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General Membership Meeting
JANUARY 23, 2010

The meeting was called to order. A quorum was present—54 members were present. Those present were welcomed and an explanation of what the banquet ticket covered. Gene Allen gave a summary of activities of 2009 and an explanation of the legislation regarding race purses. He complimented the members working with the association to improve the association. He explained that the Sunday morning meeting would have a different format since board members from race, youth and the general association would all meet together. He introduced the Board members, which acted as the roll call.

Approval of minutes of previous meeting: The minutes of the Jan. 2009 meeting were approved. The motion to approve was made by Kay Miller and seconded by Ed Lawrence.

Financial report: Brian Jallas went over a summary of the association accounts and showed the financial status of the association.

IQHRA Report: Gene Allen presented a summary of race information in his welcome. There were 18 races at Hawthorne, Fairmount and at county fairs. The race division has approximately \$2200 in its general fund.

Youth: The youth group, with 137 members, has been increasing in membership in the past several years. Lil Abe shows made a small profit last year. They started the Ambassador program where members go to local clubs and make presentations on what IQHYA and IQHA have to offer. Plans are to expand that program in 2010. Teams were sent to the Youth World and Congress. Team members did well and are looking forward to an even better year in 2010. Dylan Easley, the youth president, introduced himself and youth board members who were present. Gene Allen mentioned reporters have been set up this year to get information for the Yearling.

Committee summary reports:

Membership: Membership in 2009 was at 640 members, approximately a 2 % loss in membership. We are working on a proposal for redistricting the areas of the state due to the inequality of numbers in the areas. Redistricting changes would take effect in 2011.

Amateur Committee: Barb Gibson and Doug Ronk reported on activities for 2009 which included selling sweatshirts, windshirts, etc., fund raising, giving away sweatshirts to class winners, sponsoring exhibitor parties. They gave away awards at Gordyville shows, the trail ride, and at races. A new award, amateur of the year, will be presented at the banquet. Amateurs were nominated by district directors and voted upon based on criteria created by the amateur committee members.

Convention Committee: Kandi Lane thanked people for coming to the convention and mentioned some of the activities planned for the weekend: educational seminars, the Professional Horsemen Q & A, the cocktail part to honor World show winners, the banquet, and the awards presentation. She also mentioned the vendors who will be in the hallway and the live band. She thanked Pat Fewell, Lori Jallas, Barb Gibson, and Doug Ronk for their assistance with the convention. The convention will be in Effingham again next year.

Futurity Committees: D1 – In 2009, 26 horses showed at the fall futurity in Division 1 classes. The futurity paid out \$50300. In 2010, the last year of Division 1, there will be 3 year old classes only. **New futurity:** John Boxell reported that there had been 47 weanlings and 43 yearlings participating in the futurity. Pictures of class winners had been sent to stallion owners. The Big Money sweepstakes classes will not be held in 2010 since new futurity horses will be old enough to participate in performance classes. Forty four stallions were sold in last year's stallion auction. Eighty one stallions will be available for purchase this evening in this year's auction. He mentioned the calendar showing year long activities in Illinois that will be available for purchase. The cost will be \$20. Those interested should talk to Connie McLaughlin. The money will used to offset the costs of publishing the Yearling. He encouraged people to put ad in Yearling and to fill out the mare owner form if a breeding is purchased. He reminded people that weanlings will need to have paperwork at the futurity. The futurity committee won't send winnings if they don't have paperwork. He thanked Connie for her work with the futurity.

Grievance Committee: No grievances were filed this past year.

Show Committee: Joe Glassford passed out financial information for the 2009 events. The spring shows lost a small amount of money. The novice show in the south actually made a small profit. The futurity at DuQuoin lost \$1500. The Show Committee contributed to other functions in the organization. He gave the dates for the shows in 2010.

Stallion Service Auction: 81 horses will be in the auction tonight.

Website: The website receives an average of 143 visits per day. October had the highest number of visits. Cheryl is continuing to add information to the Hall of Fame section as she receives information. She added an open show program page.

Yearling Committee: Connie McLaughlin reported that Brian Jallas had worked up a cost comparison for the last several years to show the increase in the costs of the publication. The last issue was 80 pages, which was the biggest one we have done. We are still not covering the cost of the publication with each issue. She has received compliments on the improved quality of the magazine.

Public Relations: John Dobbs reported on the success of the recreational riding and trail ride programs.

Sponsorship Committee: LeaAnn Koch is working on revising the previous sponsorship levels to update the program and gain participation.

Hall of Fame: Two people and two horses will be inducted tonight at the banquet. Anyone can nominate a horse and/or a person. The association has a plaque that has names of horses and people inducted into the Hall of Fame. Those plaques are currently stored at Gordyville.

AQHA update: Mary Hannagan and John Dobbs are our AQHA directors. They will be attending the AQHA convention coming up in March. There are 150 AQHA Board of Directors for the whole country. The directors get weekly emails to keep them informed on important issues and activities. Mary Hannagan highlighted some rule changes for shows for 2010.

Recreational Riding: Gene complimented the group on the recent ride. They had great meals, great fun, and many participants riding other breeds than Quarter Horses. He commended the committee members on their work towards maintaining financial solvency while running their programs. The trail ride had over 100 participants. The Horseback Riding program has 44 riders participating. The adults rode over 7000 hours.

Open show program: Cheryl LaMaster went over the rules for this program which was new in 2009. There were 11 participants in 2009 who earned 15 awards. She is hoping for more participants in 2010 as the word gets out to more people.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m. by a motion by John Boxell, seconded by Chris Arentsen.