



ILLINOIS QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Oct. 4, 2010

Gene Allen opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m., calling the meeting to order at Richland Ranch. He mentioned that since this was a special meeting only agenda items could be discussed. There were no minutes from the previous meeting that would be presented. No treasurer's report would be presented. Cheryl LaMaster read the roll call and determined that a quorum was present. The following people were present: Gene Allen, Joe Glassford, Cheryl LaMaster, Brian Jallas, Ken Freeman, Connie McLaughlin, Kandi Lane, LeaAnn Koch Nancy Allen, Barb Gibson, Lori Jallas, John Boxell, Chris Arentsen, Pat Fewell for Jake Lane, Debbie Loftus, John Dobbs, Paul Rogers, Tammy Rogers, Carmen Wolff, Ashlie Day, Shari Day, Cherylann Easley, and Dylan Easley.

Nominations for 2011 Election: Joe Glassford presented a list of people interested in running for directors and officers. There are a couple of areas where no one is running. Directors who have trouble attending all the meetings are reminded to find someone who can attend as their alternate. In district 11, Debbie Loftus withdrew from running. Greg Simmons will run in that area. Joe made a motion to accept the nominees to be placed on the ballot. John Boxell seconded the motion, which passed. Nominees for amateur of the year will be placed on a ballot to be sent along with the regular ballots. Joe presented a list of nominees for the Race Association also. Ed Carr and LeaAnn Koch will run for vice president. LeaAnn's name will be the first position on the ballot, determined by a coin toss. There will be 9 director positions for the Race Association. Ken Freeman made a motion to accept the nominees. John Boxell seconded the motion, which passed.

IQHYA and State Youth Advisor issues: Gene Allen mentioned that some issues had come to the attention of the Board regarding the youth division. It is the responsibility of IQHA to help the youth, but it is not our desire, nor our intention, to take over the youth division, nor let the youth division pull away from the parent group. AQHA recognizes IQHA as the state affiliate and the youth division as just that—a division of the parent organization. The affairs of the corporation are managed by a Board, which does not wish to run the youth division, but may have to step in to oversee if there seems to be problems. John Boxell commented that he didn't understand why several adults couldn't work together as advisors to the youth and split up the responsibilities. LeaAnn Koch added that she had received comments and complaints throughout the year about a variety of issues, but it needs to stop and people need to work together. John Dobbs added that it is good to clear the air and communicate, but look for solutions not just complain. Gene added that the youth should work out any animosity by themselves, if possible, and work together to help the division grow. If bylaws changes are necessary, then work on them. If qualifications for different team (World show, judging, etc.) need to be clarified, then do it.

Fall Futurity: We received some complaints from the fall futurity. Talk between judges and exhibitors (before, during and after the show) was mentioned as one issue. Some judges are more aware of this issue than others. The ring stewards should stay with the judges during the show in order to alleviate the perception of impropriety. The issue was addressed and the people involved apologized. An AQHA steward was at the show and mentioned some things to Gene. It would be best to house the judges in a different hotel from the host hotel. A complaint form can be developed and be made available in the show office. Anyone wishing to file a complaint could give it to the show secretary, who would then contact the president or his designee. Addressing issues immediately is better than letting them fester into a larger problem.

Ken Freeman made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by LeaAnn Koch. The motion passed.