnell read the 2nd reading of the following rule changes.

## **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 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. Candidates for **President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Reporter must have completed a minimum of twelve (12) months of service as a Director or Officer of the Ohio Quarter Horse Youth Association.** 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.

#### **CONGRESS STEERING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

##### **Congress Futurities**

Randy Wilson reported on the 2016 Congress Futurities.

- Reining -17
- 3 YO Open HUS -3
- 3 YO NP WP -13
- 3 YO Open WP -20
- SBB 3 YO WP -5
- Maturity Open WP -5
- Barrel Racing +21
- Pole Bending -10
- 2 YO WP +1
- WP Masters -9
- HUS Masters 0

##### **Demonstrations and Lectures**

Elizabeth Gorski passed out the demonstration and lecture schedule.

##### **Judging Tournament**

Dave McDonald reported that the entries for the judging team are arriving and entries are looking good.

##### **Hall of Fame**

Clark Bradley reported that the Hall of Fame committee will be reviewing and updating the Hall of Fame application.

### **Super Sale**

Vic Clark reported that we have 103 yearlings entered in the selected yearling sale that will take place for the first time during the 2016 Super Sale. If all horses are nominated back, there could potentially be close to \$75,000 in added purse monies. The Sale Demo will be Friday, October 21, 2016.

### **NYATT**

Don Recchiuti reported that for the 2016 Congress there will be 63 NYATT teams and 408 exhibitors. NYATT pictures will take place in Heritage Hall on October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### **Trail**

Dan Trein reported that all the trail patterns have been selected for the Congress.

### **Youth Activities**

Anneliese Ritzi reported there were 65 youth and 73 horses that traveled to Oklahoma City for the AQHYA World Show. OQHYA's Scrapbook team came in 2<sup>nd</sup> place along with OQHYA's team spirit. OQHYA's stall decorations came in 4<sup>th</sup> place. OQHYA will be selling 50/50 raffle tickets during the Freestyle Reining at the Congress.

## **ASSOCIATION REPORTS**

### **Amateurs**

The Ohio Amateurs have discussed moving their board meetings to the day before the Open Board meetings so more amateurs can attend the open meetings. The Buckeye Classic was once again a record show with a 10% increase in entries. With moving the horse show to Wilmington to Roberts Arena, the organization saved more than \$30,000. There were people from 30 states and 3 countries that attended. Justin also presented a check from the Ohio Amateurs to the Ohio Quarter Horse Foundation.

### **NOQHA**

Candi Fites reported that Northern Ohio had the largest shows in the history of NOQHA this year. The NOQHA horse shows will continue to stay in the same locations as last year. The Northern Ohio Banquet will take place in January.

### **SOQHA**

Judd Paul reported SOQHA had a great turn out at the Southern Ohio Futurity. SOQHA paid out \$11,000 to the winners in the slot class.

### **EOQHA**

Kyle Flatter reported EOQHA had the Eastern Ohio Futurity on September 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. Entries increased from 2015 and Beth Himes resigned from her position. Casey Devitt will be replacing Beth's position for 2017.

### **Ohio Quarter Horse Foundation**

Cathy Martz discussed the 50<sup>th</sup> Gala to benefit the Ohio Quarter Horse Foundation. It will be held at the Congress on October 23, 2016. The theme will be Boots, Bow Ties and Bling” The location of the Gala will be in the Corral. Cathy asked all the directors for their presence at the Gala and to donate 2 bottles of wine for the

### **OLD BUSINESS**

The Nominating Committee reported their recommendations for the upcoming OQHA election:

#### **Officers**

- President – Chris Darnell

Greg Seanor made a motion to close the floor for nominations for President. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Roger Landis

- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Elizabeth Gorski and Brent Maxwell

Dave McDonald made a motion to close the floor for nominations for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Skip Salome.

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Judd Paul

Dan Trein made a motion to close the floor for nominations for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vic Clark.

President Hank Clason asked 3 times if there were any other nominations from the floor for any officer position. Skip Salome made a motion to close nominations. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alan Potts.

#### **Directors**

- Rick Cecil
- Kelli Diaz
- Rod Atherton
- Randy Jacobs
- Cindy Morehead
- Kristine Nagy
- Denny Thorsell
- Greg Tordoff
- Kyle Flatter
- Chuck Smith
- Candi Fites
- Matt Claypool
- Justin Billings
- Jessica Daniels
- Ron Kendle

President Hank Clason asked 3 times if there were any other nominations from the floor for Director. Todd Salome made a motion to close nominations. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kyle Flatter.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Hank Clason reported that they would like to move the November Board Meeting to December 5<sup>th</sup>.

Elizabeth Gorski made a motion to accept the date change. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Skip Salome.

President Hank Clason reported that Denny Thorsell's term as Tri-Chairmen has expired. Clark Bradley nominated Denny Thorsell for Tri-Chairmen. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chris Darnell.

Cindy Morehead nominated Elizabeth Gorski for Tri-Chairmen. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Shane Watson.

Dan Trein made a motion to close the nominations for Tri-Chairmen. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Todd Salome.

A vote was taken and Denny Thorsell has been re-elected as Tri-Chairmen. Hank reported that the Executive Committee had met and discussed the special circumstances for a few youth who did not end up attending the AQHYA World Show. The Committee voted to uphold the rule and invoice any youth that did not attend the show after OQHA made their entries.

Dan Trein made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave McDonald. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:  
Barb Benedum  
Recording Secretary