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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
MINUTES**

July 7, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:13 p.m. Roll call was taken. A quorum was present. The following people were present: Gene Allen, Joe Glassford, Cheryl LaMaster, Brian Jallas, Connie McLaughlin, LeaAnn Koch, Kandi Lane, Nancy Allen, Barb Gibson, Lori Jallas, John Boxell, Chris Arentsen, Lowell Osterbur, John Dobbs, Paul Rogers, Tammy Rogers, and Pam Sigler. The following people were present by phone: Jeff Greaves, Ed Lawrence for Brad Kearns, Mindy Riden, Jake Lane, and Mary Hannagan.

The minutes of the April 7<sup>th</sup> were approved. The motion for approval was made by Joe Glassford and seconded by John Boxell. The minutes of the June 15<sup>th</sup> phone meeting were approved. The motion was made by Nancy Allen and seconded by Brian Jallas.

**New business:** The agenda was changed to accommodate those present and those who had to leave early. (1) Nominations for officers and directors for 2010 will be taken until October 1<sup>st</sup>. Those nominations can be given to Joe Glassford or Gene Allen. Gene Allen has agreed to run for president again for 2010. Joe commented that nominations could be emailed to him or called in to him on his house phone. A note will be put in the next Yearling about nominations and contact information. (2) Ed Lawrence brought up a new concept for the association, spurred by recent deaths of long time members. He suggested that IQHA explore starting an IQHA museum of knowledge—a facility that would house our archival information such as awards, Hall of Fame, association history, etc. Our archival information could easily be lost because it is so scattered around the state. He suggested the association start a campaign to fund our own facility and/or building to house this museum. Such a location could create a sense of pride in our association by giving it a permanent “home.” He felt there are many life members who would help with such a campaign. They could come up with ideas regarding this concept. Gene felt the Board should explore this idea, look at financial possibilities, etc. Ed Lawrence said he would write up a formal proposal. John Boxell thought we could get a facility donated. This facility could possibly be a place where meetings could be held. An association library and possible store were also mentioned. (3) Cheryl LaMaster commented that she had been looking at our current membership. The current districts are no longer equal in numbers. Our representation has changed. She asked Board members for guidance in trying to make the proportions equal. The changes could be merely changing the counties within the districts to equalize the numbers. Another possibility would be to make greater changes in the representation by altering the current structure of the Board. One of the suggestions would be to have Board members represent 1/3 of the state, not just a district. Each third of the state would have a set number of directors based on membership numbers. This idea might alleviate the trouble

we sometimes have finding possible directors in certain sections of the state. A change suggest as this idea would require amending the association bylaws. After some discussion most of those present felt just re-proportioning the districts would be more agreeable. Joe Glassford made a motion to leave the current structure except for re-proportioning the districts. Brian Jallas seconded the motion. The motion passed. Cheryl will work on that concept and make a presentation to be voted upon at the January meeting. (4) Cheryl suggested the association look at the current membership fee structure. She would like to see a family membership that includes all members of the family. Youth would not have to pay a separate fee. Race members would join as just IQHA members. Funding for youth and race would have to be worked out. The idea was to consolidate, not take away from the other groups. The concept would simplify our membership structure and raise our numbers. Some associations already report their numbers to AQHA with everyone in the family included as members. Gene Allen recommended the Board table this concept and study it some more.

**Race report:** Gene Allen presented a written report given out at meeting covering upcoming races and Senate Bill 1298. The bill went to the governor to sign. The bill will give Illinois racing \$250000+ per year for purses in the state. Senate Bill 744 has passed the Senate and in the House. This bill will provide even more money toward Illinois Quarter Horse racing. John Dobbs made a motion to accept the report. Chris Arentsen seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Financial report:** Brian presented a financial report showing the association worth at \$449000. Ed Lawrence complimented the Board on getting a handle on the association finances. Joe Glassford made a motion to accept the report. LeaAnn seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Show committee report:** Joe Glassford commented that he had not yet received all of the bills from the state for the spring shows, but he felt we would probably lose some money for the spring shows in Springfield. Plans are moving along fine for the fall shows. A change for 2009 is that the weanlings will enter the class by birthdate. The Run to the Border shows made small profit based on the report made by Cheryl LaMaster. She thanked Rita Crundwell for her support and her donation to the shows. Joe made a motion to have the association honor her support over the years in some way. LeaAnn Koch & Nancy Allen will work on this, possibly for the upcoming convention. John Dobbs offered to help also. John Boxell seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Yearling:** Connie said the next issue would come out in the middle of August. Futurity entries will be listed. She needs information by August 1<sup>st</sup>. LeaAnn thanked Connie for the cover for her dad

**New futurity & stallion auction:** This year \$33000 was brought in by the stallion auction. Forty four stallions sold. The 2010 auction will be Saturday evening at the convention. There will be a cocktail hour before the auction.

**D1 futurity:** Cheryl reported that there are fifty six 2 year olds and fifteen 3 year olds entered this year, many in multiple classes. The entries will be listed in the upcoming Yearling.

**Amateurs:** Barb Gibson reported on amateur activities. They have told all the sweatshirts but still have some t-shirts. They will order more sweatshirts for fall. Wind shirts were given to some winners at the Gordyville shows. The amateurs do plan to have an activity at DuQuoin this fall. They have some ideas but haven't made a decision yet. They would like to do something fun during an exhibitor party.

**Youth:** The youth are gearing up for the youth world. They have participants in almost every class. The horse judging group just got back from the Appaloosa World where they did well. They also did well at the Paint World. Lil Abe showed a small profit this year, but not as much as last year.

**Public relations & AQHA:** Johne Dobbs reported on recent meetings in Amarillo. There will be term limits on how long people can serve on committees. This should help bring in some fresh ideas at AQHA. She felt Don Treadway was doing a good job. The 2009 Hall of Fame inductees will be honored in July.

Joe Glassford moved to accept the reports; Nancy Allen seconded the motion, which passed.

**Recreational riding:** A scooter has been donated so there are raffle tickets to sell. The committee is sending out pamphlets for reservations for the trail ride. The activities are listed on the website. The group needs to incur some expenditures prior to the ride. The expenditures were approved by the finance committee. The ride is not listed on the website calendar of events. Cheryl said she would put it up ASAP. Board members were urged to come and join the ride at the end of September. The ride charity is the Panther Creek Park itself. Awards are currently being purchased for the horseback riding reward program.

**Open show program:** The program has several participants so far, more youth than adults. A suggestion to add eventing for next year was made. Two divisions (rated and unrated) were suggested. More information would have to be gathered to add this event. The time frame will be expanded for next year to start earlier.

Lori Jallas and Pam Sigler were thanked for providing the food. John Boxell was thanked for providing the facility. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m. The next meeting will be Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> at Richland Ranch at 7 pm. A futurity & show committee meeting will be at 5:30 pm prior to the regular meeting.