



ILLINOIS QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Jan. 13, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 5:10 p.m. Roll call was taken. The following people were present: Gene Allen, Joe Glassford, Cheryl LaMaster, Brian Jallas, Ken Freeman, Connie McLaughlin, Kandi Lane, Jeff Greaves, LeaAnn Koch, Barb Gibson, Lori Jallas, John Boxell, Chris Arentsen, Pat Fewell for Jake Lane, Debbie Loftus, Alyssa Freeman, John Dobbs, Mary Hannagan, Jim Henrekin, Jennifer Drinkall, Amy Britton, and Mark Niebrugge.

Horse Network News & the Yearling: Nicole Owens and Shanda Owens from the Illinois Horse Network News, a monthly newspaper, made a presentation about their publication and the possibility of them publishing the Yearling in the future. They have published their publication for 21 years 11 times per year. Their subscriptions are priced at \$20 for paper copies and \$10 for email subscriptions. They presented several possible concepts—from publishing one page in each issue to 4 pages every quarter. We would still need someone to filter information to the publishers if we go for this plan. After some questions and discussion, Joe Glassford made a motion to take this topic to executive session. John Boxell seconded the motion, which passed.

Minutes: Joe Glassford moved to accept the minutes of the Dec. 8, 2011 meeting. Alyssa Freeman seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Race report: There are 46 races planned in 2012. The racing season at Fairmount will be from May to September with races on Friday and Saturday. The Saturday races would be Quarter Horse races mixed with Thoroughbreds. John Dobbs asked if anything was planned in the future to increase purses in Illinois. Indiana racing does have much larger purses. Gene commented that a SSA for race stallions, patterned after the Indiana one, was being worked on. They are also looking at legislation to bring in money from boat gambling. A bill bringing in money from slots is planned for the spring agenda. Hopefully one or more planned legislations will help to add to the purses. Illinois racing Board will hold the money from gambling and racetracks would apply for purse money.

Financial report: Brian Jallas went over the financial information available in his handout. Joe Glassford made a motion to accept the financial report. John Boxell seconded the motion which passed.

Ballots: Cheryl asked about the election ballots being sent separately from the membership renewals. She wanted to know if the Board members still thought the separation was a good idea even though it costs more. The consensus was that it was a better idea and better legally. A motion to continue as in 2011 passed.

Committee reports:

a. Futurity: There were 35 stallions sold in 2011. The numbers sold have been down since a high in 2008.

b. Show: Joe Glassford handed out financials to those who hadn't gotten them at the last meeting, and thanked Pat Fewell for her book work. The shows did make a little money in 2011. He and John Boxell are working on shows for 2012. They will have a show committee meeting right after the Board meeting.

c. Amateur: Barb Gibson presented a financial report. She mentioned their fund raising activities for last year. They donated money to the queen and helped with the exhibitor parties. They didn't do too many giveaways this past year.

d. Youth: Jennifer Drinkall will be youth advisor this year, while Alyssa Freeman will be the assistant. Alyssa and Jennifer met with Dylan Easley about goals for the year and worked out an agenda. Tammy & Paul Rogers will work with judging teams for 2012. Alyssa and Jen set up an award structure for youth who participate this year. Pat Fewell will work on a job description for the youth advisor,

e. Yearling: Information regarding the Yearling was given already when we were talking about the Illinois Horse Network. We would still need someone to bring all the information together—an organizer. On the other hand, the printer we have been using would still do the printing if we can find someone in the organization who would be willing to be the organizer. A task force was set up to bring recommendations to the next board meeting. The committee includes Pat Fewell, Alyssa Freeman, Connie McLaughlin, Debbie Loftur, Jennifer Drinkall, Cheryl LaMaster, and Kandi Lane.

f. Convention: A total of 142 people will be at the banquet this year. Several people have offered to help pay for the band. The association needs to decide about the 2013 convention, whether to stay in the same location or to move farther north. Pat Fewell and Kandi Lane do not want to be in charge of the 2013 convention. Debbie Loftus made a motion to hold the 2013 convention in the same location. Barb Gibson seconded the motion, which passed.

g. Website: Advertising on the website and a classified section were discussed. Including a business card/banner on the right of the home page was discussed. Charging \$5 per month was discussed as a possible fee. Joe Glassford made a motion to establish a classified section with a \$6 fee per month for members and a \$12 fee for non-members. John Boxell seconded the motion, which passed. Cheryl LaMaster will bring some examples and recommendations regarding the business card or banner concept for the home page to the next meeting.

Recreational riding: Information regarding the 2011 ride was included in the packet and in the recent Yearling.

New business: Gene went over the committee chairs for the new year.

Old business:

a. Novice championship show qualifying: Cheryl had research plans from other states to get ideas on how to structure the Illinois plan. The state is not required to have one but it is recommended. The deadline for presenting a plan has passed but AQHA said we could send one in but we should do it quickly.

b. Task force on youth advisor job description: Although the group has asked for job descriptions from other youth associations they have received nothing. They took much of their information from the AQHA description. Our bylaws have youth in charge of the financials but this has to be revised. The treasurer can have a ledger and prepare reports for meetings, but cannot be in charge of the checks. It is the parent association's job to bring the youth along and help them out. John Boxell made a motion to accept the guidelines the group brought forth. Deb Loftus seconded the motion. Discussions will be held in the youth meetings tomorrow. The group will try to bring the revised bylaw recommendations to the April meeting.

John Boxell made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Deb Loftus. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.