



ILLINOIS QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

April 20, 2010

Roll call was taken and a quorum was present. Those present were: Gene Allen, Joe Glassford, Cheryl LaMaster, Brian Jallas, Ken Freeman, Connie McLaughlin, Kandi Lane, Jeff Greaves, LeaAnn Koch, Mindy Riden, Nancy Allen, Barb Gibson, Lori Jallas, Karen Boxell for John Boxell, Chris Arentson, Pat Fewell for Jake Lane, Debbie Loftus, Lowell Osterbur, John Dobbs, Mary Hannagan, Paul Rogers, Tammy Rogers, Heidi Coop, and Vickie Wheeler.

Minutes, treasurer's report, and financial related topics: Minutes from the January meetings were presented for approval. A question was asked regarding the criteria for selection for the youth scholarship mentioned in the January 24th minutes. Paul Rogers responded that the scholarship committee has to set up the criteria. Pat Fewell commented that the criteria could be easily made public by placing them on the association website and in print to the youth. For the February minutes there was a clarification on the wording for the membership drive being held this year. Joe Glassford made a motion to accept the minutes as presented & discussed. LeaAnn Koch seconded the motion, which passed. Brian Jallas presented a treasurer's report.

He reviewed the summary he had presented in January and went over the trail ride report. The trail ride had collected money for the Panther Creek Horsemen group. The organization had not been paid yet, but the park was open now this spring. The people wanted to work on the pavilion now that spring was here so he wanted approval to pay the money to the group. The trail ride had promised them \$1000. The group will volunteer their time to fix the pavilion and use the money for materials. Brian made a motion to make the payment. The motion was seconded by Deb Loftus. The motion was approved.

Brian next reviewed the Yearling costs, which are about \$3000 more per year more than the money coming in. The calendars are supplementing the cost of the Yearling. Another large expense is the convention. He felt the association should look at those costs and look at possible sponsorships. Gene Allen suggested we look at trying to get some AIM money to help with costs for the association. He added that we need to get more ads for the Yearling as well. Nancy Allen is looking at grant dollar possibilities. LeaAnn Koch is working on sponsorships for 2010. She has gotten Purina to give a \$10 certificate to new members as well as sponsor an exhibitor party at the Roscoe shows. Joe Glassford suggested we approach the banks we deal with and ask for sponsorship money for our convention, etc. Nancy Allen commented that it would be best to present an organized sponsorship program to potential sponsors such as the one worked on a couple of years ago. LeaAnn added that Mark Niebrugge is working with her on sponsorship ideas. Joe Glassford moved that the sponsorship committee bring back an organized program to the next board meeting. Brian Jallas seconded the motion, which passed. Barb Gibson asked what the show approval fees go to. Cheryl LaMaster said they originally went towards year end awards—and still is used for that, but may be used for other matters as well. Brian said the finance committee will continue to work on the financial condition of the association.

Brian did authorize the recreational riding checking account without full Board approval. The account will be used to handle the finances of the recreational riding division. Gene commented that the recreational riding division will be treated like the race and the youth divisions. They manage their own money but answer to the Board. Heidi Coop plans on presenting a budget for the trail ride at the next Board meeting. A comment was made we may have to check into the wording regarding the official structure of recreational riding in our bylaws. If the bylaws need to be updated or corrected, it should be done. Kandi Lane commented that recreational riding and the trail ride often get blended and confused. A motion to have the checking account was made by LeaAnn Koch and seconded by Connie McLaughlin. The motion passed. Gene appointed Pat Fewell to look at the bylaws and clarify the manner in which divisions petition into the association formally in the future.

A motion to accept Brian's report was made by Connie McLaughlin and seconded by Kandi Lane. The motion passed.

Horse Fair report: Cheryl LaMaster, Tammy Rogers, and Paul Rogers gave the report. Those present worked with the judging teams, accepted memberships, handed out brochures and open show materials, and talked to a lot of recreational riding people. Paul commented that it is hard to measure the good we do, but we do need to have a presence at this event. Gene suggested that we come up with a way to have people work a shorter time period. He also suggested we put the cost of the booth space in the AIM plan for next year.

Race report: Gene presented a race report. He stated that Quarter Horses are the only breed showing an increase in racing numbers in Illinois. LeaAnn Koch thanked Gene for his help in the last couple of years increasing interest in Quarter Horse racing in the state. Gene's report noted that the harness horse races have been cancelled in DuQuoin due to lack of funding. Cheryl brought up that the 2009 membership money (\$15 x 66 memberships = \$990) needs to be paid to the race division. Joe Glassford made a motion to approve the money. Barb Gibson seconded the motion, which passed.

Affiliate agreement for Regional show: John Dobbs gave a report about the regional shows. Our regional show is one of largest and seems to be doing OK financially. Each of 6 affiliates will be financially responsible for any financial obligation, which was an

amendment added to our signature page. Pat Fewell made a motion to sign the agreement with the amendment. Joe Glassford seconded the motion, which passed.

Recreational ride report: Deb Loftus reported the trail ride prices from One Horse Gap came in higher than expected. She asked for some clarification on what to do. Some of the possible services and suggested prices were discussed and some services were considered to be less important. Some services will be eliminated and/or scaled back. Heidi discussed a flyer or letter that would be mailed to AQHA members who log horseback riding hours at the national level. AQHA would mail the flyer at a reduced cost to us. Heidi explained that they had a donor to pay for the mailing.

Committee reports:

a. Futurity (new): Connie McLaughlin reported on the number of entries she had taken.

b. Youth: Tammy Rogers reported that plans for the youth show (Lil Abe) are coming along just fine. iPods will be given as circuit awards.

c. Show: Plans are in place for the Springfield and DuQuoin shows. AQHA approved the additional May 31st show. Information is on our website and some showbill websites. When discussing the fall futurity, several people felt Gene Parker should not judge the futurity since he is a stallion owner represented in our stallion service auction. Joe said he had talked to John Dobbs & Mary Hannagan and asked them to select judges in the future for IQHA shows. Chris Arentson felt these two people would not have any conflicts since they do not show. A motion to have John Dobbs & Mary Hannagan select judges in the future was made by Connie McLaughlin and seconded by Pat Fewell. The motion carried. A motion to accept Gene Parker's withdrawal from the futurity show was made by Connie McLaughlin and seconded by Kandi Lane. The motion carried. Discussion was also held regarding the multiple judge format for upcoming 2011 shows, especially for the Springfield shows. Compacting the shows into a shorter time period would save on expenses for both the show management and the exhibitors. The concept will be pursued as a possibility for 2011.

d. Convention: A total of 177 dinners and 90 luncheons were served. A summary of convention expenses was presented. The same band has been hired for next year due to the positive response. Heidi Coop made a motion to have the amateurs do the silent auction again next year. Debbie Loftus seconded the motion. The motion passed. The recreational riding group will come up with something else for a fund raiser.

e. Yearling: A report was in the Board packet. Connie will get an earlier start on the calendars for next year.

f. Amateur: Doug Ronk told Barb Gibson he was stepping down as the committee co-chair. Doug has the committee checkbook, but Barb has checks & money from sales that need to be deposited. Joe made a motion to accept Doug's resignation as chair and make Barb the single chair, which will put in motion adding Barb on the bank accounts. Connie seconded the motion, which passed. The committee brought in \$1365 from the silent auction, \$978 from the windbreakers, and \$130 from the 50/50 raffle. Barb suggested we look at the meeting time at next year's convention. There are too many conflicts for the amateur meeting to be well attended. They are planning the amateur of year award again. Plans are underway to host a party at Sat in Springfield on May 1 as well as sell windbreakers at that show. They also plan to auction off a package for the July shows at Gordyville which will include everything except AQHA fees and IQHA fees. They will be donating \$150 to new IQHA member (from Wis.) at Roscoe and \$150 to the new MO, IN, or KY member at the DuQuoin shows.

g. Membership: Cheryl reported that we had 394 membership entities (single or family) so far, which is ahead of the membership numbers for last year at this time. We have 56 new memberships so far this year.

h. Website: Cheryl added to the Hall of Fame section. In February and March the website average over 170 hits per day.

i. D1 futurity: Cheryl reported that she had 9 three years olds with a total of 20 entries at this point.

Joe made a motion to accept the committee reports. LeaAnn seconded the motion, which passed.

Old business:

a. Year end awards: Payment by divisions of their awards was discussed again. Gene suggested we not go back to 2008, but start with 2009. Cheryl can calculate the costs of awards by division. Gene also suggested that the race division give certificates for 2010. The list of winners would be read at the convention. Gene also mentioned he was concerned about the amount of people who talked while awards were given out this year. People were not respectful of other award recipients. A motion for each division to pay for their own awards was made by LeaAnn Koch and seconded by Lori Jallas. The motion carried.

b. Miss Rodeo Illinois funding: \$500 has been paid already according to Brian. The general fund took care of it.

c. Redistricting proposal: Joe & Gene are working on that and will bring information to the next meeting.

New business: A committee needs to work on the criteria for presenting the scholarship in order for the scholarship to be given out.

The next meeting will be some time in July. The meeting was adjourned at 10:13 p.m.