



## ILLINOIS QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday April 4th

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by John Boxell. Roll call was taken and the following people were present: John Boxell, Barb Gibson, Cheryl LaMaster, Connie McLaughlin, Kandi Lane, Pat Fewell, Joe Glassford, Chris Arentsen, Ashley Wegeng, Chrissie Wegeng, Greg Simmons, Kelly & Richard Lehn. The following people attended via telephone: Ken Freeman, Jeff Greaves, Tanna Suits, Jake Lane, Gene Allen, Heidi Coop, John Dobbs, and Karen Boxell. The minutes were corrected to reflect that Ken Freeman and Tanna Suits were present at the January meeting. Their names had been left off of the attendance list. Joe Glassford made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Pat Fewell seconded the motion, which was passed.

**Financial report:** Pat Fewell gave her financial report which included an account summary. The association had received money from Region 3. Each affiliate received a portion of the final distribution of the profits earned from the shows. This was in addition to money received last fall from the group. Pat mentioned that she was planning to talk to Kay Miller about insurance the association carries so she can get the different policies clear in her mind. A motion to accept the financial report was made by Gene Allen and seconded by Greg Simmons. The motion carried.

**Race report:** Greg Simmons presented a report. Quarter Horse racing at Fairmount will start early in June with 16 races scheduled. Some mixed races are scheduled also. There should be approximately \$100,000 for purses this year. Gene Allen said the gaming bill will probably pass the Illinois legislature this spring. Greg mentioned that he, Cheryl, and Kelly Lehn are working on transferring the race secretary/treasurer responsibilities since Cheryl is moving out of state.

**Recreational riding report:** Heidi Coop gave her report about volunteers working at the Horse Fair in March. The trail ride will be in Chandlerville in 2014 on the last weekend in September. Donna Gill is a new member of the recreational riding group, replacing Ed Lawrence.

**Committee chairs:** Barb Gibson will take over the year end awards. Cheryl Lawhead will head the amateur committee. The show committee will be chaired by Joe Glassford and Karen Boxell. Karen Boxell will head the futurity committee. We do need someone to chair the queen committee since we do have a queen applicant this year.

**Futurity report:** John reported that we sold \$21000 in stallion services and the January auction. There are still stallions available. Information is posted on the website. Connie has mailed the 2014 futurity entry forms.

**Youth report:** Ashley Wegeng reported on recent fund raisers and the breakfast sponsored by the youth at the March shows at Gordyville. Nicole Campbell, Hannah Tapling and Nya Kearns will be attending the AQHA YES conference this year.

**Old business:** Cheryl mentioned that she will provide the figures to Pat Fewell for the 2013 membership money transferred to the race account from the general account, as done in past years. A portion of the race membership dues (\$25 for each membership) is given to the race account. A motion to approve that action was made by Joe Glassford and seconded by Chris Arentsen. The motion passed.

#### New business

- a. Town hall meeting – Barb Gibson discussed the recent town hall meeting held at Gordyville during the March shows. Some board members and some youth members attended. Much of the discussion centered around Illinois shows. John mentioned that he would like to see Illinois have some cross approval of shows with Indiana. Illinois would approve Cloverdale shows and Indiana would approve Gordyville shows. Barb mentioned that she would like to continue the town hall meetings at more shows later this year.
- b. State fair show – Discussion was held on approval for the state fair show. The shows are July 8-9 in Springfield. Dawn Yuhas had talked some people and would try to work further on this idea. Cheryl said she knew some of the problem centered around having an indefinite amount as an approval fee. The state has to have fees approved ahead of time and they have to be a set amount. Those present agreed on a \$2 flat fee per horse as a reasonable amount.
- c. Secretary position, phone, and address – Cheryl can keep doing some of the duties she has done in the past but the association needs a new address and someone to answer the phone. John and Joe suggested Barb Gibson as a person to take the position. She said she would think about it.
- d. Introductory shows in southern Illinois – Kandi Lane is working with a couple of horse groups that would like to add AQHA classes to their shows. Due to timing, these shows would be in 2015 not 2014.
- e. Futurity awards & sponsorships – Connie asked for money from the show committee and the race group as in past years. The show committee agreed to give \$500. Greg Simmons said he would talk to the race group and bring it back to this group.
- f. Memorial golf outing in memory of Barb Gibson's husband – The outing will be planned for the fall in conjunction with the futurity shows. A shotgun or best ball on Thursday or Friday evening is what is being planned at the moment. John Dobbs agreed to help Barb Gibson with the planning.

A motion to adjourn was made by Joe Glassford and seconded by Greg Simmons. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.