



ILLINOIS QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Jan. 22, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. Gene Allen welcomed those present. 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, Ed Lawrence, Mindy Riden, Nancy Allen, Barb Gibson, John Boxell, Chris Arentsen, Jake Lane, Debbie Loftus, John Dobbs, Mary Hannagan, Doug Ronk, Mark Niebrugge, Tammy Rogers, Heidi Coop. The members present constituted a quorum.

Approval of minutes: The minutes from the Sept. 29, 2009 meeting and the Oct. 6, 2009 meeting were approved. Connie McLaughlin made the motion to approve, which was seconded by Nancy Allen. The motion passed.

Race report: Gene Allen reported on 18 races at Hawthorne, at fairs, and at Fairmount in 2009. The House wagering bill had passed and another Senate bill was coming up to give more purse money for races in Illinois. The Illinois Racing Board will be the custodian of funds for purses. The Association will get a percentage of the handle from races to go into our general fund. The amount is unknown at this point but we will have a better idea in the spring.

Financial report: Brian Jallas presented a report and went over the details of activity and balances in the various accounts. He reported on the available funds in each account. A summary has been prepared for the general membership meeting. He commented that the Association needs to look at the general fund and its income sources.

AIM plan: Cheryl LaMaster presented a summary of what had been submitted to AQHA for the 2009 activities and the 2010 plan. Several programs from 2009 will be continued in 2010.

Show committee: Joe Glassford presented a summary of the financial information for the 2009 spring shows, the Clay City and the fall shows. Joe recommended (in the form of a motion) that the Show Committee donate \$2000 to the convention again this year. John Boxell seconded the motion which passed. John Boxell indicated that he hoped the new futurity would be able to help in future with show expenses. Joe also made a motion to put in up to \$1000 to make up the difference in convention expenses. John Boxell seconded the motion, which passed. John asked whether we should look at a change of venue for the spring shows due to the cost of holding shows in Springfield. Chris Arentsen felt that we should look at other locations if we thought we could save money by moving the shows. Joe responded that many people say they want to stay in Springfield.

Committee members for 2010: Gene had prepared a list of committees for 2010. Questions, additions, and changes should be directed to Gene. New this year is the concept of Yearling reporters to help get more information into the publication.

Recreational riding reports: Summary reports were submitted for 2009. Ride evaluations, financial reports, etc. were part of the Board packet.

Convention: Kandi Lane reported that there are 10 vendors and 150 people expected for the banquet.

New business

a. **Miss Rodeo Illinois financial support request:** Last year we gave \$500 total from the general fund & show committee. Ken Freeman made a motion, and Mary Hannagan seconded the motion to give \$500 to Miss Rodeo Illinois, providing she joins our association. Discussion was held concerning giving money to our 2010 queen if we have one. A question was raised as to where the money would come from. The funding was tabled until our Sunday meeting.

b. **Redistricting proposal:** Cheryl presented the proposal which had been worked on by Cheryl and Mark Niebrugge. There was much discussion about the new areas and which areas would be in the central and the south. The proposal was tabled until Sunday to allow Gene Allen and Joe Glassford to come up with some possible changes to the original proposal.

c. **Yearling:** A cost summary from 2006-2009 including postage and printing was presented. The Yearling is in the red for the year. Connie McLaughlin asked people to get ads for the Yearling. John Boxell pointed out that the Yearling is a means of information for those who do not use the website. Joe commented that each Board member could get one ad per year, either by putting the ad in themselves or finding someone to put in an ad. John Boxell asked Nancy Allen to investigate possible grants for the Yearling. We have heard many positive comments about the Yearling but the cost of publishing the magazine is a concern. It was mentioned that there is a list of Professional Horsemen listed in the Yearling but some of those people are not members. The Illinois Professional Horsemen will be contacted and asked to join. If they do not join, their names will no longer be listed. Connie mentioned producing a calendar to help with the costs of the Yearling. The idea will be put on the agenda for Sunday.

d. **Charitable activities:** Paul Rogers mentioned that the youth would be discussing the concept of supporting local community charities. He got the idea from Missouri Saddle Club. We would talk to other organizations to form partnerships.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m. by a motion made by John Boxell and seconded by Ken Freeman.