

**Ohio Quarter Horse Association
Board of Directors Meeting
January 16, 2017**

Directors present: Rod Atherton, Rick Cecil, Hank Clason, Chris Darnell, Candi Fites, Bill Florida, Shawn Florida, Kyle Flatter, Elizabeth Gorski, Ted Handel, Randy Jacobs, Roger Landis, Brent Maxwell, Kristine Nagy, Alan Potts, Judd Paul, Todd Salome, Brent Tincher, Denny Thorsell, Greg Tordoff, Randy Wilson.

Absent Directors: Clark Bradley, Vic Clark, Kelli Diaz, Fritz Leeman, Randy Jacobs, Binnie Ann Masters, Dave McDonald, Cindy Morehead, Don Recchiuti, Wayne Erwin, Brent Tincher, Todd Salome, Dan Trein, Shane Watson, Skip Salome, George Seanor, Chuck Smith

President Hank Clason called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Introduction of Guests

The following were introduced as guests:

Matt Claypool, Tom Hall, Justin Billings, Jessica Daniels, Michele Florida, Jeff Gore, Russ Faulhaber, Jeff Gore and Melissa Street-Payne

Minutes

Chris Darnell made a motion to accept the November 2016 minutes. 2nd by Elizabeth Gorski. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Barb Benedum reported that the 2016 financials were not yet finalized.

However, net income should be just over \$ 1,700,000 for the year.

Judd Paul made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. 2nd by Todd Salome. Motion carried.

Tri-Chairmen Report

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

- There was a positive drug test from the 2016 Congress. There is a hearing scheduled for February 10, 2017
- There was a discussion regarding moving the Cutting Entries to our Congress system.
- The Tri-Chair are working on the 2017 schedule and hope to release in early March. There will be additional 2 days added to the beginning of the show.
- Reining stalls will be increased to \$ 280/stall in an effort to offset some of the additional expense of increasing the show days.

- The Tri-Chair made the recommendation to increase the Freestyle Reining tickets to \$ 35.00 per ticket.
- The parade will continue for 2017
- The All American Quarter Horse Congress will be receiving the Expy award from Experience Columbus

OHIO COMMITTEE REPORTS

Rules

Chris Darnell read the following rule changes to be passed by super majority.

ARTICLE XII

OHIO POINT SYSTEM FOR ANNUAL AWARDS

Section 2, Paragraph 3, (Pg 13)

OQHA will approve only two shows within the state on a particular day, including fairs and All-Youth shows, providing that one of the shows is an all Level 1 (novice) show or that two existing shows would fall on the same day due to calendar year change or extenuating circumstances. New shows will not be approved for points if held on the same day as an existing show unless the new show is an all Level 1 (novice) show. **However, individual specialty classes that are held at overlapping shows may be approved for OQHA points if the classes are not held on the same day. If classes are held on the same day, the points will be approved for the classes held at the show with the most seniority.** All Special Events, AQHA Introductory Shows, and new shows must request show approval from the OQHA Board of Directors.

- Kyle Flatter made a motion to accept the rule. 2nd by Judd Paul. Motion passed by a super majority vote.

ARTICLE XII

OHIO POINT SYSTEM FOR ANNUAL AWARDS

Section 1, (Pg 12)

Section 1. Owner or owners and rider and/or handler all must be members of the Ohio Quarter Horse Association for the horse to receive points. The word owner as it is used on any occasion in this rule book denotes the person or organization whose name properly appears last on a horse's registration papers. If more than one name appears in the ownership each owner must be a member in order for the horse to receive points. If a corporation is owner, it must be a member in order for the horse to receive points. If a partnership is owner, all partners must be members in order for the horse to receive points. If a farm name appears as owner, there must be a membership in the name of the farm in order for the horse to receive points. Points are to count from the date on which the owner or owners and rider and/or handler joined Ohio Quarter Horse Association by having his, her or its application and fee received at the address of the OQHA Office during regular office hours. Points 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. Only members in good standing are eligible for points and awards. The winner of an award must be a member in good standing at the termination of the point year.

- Todd Salome made a motion to accept the rule. 2nd by Brent Maxwell. Motion passed by a super majority vote.

ARTICLE V
SELECTION OF AQHYA WORLD SHOW TEAM REPRESENTING
OHIO QUARTER HORSE YOUTH ASSOCIATION

Section 2. (Pg 23)

(b) The Ohio AQHYA World Show Team will be made up of any Ohio Youth who have met the national 24 requirements or the state requirements to compete at the AQHYA World Show. The Ohio Quarter Horse Association **may** pay for stall and entry fees to the AQHYA World Show for all Ohio World Show Team Members. OQHA will limit payment of entry and stall fees to one horse, per event, per exhibitor, unless a specific event allows for the exhibitor to show more than one horse in that event. The OQHA may choose to give a stipend to AQHYA World Show Team members to help with expenses. To be eligible to receive entry fees, stall fees, and stipend, youth are required to attend at least two OQHYA board meetings between January 1 and July 1 of the current year.

- Candi Fites made a motion to accept the rule. 2nd by Kyle Flatter. Motion passed by a super majority vote.

ARTICLE V
BOARD OF DIRECTORS (Pg 5-6)

Section 9. At meetings of the Board of Directors, business shall be transacted in such order as the Board may determine, with the exception of the Annual Meeting. The order of business at the Annual Meeting will be as follows:

- Call to order (by the current sitting President)
- Read and approve minutes of prior year annual meeting
- All standing committees, President, Tri-Chairmen and **Chief Executive Officer** to report business of prior year.
- Old Business
- Election results
- Adjourn Annual Meeting
- Call to order in Executive Session with newly elected officer, directors and sitting directors.
- Identify vacancies created by the election and fill. Voting Privileges will be granted only to current year elected officers, directors and sitting directors.
- Elect an executive committee member to 3 year term.
- Executive committee meets, makes 5 appointed director recommendations and asks for ratification by board.
- Treasurer is elected.
- Corporate Secretary is appointed.
- New Business
- Motion to adjourn

Section 10. The written contracts of the Association shall be executed in behalf of the Association by the President or First Vice President, or **Chief Executive Officer** and attested by the Corporate Secretary.

- Todd Salome made a motion to change the official title from Executive Director to Chief Executive Officer in all places of the rulebook. 2nd by Rod Atherton. Motion passed by super majority.

ARTICLE XII
OHIO POINT SYSTEM FOR ANNUAL AWARDS
Section 2, (Pg 12)

Section 2. The point year shall be from March 1st through the final day of September. Points from the shows held on July 31st and August 1st, and September 30th and October 1st, and when these shows are held in the split combined format, will count for state points and team points.

Subject to the provisions of the rules, any American Quarter Horse Association approved shows held in Ohio, in accordance with the Ohio point year are approved for points by the Ohio Quarter Horse Association, except those shows denied approval under rules adopted by the Board of Directors of OQHA.

- Rod Atherton made a motion to accept the rule. 2nd by Judd Paul. Motion passed by a super majority vote.

Chris Darnell read the 3rd reading of the Mission Statement as follows:

- **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.

- Kyle Flatter made a motion to accept the rule as read. 2nd by Brent Maxwell. Motion passed

Affiliate Relations

Scott Myers reported that there is an effort to formalize Alliance and Affiliate agreements with various associations.

Long Range Planning

Greg Tordoff reported that Kevin Oschner will be making a presentation at the Annual Meeting detailing the Long Range Plan.

Finance Committee

Scott Myers reported that the Finance Committee met and prepared an initial 2017 budget. There will be some modifications in the 1st quarter and it will be presented for Board approval in March or April.

Scholarships

Elizabeth Gorski reported that applications are due on February 15 with oral interviews being held at the Richwood office on March 11, 2017

CONGRESS STEERING COMMITTEES

Congress Futurities

Randy Wilson reported that the committee is working on restructuring the Masters program.

ASSOCIATION REPORTS

NOQHA

Candi Fites reported that the annual banquet is scheduled for January 28, 2017

SOQHA

Judd Paul reported that there will be a Hospitality room in conjunction with the OQHA Annual Banquet.

EOQHA

Brent Maxwell reported that their annual banquet was held January 7, 2017

NEW BUSINESS

Todd Salome made a motion to continue with the \$ 1,000 AQHA Convention stipend for AQHA Committee members. 2nd by Brent Maxwell. Motion carried.

The March meeting date was discussed. Chris Darnell made a motion to move the March meeting to March 13, 2017 to avoid conflicts with AQHA Convention. 2nd by Kyle Flatter. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:
Barb Benedum
Recording Secretary