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### General Membership Meeting JANUARY 22, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Gene Allen at 10:15 a.m. He welcomed everyone and talked briefly about the goals for the year. He mentioned the need for the need for advertising for the Yearling which prompted the creation of a marketing committee for 2011. A quorum of members necessary to hold the meeting was determined to be present. Gene also mentioned the "night at the races" package that was the fund raiser for the association Congress queen candidate.

Frank Bowman from Horseman's Council of Illinois, horse advocacy group, presented information about the organization. This organization's membership consists of horse organizations representing various horse breeds seeking to educate people regarding issues relating to horses and horse owners. The group talks with legislators regularly about horses and various animal rights issues. He also talked about the upcoming Horse Fair, the recent Summit of the Horse in Las Vegas, personal equine policies and the Illinois Research and Promotion act.

**Approval of minutes of previous meeting from Jan. 2010:** Kay Miller made motion to accept the minutes as presented. Cherylann Easley seconded the motion, which passed.

**Financial report:** Gene went over the financial summary in Brian's absence. Cherylann Easley made a motion to accept the report. LeaAnn Koch seconded the motion, which passed.

**IQHRA report:** Randy Smith presented the race report. He mentioned that there had been 25 races at Fairmont and 4 county fair races. He mentioned that 44 horses had entered the Tom Tucker Memorial, which was open to Illinois owned horses. Joe Glassford made a motion to accept the report. The motion was seconded by Ken Freeman. The motion passed. Gene Allen introduced Kisten Martin who was the IQHRA queen for 2010.

**Youth:** Dylan Easley, the youth president, presented members of the youth board who were present. He gave a recap of 2010 for the youth. He mentioned the youth were changing their acronym to ILQHYA. Tammy Rogers will be the youth advisor for 2011. Jenny Drinkall will be the assistant advisor.

#### Committee summary reports:

- **Membership:** Cheryl LaMaster reported that there were 664 members for 2010 which was an increase over 2009. There were 117 new members in 2010 with the membership discount drive for new members. Gene mentioned there was some discussion about having one membership fee that included every part of the association. He asked people to talk to their area director to give feeling for this idea
- **Amateur Committee:** Barb Gibson presented an overview of the 2010 activities: fund raisers, giveaways at shows, exhibitor parties, etc.
- **Convention Committee:** Kandi Lane & Pat Fewell complimented the convention center staff. They also thanked Tom Hennigh for his assistance with publicity and gathering vendors.
- **Futurity Committees**
  - D1: In 2010 there were 8 horses and 18 entries in the Division 1 classes at the fall futurity. The futurity paid out \$27821.15.
  - New futurity: Connie McLaughlin provided financial information for 2010. She mentioned we would now refer to the futurity as just the futurity and drop "new" part since the Division 1 futurity is now closed. She provided numbers of entries for 2010, with a total payout of \$35000.
- **Grievance Committee:** There were no grievances this past year.
- **Show Committee:** Joe Glassford presented his report on the 2010 shows and thanked people who assisted. The costs keep going up, particularly at Springfield. All 4 circuits lost money in 2010. The committee is looking at choices to try to make change. The spring shows will have 4 shows in 2 days.
- **Stallion Service Auction:** Connie McLaughlin provided financial information for the past year. There are seventy eight stallions to be sold today. The auction books will be available this afternoon.

- **Website:** The website received an average of 146-179 visits per day. May and June had the highest number of visits in 2010. The website is currently down, which is quite unusual for the company. Cheryl is working with the company on the issue.
- **Yearling Committee** – Connie reported the wall calendars in 2010 had brought in \$2300. The publication is in the red for the year. Joe Glassford complimented Connie McLaughlin & Kandi Lane on their improvement of the publication.
- **Public Relations/AQHA update combined:** John Dobbs reported 2 of our members/residents were honored by AQHA for being 50 year breeders: Arlie King and Tom Hennigh. She talked about the upcoming AQHA convention. AQHA registrations were down; breeding is down. AQHA is working on a plan for showing in levels within classes. AQHA redesigned its website and updated its technology.
- **Sponsorship Committee:** no report
- **Hall of Fame:** Mary Hannagan gave a little history of the hall of fame program. She mentioned that a nomination form had been developed. The form was available on the website. The committee can nominate for the Hall of Fame or nominations can come from the membership. This year 2 individuals and one horse are being inducted.
- **Open show program:** Cheryl reported there were 27 participants in the program in 2010. That number was up from 11 participants in 2009, the first year. A list of some possible open shows was available on the website. Awards will be given in 8 categories.
- **Region 3:** Bill Ford reported that we were one of 2 regions that are having successful shows. They had fewer entries last year just like anyone else but still made a profit. They are looking at inserting double judged AQHA shows in with the region show for 2011.

**Recreational Riding:** Overall the milestone program participation grew by 40% this last year. We anticipate the growth to continue in 2011. For the Quarter Horse division, the total logged hours from participants increased from 2310 hours in 2009 to 3573 hours in 2010. For the All Breed division the logged hours increased from 1237 in 2009 to 2459 in 2010. The 2010 trail ride hosted 66 registered participants in 2010. The ride was held at the One Horse Gap in Herod, IL. Participants included riders from 5 states. The show had a profit of \$1117.

**AIM plan for 2011:** Goals for 2011 are: (1) increase open show participation by 20% (2) increase association membership by 10% (3) increase participation in the horseback riding program by 10% (4) increase trail ride participation by 30% (5) provide education clinics at the convention and the novice show (6) include educational material in the Yearling (7) emphasize public speaking and presentation skills in youth (8) provide judges for speech contests. Cheryl included requests for \$1250 for the year.

**Old Business:** Jim Steinman asked a question about the Super Stakes money from past years. No one had much information about the funds. Mary Hannagan made a motion to investigate monies from past programs. LeaAnn Koch seconded the motion. The motion passed.

A motion to adjourn made by Joe Glassford and seconded by Alyssa Freeman passed.