



ILLINOIS QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

July 15, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. at the Northfield Inn in Springfield. When roll call was taken, a quorum was determined to be present. The minutes were reviewed and slight modifications were made. Joe Glassford made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Pat Fewell seconded the motion, which passed. Nancy Allen reported that a grant the association had applied for had been turned down because our publication was not dispersed to the general public. Brian Jallas went over the treasurer's report, covering account balances, activity in the accounts, etc. He provided a comparison of the past 3 years. Debbie Loftus made a motion to approve the report. Ken Freeman seconded the motion, which carried.

Race report: Gene Allen went over the race report that was included in the board packet. The Tom Tucker Memorial was held June 19th. The trophies for that race were sponsored by IQHRA. The July 24th Fairmount Invitational had 40 horses entered. The top ten from the trials raced in the Aug. 7th finals. This was the richest Quarter Horse race held in Illinois this year. Gene and Fairmount are talking about 2011 races already. We are looking for a sponsor for the Fairmount Invitational race trophy. Joe Glassford made a motion to pay \$150 from the general fund towards the winner's trophy. Brian Jallas seconded the motion, which passed. Gene said he would like to have members from each division present at the race when presenting the trophy. Nancy Allen commented on the article in the Illinois Racing News calling Quarter Horses "minority horses." She said several people called about that comment in the article. The Racing Board backed us and refuted the comment.

Recreational ride report: Heidi Coop provided an update. She mentioned that donations had been obtained by Debbie Loftus. The Youth and Debbie Loftus are sponsoring belt buckles. A sponsor for the t-shirts was being pursued. Some people have already signed up, including a group from Ohio.

Committee reports

Show Committee: Joe Glassford reported that the Springfield and DuQuoin shows both lost money. The spring Springfield shows lost about \$4000. The DuQuoin shows lost about \$1000. The stall charges in DuQuoin were raised this year. The promotion to have all-around shows for free, as well as providing meals for the exhibitors, were large expenses that need to be looked at in the future. There are some expenses yet to be paid so the balance in the checking account does not reflect those bills being paid. A survey has been put on the website and in the Yearling to gather input from our members about shows and showing in Illinois. Joe is looking at other possibilities for the spring Springfield shows for 2011. Chris Arentsen asked about moving the shows to another facility. Cheryl LaMaster talked about the Roscoe Run to the Border shows, went over the expenses & the financial report. The entries were up but the shows still lost money.

Futurity: Connie McLaughlin went over the number of entries she had received. The weanling classes will be divided if we have 11 or more class participants at the show. Cheryl LaMaster went over the numbers she had received for the Division 1 futurity also. This is the last year for this futurity.

Stallion auction: The final number of stallions sold this year was 42.

Convention: The dates for 2011 are Jan 21-23 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Effingham. Kandi plans to explore another facility in the Mattoon area that is opening for the 2012 convention. Past plans have been to move the convention farther north.

Youth: Carmen Wolff reported the May shows had a \$3612 profit. The Youth made \$600 on the trail clinic as well as had many donations. The total profit was \$10555. They are preparing for Youth World Show, with 31 members on the youth team, including the judging team. Carmen and Tammy Rogers thanked people for their help in getting sponsors for the show.

Membership: Cheryl mentioned IQHA had over 80 new memberships due to the reduced first year membership promotion. She recommended that this promotion continue into next year. Gene Allen mentioned we also have quite a few new members for the race association.

Yearling: Connie reported that the last edition was the membership directory edition. She printed 550 issues of the 60 page edition. The next edition, the futurity edition, will go to print on Aug. 10th.

Joe made a motion to approve the committee reports. Pat Fewell seconded the motion, which passed.

Old business

a. **Redistricting proposal:** The initial proposal, worked on by Mark Niebrugge, was changed somewhat by Gene Allen and Joe Glassford after the first presentation. Some changes may need to be made based on this year's membership numbers. A committee will look at the proposal further and bring ideas back to the Friday meeting in Effingham and then take it to the general meeting the next day for approval. The committee will be Joe Glassford (comm. chair), Gene Allen, Cheryl LaMaster, Mark Niebrugge and the 3 vice presidents.

b. **Sponsorships:** LeaAnn Koch talked about the proposal for the sponsorship program. Brian Jallas asked about privacy issues regarding providing membership information to corporate sponsors. Pat Fewell asked about how to avoid having several people approaching the same possible sponsor. LeaAnn, the chair of the committee, will be the contact person and will develop some mechanism for the process so the same people aren't asked to be sponsors by several different IQHA members.

c. **Youth scholarship:** Paul Rogers talked about the continuing process to set up the youth scholarship. He felt the fund would be able to collect more money if it was a tax deductible separate entity. Cheryl thought some of the paperwork for a separate foundation. A committee of Gene Allen, Karen Boxell, Echo Fisher, and the adult youth directors will work on the scholarship program. Gene recommended that Nancy Allen be put on the committee also.

New business: The Horse Council contacted IQHA and asked IQHA to present information about the association at the State Fair. Pam Sigler is going to handle having people present during the fair. Samantha Ginger wants to be the IQHA queen at Congress again this year. Paul & Tammy will contact her and talk to her. There is someone else who is interested in being the IQHA also.

AIM plan: We may be able to qualify for some financial funding from AQHA to send the Yearling to equestrian related organizations in the area, but only if it is considered to be an educational publication. We may be able to reprint educational articles in the publication. The association can also look into finding some way to provide funding for people to show at introductory shows. The price of the AQHA memberships as well as some class fees may be able to qualify for grant money. We will also look into obtaining funding for convention expenses, underwriting seminar speakers, etc. Another suggestion for the plan was to create an updated general brochure for the association. A brochure was created many years ago but has not been updated recently. The brochure could be available to the general public as well as available at association activities.

Chris Arentsen made a motion to adjourn at 9: 55 p.m. Lori Jallas seconded the motion, which passed.