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General Membership Meeting JANUARY 14, 2012

The meeting was called to order about 10:20 am. While attempting to reach a quorum, people were brought in from the hall outside. The youth meeting took a short break to allow youth parents to attend. The attendees were welcomed by John Boxell, the new vice president. A quorum was present. New board members were introduced. The minutes of the previous general membership meeting held in Jan. 2011 were approved with a motion by Mary Hannagan and a second by Kay Miller. The motion passed.

Financial report: John went over the financial summary in Brian Jallas' absence. A motion to approve the financials was made by LeaAnn Koch and seconded by Alyssa Freeman. The motion passed.

IQHRA Report: Cheryl LaMaster reviewed the report that had been given at the Friday night meeting. Joe Glassford made a motion to approve the report, which was seconded by Mary Hannagan. The motion passed.

Youth: Dylan Easley, the youth president, gave a report and introduced the 2012 board members & directors. The 2012 youth advisor is Jennifer Drinkall. A motion to accept the youth report was made by Barb Gibson. Alyssa Freeman seconded the motion, which passed.

Committee summary reports:

- **Membership:** Last year we had 650 members, a decrease of 2.2%. We did have 97 new members. Less than 50% of the 2010 new members rejoined.
- **Website:** The website receives an average of 145-200 visits per day. March & April had the highest number of visits in 2011. We have discussed adding a classified section and advertising on the home page.
- **Amateur Committee:** The committee holds a silent auction at the convention for fund raising. They are also selling jackets this year. The amateurs sponsored the adult beverages last year at the spring show as well as part of the exhibitor party at fall show. They also donated money to the queen candidate. The committee had a meeting this morning and gathered some ideas for 2012. They plan to have some "social hours" at shows to help people get to know each other. Those at the meeting helped work on novice championship show guidelines. The committee plans to host a "costume class" western pleasure with added money at the fall show.
- **Convention Committee:** Kandi Lane welcomed people to the convention and mentioned that the Effingham Visitors Bureau was helping sponsor of the lunch. Several trainers and members offered to help pay for the band at the banquet. The board had voted to return to the same location for next year. John Boxell thanked Pat Fewell & Kandi Lane for their good job at running this year's convention.
- **Futurity Committee:** John Boxell gave the report summary, which included the financials. We are still trying to add stallions and help the futurity grow. We have 64 stallions for the auction today. We sold 35 stallions last year. We are working on a change in wording for regarding carryover for stallion breedings.
- **Show Committee:** Joe Glassford presented a summary, indicating a relatively successful year with a small profit. He will assist on the committee in 2012 but not as head of the committee. This year the spring show will have 6 judges/shows, with Mark Harrell running the shows. On the Memorial Day weekend Mark Harrell will also run some of his shows in collaboration with the IQHA shows. The fall futurity will be at Gordyville in 2012. Arrangements are being worked out with Mary Hannagan. The

Run to the Border shows, a collaboration between IQHA and LLQHA, will be moved to Gordyville with a change in dates. John thanked Joe for his work with the committee.

- **Stallion Service Auction:** The auction will begin at 4:30, with 64 stallions to sell.
- **Yearling Committee:** Connie presented her report, including financials. Business card ads and regular ads were sold in 2011 as well as calendars. However, the Yearling was still in the red financially for 2011. Connie McLaughlin and Kandi Lane have decided not to publish the Yearling anymore. The Board is looking at some other choices and needs someone to run it or change the format. A task force is looking at some options to continue or change the publication. The current printer is still willing print the publication if we can work out arrangement for continuing.
- **Grievance Committee:** no report
- **Sponsorship Committee:** Tom Hennigh is helping with Effingham local vendors.
- **Hall of Fame:** Mary Hannagan gave the report and mentioned that the criteria are on website. We will be inducting 2 horses and 1 person this evening.
- **Open show program:** The open show program was new in 2009 and had 11 participants. In 2010 the program had 27 participants. However, In 2011, the program had was down in participants with only 16 participants.
- **AIM plan:** Our goal to increase the participation in the open show program was not met. We had hoped to increase it by 20% but it did not grow. Our goal to increase membership by 10% was not met. Membership decreased by 2.2%. Our goal to increase the participation in the recreational riding program was met. The largest increase was in adult participation. Money was received from AQHA to help pay for awards given to participants who reached various riding hour milestones. The goal to increase the participants in the trail ride fell a little short. The goal was an increase of 30% but the increase was actually 25%--but still an increase. The goal to include educational information in the Yearling was met. Each issue contained at least one page of educational information during 2011. Money was received from AQHA to help pay for additional costs due to additional pages in the publication.

A motion to approve the committee reports was made by LeaAnn Koch and seconded by Mary Hannagan. The motion passed.

AQHA update: John Dobbs gave an overview of 2011, including the hiring of Patti Pratt, the blue ribbon task force looking at shows, changes in the incentive fund, the new leveling program, introducing rookie classes, and the new novice championship shows. The convention will be held in Las Vegas this year. She also mentioned the new program for recreational riding, the trail challenge. Gordie Hannagan will be inducted into the AQHA Hall of Fame at the 2012 convention in Las Vegas. World Show entries were up 7% in 2011.

Recreational Riding: A summary of the 2011 trail ride was published in the Dec. Yearling.

Old Business:

a. **Region 3 update:** Alyssa Freeman has taken over for Francine Barnes as committee member. The Region 3 experience will again be in July in St. Paul, MN on July 11-15. They have made some changes with the schedule this coming year. The showbill should be up soon on regional show website.

New Business:

a. **Visibility and sponsorships:** Tom Hennigh mentioned the need for visibility in order to obtain sponsorships. Companies need to know what we can give them in exchange for their sponsorships. We need to more clearly indicate what we have to offer

b. Dawn Yuhas mentioned the possibility of having a banner or sign to place on stalls at horse shows that would indicate that the person is an ILQHA member.

Chis Arentsen made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Connie McLaughlin. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 11:25.