

## Notes from Membership Informational meeting, February 2, 2019

Because there was not a quorum present, this was an informational meeting, with no formal action for the association to be taken.

**Elections:** Election results for 2019 Board: Election results were presented. There were no contested positions, so the results will stand with the President: John Boxell; Vice President: Barb Gibson; and Secretary/Treasurer: Pat Fewell. The District Directors will stand as last year.

**Financials:** The following were the balances for PNC accounts as of January 28.

Race: \$13,735.80  
Amateur: \$4,246.56  
General Checking: \$27,843.47  
Recreational Ride: \$1544.90  
Youth Checking: \$34,323.63  
Ken Freeman Scholarship: \$5445.19

**Futurity Committee Report:** The futurity report was presented to the Board in writing the Futurity assets were reviewed noting that the 2017 Futurity Paid out \$33,348.16 in purse moneys to 207 total entries.

\*\*\*In order to reflect this motion in a set of minutes, the following was an electronic board meeting and the following motion was approved by the board, February 26, 2019:

Motion is made that 2019 be the last year for the Illinois Quarter Horse Stallion Service Auction.  
(McLaughlin/Fewell)

Reasoning:

"The Illinois Quarter Horse Association's Stallion Service Auction has been declining in recent years and has reached the point that it is not a viable operation for the Association any more. It is impossible to carry on for the coming year (2020) due to the lack of stallion owner participation as well as the lack of participation from purchasers of said stallion services."

**Amateur Committee Report:** Cami Van Akin presented a Recap of the 2018 amateur activities and outlined the upcoming 2019 events including second chance showmanship, slot class, shootout sponsorship and pizza party at the Fall Futurity.

**Show Committee Report:** John Boxell presented the show committee report. The show profits were presented to the Board. There was discussion of making a set of shows in Springfield once the coliseum is completed. Discussion was made to move the one ILQHA Thanksgiving show to March and have one week of shows. Discussion took place that we have lost 7 dates for shows with the loss of facilities. Currently we have 13 shows, with in comparison Indiana has 58 shows.

**Youth Report:** Brad Kearns reported that last year the youth ended the year with approximately \$34,000 in their checking account, much of the funds came from sponsorship and funds from the Lil Abe show. Discussion took place regarding next year's NYATT teams because of the demise of the Race Association there

will not be a second association to sponsor a team. The election results were presented for the Youth Association, Eric Wisely- Treasurer, Nya Kearns- President, Olivia Wynn- Reporter, Layne Lebshier- Vice President, Lydia Brahler- Secretary.

**Race Association Report:** Pat Fewell reported that after discussion with the Race Association Board of Directors, it has been decided that the Illinois Quarter Horse Race Association will cease to exist. The reasoning being that with the lack of a race bill in the state of Illinois, the industry is basically nonexistent. Gregg Simmons indicated that fewer than 5 racing quarter horses were foaled in the state last year. place as to what to do with the funding in the Race Association account. Motion was made to move the money (\$13735.80) to the ILQHA money Market account for the general association and keep that in the account for 2 years. If no Race Affiliate Association is re-started the ILQHA Board will decide at that time what to do with the funding.

#### **Old Business:**

**Lunge Line for Futurity Show:** Discussion took place regarding the Lunge Line class and if it should be continued for this coming year's show. Consensus was to continue the class.

**Yearling:** Barb Gibson presented the new Yearling for this year.

#### **New Business**

**AQHA affiliation vote:** Each year the Illinois Quarter Horse Association must accept to be affiliated with the American Quarter Horse Association

**Race Association dissolution:** As mentioned previously in the minutes the Illinois Quarter Horse Association will cease to exist as of this meeting, Feb2, 2109.

**Classes to count for points for upcoming year:** The Horse show classes for Year-end awards need to be reviewed each year. A listing of classes were presented to the Board, the following classes were added: New for 2019 Amateur Walk-trot /HUS Level 1 Youth Walk/trot Western Pleasure. Exemption: Weanlings may be eligible for year end points by showing to four judges.

**Freeman Scholarship** information was presented and the first Freeman scholarship will be awarded later this evening.

Dates for will be **Horse Fair March 1-3, 2019**

**Convention for 2019:** Discussion took place that we will have convention in Champaign one more year and then look to move the convention to another location. Discussion took place as to possible locations.

**These notes were approved by the general membership 02.01.2020 (Brad Kearns/ James Steinman) motion carried.**