



## ILLINOIS QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

**April 23, 2012**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. at Richland Ranch. Roll call was taken. The following people were present: Gene Allen, John Boxell, Cheryl LaMaster, Brian Jallas, Connie McLaughlin, Kandi Lane, LeaAnn Koch, Karen Boxell, Dawn Yuhas, Barb Gibson, Chris Arentsen, John Dobbs, Mary Hannagan, and Joe Glassford. The following people were present via phone: Ken Freeman, Nancy Allen, Deb Loftus, Lowell Osterbur, Lynda Danielson, Bill Ford and Jennifer Drinkall.

The minutes from the Jan. meetings were approved as printed. Barb Gibson made the motion to approve the minutes and Dawn Yuhas seconded the motion. Brian Jallas presented a financial report on the general account. Chris Arentsen made a motion to approve the report. LeaAnn Koch seconded the motion, which was approved.

**Race report:** Gene Allen presented a report about the proposed race schedule for the year. Races at Fairmount will start May 4. There will be 32 races for Quarter Horses and some races mixed with Quarter Horses and Thoroughbreds. There are some senate bills currently being worked on that will hopefully pass. Brian made a motion to accept the report. Barb seconded the motion, which passed.

**Recreational riding report:** The Recreational Riding Program currently has six team members, 2 of them new this year. Pam Sigler has resigned from the team. At the recreational riding meeting at the convention there was a discussion concerning utilization of trails in the state, possibly increasing the number of trail rides per year, and trying to help support other branches of IQ and other organizations. Members of the team were at the Horse Fair IQHA booth to answer and field program questions. The group is well on their way with the planning of the 2012 Trail Ride. It is in the north, at Green River Saddle Club, Morman Road, Amboy, IL. The date will be Sept 28, 29 & 30<sup>th</sup>. They will have our annual silent & live auctions and daily rides with catered meals. Cheryl made a motion to accept the report, which Karen Boxell seconded. The motion passed.

#### **Committee reports:**

- a. show, futurity, stallion: Connie McLaughlin gave a futurity status report. Suggested futurity revisions were passed around to those present. Connie made a motion to approve the changes. Kandi Lane seconded the motion, which passed.
- b. amateur: A costume pleasure class has been included for the fall shows. Amateurs will be sponsoring a dinner at the fall shows.
- c. queen: There is only 1 candidate at this point. Pam Sigler will be helping with the committee.
- d. convention: Jackie Lueking is working on the convention.
- e. sponsorships: Tribute Feeds is doing a corporate sponsorship this year. Details are being worked out.

- f. grievance: Nancy doesn't have any.
- g. website: Cheryl has added a classified section to the website.
- h. membership: Cheryl presented a comparison of membership changes in the last few years. There are 478 members for 2012 at this point. 41% of new members in 2011 have rejoined so far this year.
- i. AIM plan: The checks have been mailed from AQHA. We got almost all of the money requested for 2012.

A motion to approve the committee reports was made by Brian and seconded by Chris. The motion to accept was approved.

**Youth report:** The proposed bylaws were presented in summary form. The youth have had 2 fund raisers already. Another fund raiser is planned at the youth shows along with a free clinic for 4-H youth. Ken made a motion to approve the change in the bylaws. Chris seconded the motion, which passed. Barb made a motion to approve the youth report. Brian seconded that motion. The motion passed.

**Old business:**

a. Yearling: A lack of manpower is the issue. The problem with the Yearling was tabled until the July meeting.

b. Miss Rodeo America: We had talked about a donation at a previous meeting but we need to find out which group is actually requesting the donation since there is more than one rodeo queen group.

c. Region 3: Bill Ford talked about the regional show and presented a summary of updates regarding the show. He asked if IQHA was planning to do a sponsorship for the regional show. John Dobbs spoke to the importance of participation in the show. We had written a request for money for the regional show into our AIM plan. Ken made a motion to give a \$500 sponsorship. Lowell seconded the motion, which passed. Bill mentioned that class sponsorships from individuals are needed also. John talked about how lucky we are to have Sandy Hubner running this show.

**AQHA news:** John congratulated Lauren Wellls who won the highest dollar scholarship from the AQHA foundation. She won \$25000. John Boxell became a new director from Illinois at the AQHA convention. There is an anti-trust lawsuit against AQHA concerning cloned horses.

**New business:** Cheryl is talking to Tribute Nutrition about their sponsorship to get their preferences regarding the sponsorship.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. John Boxell made the motion to adjourn. Connie seconded the motion. The motion passed.