

**Ohio Quarter Horse Association
Board of Directors Meeting
March 16, 2015**

Directors present: Lisa Alley, : Rod Atherton, Clark Bradley, Hank Clason, Chris Darnell, Wayne Erwin, Candi Fites, Bill Flarida, Shawn Flarida, Kyle Flatter, Beth Himes, Randy Jacobs, Binnie Ann Masters, Ron McCarty, Dr. Dave McDonald, Judd Paul, Alan Potts, Don Recchiuti, George Seanor, Skip Salome, Denny Thorsell, Dan Trein, Greg Tordoff, Shane Watson and Randy Wilson.

Absent Directors Vic Clark, Kelli Diaz, Ed Dingleline, Elizabeth Gorski, Bob Hexter, Roger Landis, Fritz Leeman, Brent Maxwell, Cindy Morehead, Kristine Nagy, Todd Salome, Chuck Smith and Brent Tincher.

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

Introduction of Guests

The following were introduced as guests:
Ted Handel, Jason Somnitz and Kelsey Grose.

Minutes

Chris Darnell made a motion to accept the January 2015 minutes with the year being corrected. 2nd by GregTordoff. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Barb Benedum reported on the OQHA financial statements. Total assets are \$ 6,909,817 while liabilities are \$ 44,869 leaving net equity of \$ 6,864,948 as of February 28, 2015. The profit and loss showed a variance of \$ 209,985 which is mostly due to Corporate Sponsor and Commercial Exhibitor contracts still being negotiated. Alan Potts made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. 2nd by Wayne Erwin. Motion passed.

Tri-Chairmen Report

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

- OQHA will be adding 7 Equestrians with Disability classes for the 2015 Congress.
- The Tri-Chairmen discussed having a CRI class for the Reiners.
- The Ranch Riding will be split into Jr/Sr divisions
- The Tri-Chairmen are recommending a \$ 25.00 office fee per horse. Judd Paul made a motion to accept the new recommended fee. 2nd by Dan Trein. Motion passed.
- The Hunter Classic will be a stakes class and therefore open to the other breeds.
- The Tri-Chairmen decided against a Hunt Field Derby for the 2015 Congress.

Chris Darnell announced the 2015 Congress judges.

Dan Trein made a motion that the judge's contracts would have an addendum that states if the judge has family members that work in the trade show, those family members would be unable to mingle outside the trade show. 2nd by Randy Jacobs. Motion passed.

Scott Myers continued his Tri-Chairmen report:

- The Trail Practice tent was discussed and it was determined that it would not be feasible at this time.
- There will be capital expenditures in 2015 that will include moving the Celeste Arena fence to the Denny Hales Arena. There will also be new screens, lights and fence in the Celeste make-up arenas.
- The Stallion Challenge will continue in 2015.
- The Tri-Chairmen reviewed the ticket prices for Cutting, Freestyle Reining and Master's events. It was decided to keep all prices the same this year.
- The Announcers have been hired and will be Darren Moore, Chad Horkey, Steve Johnson and Clark Scoggins.
- The Tri-Chairmen reviewed the class assignment for the Blue Ribbon saddles.

Wayne Erwin made a motion to accept the Tri-Chairmen report. 2nd by Todd Salome. Motion passed.

OHIO COMMITTEE REPORTS

Annual Banquet

Greg Tordoff reported that the committee decided to have the 2016 Banquet at the Crowne Plaza again.

AQHA

Clark Bradley reported that the AQHA Convention was held March 6-9 in Fort Worth, Texas.

Executive Committee

Chris Darnell reported on the Executive Committee meeting held earlier that day:

- The 2014 Executive Director bonus was discussed and approved by the Executive Committee.

Alan Potts made a motion to accept the Executive Committee report. 2nd by Don Recchiuti. Motion passed.

Finance Committee

Scott Myers reported that the OQHYA requested an additional \$ 1500 for the YES Convention.

Greg Tordoff made a motion to increase the OQHYA's YES budget by \$ 1500. 2nd by Chris Darnell. Motion passed.

Scott Myers reported that the Finance Committee met with Frank Cunnane with LPL Financial to review our Long Term Investment. The Committee agreed to continue on the same investment track of 70% stocks and 30% bonds at this time. It was also decided that there would be \$ 25,000 quarterly contributions made to the account.

Long Range Planning Committee

Scott Myers reported that there was a meeting to review the objectives of the committee.

Memberships

Shane Watson gave the 2015 membership report as follows:

- 221 Amateurs Members
- 127 Regular Members
- 120 Youth Members
- 812 Life Members

Scholarships

Barb Benedum reported that the Scholarship interviews were held in the Richwood office on March 14, 2015. After all the scores were calculated, the following were awarded scholarships:

Lauren Diaz – Outstanding Horseman - \$ 1,000

Alexis Taylor – Jess Cecil - \$ 1,000

Jenna Jacobs - \$ 750

Madison Thiel - \$ 750

Caitlyn Colvin - \$ 750

Mariah Sherer - \$ 750

Bridgett White - \$ 750

Elaina McCarthy - \$ 750

There were also 14 renewals awarded at \$ 700 each.

Trail Ride

Todd Salome reported that the 2015 Trail Ride is scheduled for June 12th – 14th.

ASSOCIATION REPORTS

Amateur

Justin Billings reported on the Amateurs' activities:

- The Amateurs sent 3 representatives to the AQHA Convention. Justin thanked OQHA for including them at the dinner.
- The Buckeye Classic series continues to be in the AQHA Top 10 shows.
- The Amateur Association is spending approximately \$ 20,000 on facility improvements at Eden Park. Patti Carter will be at the show to facilitate the leveled classes.

NOQHA

Candi Fites reported that the NOQHA May and June shows will most likely sell out of stalls.

SOQHA

Judd Paul reported that camping for the Madness show is sold out.

Judd also thanked OQHA for allowing SOQHA to hold their annual banquet in conjunction with the OQHA annual banquet at the Crowne Plaza.

EOQHA

Kyle Flatter reported that the April 18 – 19 show is approved for EOQHA and NOQHA points.

Ohio Buckskin Association

Ted Handel reported that the following shows have been scheduled at Circle G Arena:

June 6 – 7

July 4 - 5

September 12 – 13 - Futurity

Youth

Madison Thiel reported from the Youth meeting.

- The 2015 Banquet Fund Raiser was a success, raising just over \$ 12,000 for the Youth Association.
- OQHYA will sponsor a class at the All American Youth Horse Show.
- The YES conference will be approximately \$ 3,000 over budget. The Youth asked OQHA for \$ 1500 and the remainder will be covered by the money raised at the Banquet.
- OQHYA presented the Re-Ride program with a \$ 900 donation at tonight's meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Scott Myers reported that the donation was made for the ISHA Regional Semi-Finals and asked for volunteers to work the booth for OQHA.

NEW BUSINESS

Scott Myers reported that initial plans are being discussed for our upcoming Congress 50th Anniversary.

Todd Salome made a motion to adjourn meeting at 8:40 p.m. 2nd by Shane Watson.
Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

Barb Benedum

Recording Secretary

