

## ILLINOIS QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

January 10, 2014

The meeting started at 5:23 p.m. at the convention center in Effingham. The following people were in attendance: John Boxell, Cheryl LaMaster, Barb Gibson, Connie McLaughlin, Pat Fewell, Karen Boxell, Chris Arentsen, Joe Glassford, Kandi Lane, Dawn Yuhas, Jake Lane, Mary Hannagan, Jeff Greaves, Ken Freeman, Lynda Danielson, Tanna Suits.

The minutes from the Sept. & Dec. meetings were approved as presented. The motion to approve was made by Kandi Lane and seconded by Jake Lane. Pat Fewell presented a summary of all accounts and specifics on the general account. All certificates of deposit were renewed. The financial report was approved as presented. The motion was made by Barb Gibson and seconded by Connie McLaughlin.

Cheryl presented information regarding traffic to the website, changes in the membership, and the open show program. The website average 158-241 visits per day. The membership has decreased by 7% with 577 members in 2013. There were 619 members in 2012. We have 71 new members in 2013. Only 62% of the new members in 2012 rejoined in 2013. The open show program continues to have only a few participants. It has grown a little bit in 2013, with 12 participants and 15 horses. Cheryl reported that she will be moving out of state in 2014. She will remain in the secretary's position until she moves. A new secretary will have to be recruited. She can continue some of her current duties for awhile even after moving (such as the website and points) to help ease the transition.

**Affiliate agreement:** Every year AQHA requires each affiliate to officially renew its affiliate agreement. Joe Glassford made a motion to renew our agreement and Ken Freeman seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Convention:** Kandi Lane reported everything is ready for the convention. We have had a snow blower donated which we can auction off or use as a door prize. After some discussion, Dawn Yuhas made a motion to auction the snow blower. Joe Glassford seconded the motion, which passed.

**Stallion auction/futurity:** Forty stallions sold in 2013. The checking account for the futurity has a balance of approximately \$6600. The futurity paid out over \$34000 in 2013. The Board packet contained more detailed information regarding the futurity accounting.

**Shows:** John Boxell reported that our shows made about \$5000 profit for the year. The futurity shows did not make as much money as the year before but the early spring shows made more money. Shows were held in DuQuoin during the DuQuoin Labor Day fair and were well received by those attending even though they were not large shows.

**Amateurs:** Barb Gibson reported on activities during the year including the costume class at the fall shows and the silent auction. Participation in the costume class grew. Cheryl Lawhead will be taking over the committee in 2014.

**Recreational riding:** A summary of the Sept. ride was presented. Year-end award winners for the riding program were named.

**Election**: Results of the election of officers and directors were given. There is one vacancy in area 5. Some discussion was held about filling vacancies on the Board and a change in the bylaws was proposed to allow a

vacancy to be filled by any active IQHA members residing anywhere within Illinois for a period of one year or until the next Board of Director election. Article VI Section 3 regarding District Director Vacancies would be changed to:

The Board of Directors by majority vote shall be responsible for filling any District vacancies. The vacancy created for whatever reason shall be filled by an active IQHA member residing anywhere within Illinois for a period of one year or until the next Board of Director election.

**Region 3 shows:** The affiliates in Region 3 voted down the possibility of holding a show in 2014. The region committee will distribute remaining money to each affiliate.

**Youth report:** Brad Dohm and Valerie Kearns will be the youth advisors for 2014. Results of the election for youth officers and directors were presented.

Horse Fair: IQHA will again have a booth at the Horse Fair. Ed Lawrence, Cheryl LaMaster, and Gene Allen will help man the booth. Others are welcome to sign up to help.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m. by a motion made by Kandi Lane and seconded by Barb Gibson.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl LaMaster Secretary