

ILLINOIS
QUARTER
HORSE
ASSOCIATION

Board of Directors Meeting
May 5, 2020 6:30 PM CST

Minutes

1. Attendance: Those in attendance via Zoom: J. Boxell, B. Gibson, P. Fewell, L. Osterbur, K. Zelnio, C. McLaughlin, K. Lane, J. Greaves, L. Danielson, V. Kearns, C. VanAken, J.G. Schmidt, K. Boxell, T. Suits, J. Lane, S. Speiser, M. Hannagan, B. Kearns. Guest: D. Eppers

Regular Business

2. President's Message – Boxell
President Boxell welcomed all to the meeting and noted that this was a first Zoom meeting for the Board and we had a number of items to address.
3. Secretary' report - Fewell
 - Minutes from January meeting (sent as an email attachment) Minutes from the January 31 meeting were presented for Board approval. Motion was made to approve the minutes as presented. (Suits/K. Boxell) Motion carried.
 - ILQHA Membership report was presented noting as of April 30 there were 30 youth members and 235 general members of the organization compared to year end 2019 of 61 youth and 320 general members.
 - Horse Nominations report was presented as of April 30, there are 156 individual horse nominations compared to 319 at year end in 2019.
4. Treasurer's Report - Fewell
 - Financial Report: PNC balances are as follows: Amateur \$3,022.14; General Checking \$4,689.65; Youth Checking \$39,526.79; Ken Freeman Scholarship \$4999.00; General Money Market \$19076.10.
 - Year End financial report with profit/las figures added. (sent as an email attachment, same document presented at the January 31st meeting)
The treasurer's report were reviewed and accepted as presented (K. Lane/ G. Schmidt) motion carried.

Committee Reports

5. Show report – Boxell
 - The note was made that the March show circuit was cancelled. Discussion took place as to the viability of upcoming shows in June and September. There was sharing of information of the shows that are currently being cancelled. Mary Hannagan indicated that Gordyville has not had any activity since February. The group noted that about June 1 a decision would be made regarding the June 27-28 show.
 - An announcement will be forthcoming that the year-end awards will be redefined with saddles not to be awarded as a year-end award due to the Covid19 cancellation of shows.
 - Indiana Quarter Horse Association had contacted Mr. Boxell asking if they could use the trail poles that are ILQHA's and in a trailer at Richland Ranch. After discussion, the motion was made that the group could use the poles for the cost of cleaning and painting the poles (K. Boxell/ B. Gibson) motion carried.

6. Futurity report- McLaughlin/Boxell

Connie McLaughlin presented the recommendations of the Futurity Committee meeting asking that the Board review the recommendations presented

1. 2020 Futurity entry payment dates are May 15, June 15, and, July 15. Recommendations needed on how to handle a situation if a futurity entrant calls and informs the Futurity Secretary that they are unemployed and unable to make the futurity payment dates.

- Motion made; Committee approved to allow the individual that calls to wait until July 15 to make the payments without any penalty.

2. September 2020 Futurity Show. Recommendations needed on how to handle the situation if we cannot have a horse show this September.

- Motion made; Committee approved to move all entries up to the 2021 Futurity Show and allow them to show then for this year's purses plus next year's purses. Weanlings would show in their respective classes as yearlings, yearlings would show in their respective classes as 2 YO's, 3 YO's would show in their respective classes as a 4 YO. The Champion of Champions Trophy would go to the Champion yearling vs the weanling.

3. Extra monies left in our current Futurity once the futurity ends in 2023. Recommendations needed on how to handle.

- Motion made; Committee approved to apply any extra monies of \$500 or less across the board to all futurity classes for the 3 YO entries. Over \$500 would be moved to the D-1 Reserve Fund for future payback classes or slot classes as determined by a future Futurity Committee/Board approval.

4. Lack of monies in our current Futurity account to accommodate the 2023 3 YO classes fully. Recommendations needed on how to handle.

- Motion made; Committee approved to obtain funding from the D-1 Reserve Fund.

5. D-1 Reserve Fund. Recommendations needed on what to do with once the 2023 Futurity Show is completed. Funds are currently held in the First National Bank of Nokomis, Nokomis, IL, by the Futurity Secretary/Treasurer, Connie McLaughlin.

- Motion made; Committee approved to turn all funding over to the ILQHA Association Treasurer.

- After discussion of the futurity report, motion was made to accept the recommendations of the Futurity committee (McLaughlin/Hannagan) motion carried.

7. Youth report- Kearns

- Brad Kearns noted that the ILQHYA main fund raiser, the Lil Abe show was not held. AQHA has eliminated the qualifying point requirements for the World Show. Due to the cancelation of the Level1 championship, AQHA is holding level 1 classes at the AQHYA World Championship Show. AQH plans on all AQHYA World show entries are being filled out and paid on line for the exhibitor (this is new). The Youth are holding a Zoom call May 18 to discuss fundraising options, team qualifications and sponsorship requirements. Discussion took place regarding sponsorship and the World show and at Congress. Mary Hannagan indicated that Gordyville does welcome fund raising events by the Youth at the Thanksgiving shows.

8. Advisory Committee report- Eppers

- Dianne Eppers, as special appointment as chair of an advisory committee presented an outline for Strategic Plan for 2020-2022 (email attachment sent to the Board). The plan includes:
 - i. Short Term Goals
 1. Review of Bylaws
 2. Review of Website
 3. Create an operating budget
 4. Financial accountability
 5. Analyze participation numbers, membership numbers
 6. Communication with board members
 7. Communication with membership
 - ii. Long Term Goals
 1. Strengthen and stabilize Association
 - a. Develop a long-term plan for financial security and growth
 - b. Develop management infrastructure to meet current and future needs
 - c. Develop closer ties with directors and state affiliates
 - d. Develop a strategy to embrace specialized disciplines
 2. Form a Foundation
 - a. Scholarships, IL Quarter Horse Heritage, Equine Assisted Activities and Therapies, Education
 3. Develop strategies for long term growth in membership and participation
- The Advisory Committee identified by Eppers includes: Gary Hannagan, Bobby Smith, Cami Van Aken, and Debbie Cuvelier.

9. Queen report- Eppers

- Dianne Eppers reported as chair of the Queen committee noting lack of success in recruiting Queen Candidates. Note was made that in the application: The selected Queen will have the option to represent the Illinois Quarter Horse Association at the All American Quarter Horse Congress in Columbus, OH. This was noted that it is only optional and many times candidates have believed it was necessary to compete at Congress, which has become an issue because of the cost and time commitment.

Old Business

10. ILQHA Convention, date and location – Suits

- Tanna Suits reported that she had contacted the Paradise Casino/Hotel and they have closed due to the Covid 19. She has been contacted by the Champaign Hilton Garden Inn regarding the possibility of using the facility.
- Dianne Eppers indicated that she also has been reaching out to hotels in the Bloomington/Normal area regarding the convention including the DoubleTree.
- Discussion took place and the dates for the convention was established for January 30-31, 2021. Tanna Suits and Dianne Eppers will work together to establish a location for the convention.

11. Update on canceled shows – Boxell

- This issue was addressed in the report section.

New Business

12. AQHA National Director report- Hannagan

- Mary Hannagan reported that the AQHA National Convention was cancelled for the year

and no action was taken in replacing her on the AQHA Board representing Illinois.

13. AQHA Convention Committee report https://www.aqha.com/committee-reports?_ga=2.143607986.660833501.1586870561-1965101616.1586870561
14. Website
 - Discussion took place regarding updating of the web site. J. Boxell will contact Stephanie Moore to ask who owns the web site for ILQHA and if Sue Ellen Kaven may be added as an additional administrator to the web site.
15. Hall Of Fame nomination-Eppers
 - Dianne Eppers presented the Hall of Fame Nomination Form noting that the deadline for Nominations should be modified to September 1 instead of the October date on the current form. (form was emailed to the Board)
16. Yearling – Gibson
 - Barb Gibson noted that because of the cancelation of shows there are a number of Yearlings available and was inquiring if the booklet should be mailed to members. After discussion, the decision was made not to mail the Yearlings, and that there be a note on the web page for requesting a Yearling be sent to the member.
17. Nominations- Gibson
 - Barb Gibson indicated that she would be contacting individuals regarding serving on the Board. This year nominations needed includes President and Secretary Positions. Discussion took place that Penny Boyer was serving on the Board and had met the requisite number of board meetings to continue her position on the Board. After discussion Dianne Eppers was nominated to take Penny's position (Danielson/VanAken) Motion carried.
18. Announcement was made that Recreational Ride Trail ride has been cancelled
19. The next ILQHA Board meeting will be June 2 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Fewell

Secretary/Treasurer

Minutes were approved. At June 2 ILQHA Board meeting motion to approve May 5 Board minutes as presented. (T. Suits/C. Van Aken) Motion carried.