



ILLINOIS QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Monday April 15th

The meeting was called to order and roll call was taken. The following people were present: Gene Allen, John Boxell, Cheryl LaMaster, Pat Fewell, Connie McLaughlin, Kandi Lane, Chris Arentsen, Joe Glassford, Lowell Osterbur, John Dobbs, Karen Boxell. The following people were present via phone: Ken Freeman, Jeff Greaves, Lynda Danielson, Alyssa Freeman, Jake Lane, Jennifer Drinkall, Barb Gibson, Bill Ford and Heidi Coop. The minutes of the January 11th and January 13th meetings were approved by a motion made by John Boxell and seconded by Connie McLaughlin.

Financial report: Pat Fewell presented a financial report prepared by Brian Jallas. Pat and Brian plan to get together in the coming week to change signatures at the bank. Pat reported that there had been a small financial loss on the convention.

Race report: Gene started his report with a comment that Greg Simmons was doing better after his recent stroke. He also reported on efforts to pass new legislation to help promote Quarter Horse racing in Illinois. Gene thanked John Dobbs for sending letters to legislators to assist with this. Five county fairs will have races this year. The race group has hired a lobbyist until the end of May to assist us in our efforts to include Quarter Horses in the upcoming legislation. Racing at Fairmount Rack Track will start the first week in May.

Recreational riding report: Heidi reported on the planned trail ride in southern Illinois on Sept. 26-29. Flyers have been sent out and are available on the website.

Committee reports:

- a. **Futurity:** John Boxell went over the current financials. Twenty nine studs have sold so far.
- b. **Show:** The DuQuoin fair has approached the association about running some shows during the Fair on Labor Day weekend. John is working with Mary Hannagan and the city of DuQuoin to put on shows. John is also looking at spring horse show dates in Springfield for 2014.
- c. **Convention:** Kandi Lane and Pat Fewell will run the convention in 2014. They had several questions about possible changes in the format.

Youth report: The final report on the shows is not out yet. The youth held fund raisers at the shows and a clinic on April 6th—A Day at Horse College. About 150 people attended the clinic. Blackhawk College was pleased with the clinic and is planning to run another next year. The YES conference is coming up this summer where Alyssa Lombardi will be running for the national vice president.

AQHA update: John Dobbs reported on the decision to revert to the older computer system after having so much trouble with the new one. The association is moving forward and getting caught up as quickly as possible. There is a new youth program, a web based one, called “take me riding.”

Old business:

- a. **AIM plan:** Cheryl reported that we did not receive money for the plan we submitted.
- b. **Money to Regional experience:** Cheryl reported that we had approved money at the last meeting. Pat Fewell will check to see if money was sent and send it if the money had not been sent.
- c. **Year end awards:** Cheryl talked about increasing the amount spent on awards for next year. The impact of the leveling program on year end awards was also discussed.

New business:

- a. **Crisis fund:** Cheryl brought up the possibility of creating a crisis fund or foundation to assist IQHA members in need. She also mentioned the possibility of using some of the old Division 1 funds as seed money for the fund. Joe Glassford made a motion to explore creating a foundation and seek donations to fund the program. The motion was seconded by Heidi Coop. Since the original idea came from LeaAnn Koch, she was appointed chair on the group to explore the idea. Other groups such as NSBA and Professional Horsemen have such funds so they can be contacted for information.
- b. **Show approvals:** Cheryl brought up an issue with show approvals that she had been aware of. The International was not approved this year but the youth association was planning to use the show as a qualifying show for the Youth World. Both Jennifer Drinkall and Alyssa Freeman felt that would be in the best interest of the youth since there were fewer shows in April and May this year. However, those present felt that the youth should not approve shows that were not approved by the association. After some discussion it was suggested that the youth contact Mark Harrell to get the youth results and the entry count and pay the approval fee for those youth entries.
- c. **Novice championship show qualifying:** The Illinois rules for qualification for this show are posted on the website. The rules are similar to last year's.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.