

WQHA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Mineshaft Restaurant
Hartford, WI.
August 2, 2011

Meeting called to order by President Joe Spak at 6:35PM. Roll call taken and the following were present: Joe Spak, Kathy Schroeder, Diane Baier, Ron Miller, Douglas Baier, Gary Rudolph, Robert Schmitz, Pat Gauthier, LaRue Wills, Robert Wills, Keri Smith, Pat Miller (proxy for Widmar), Kathy Sheahan, Greta Zeller, John Schmahl.

Secretaries Report-Motion made by Pat to accept as emailed/mailed. Seconded by John. Approved.

Financial Report-Pat handed out a profit & loss that ran from January 1 to Aug. 2, 2011. She also handed out a balance sheet. Our total liabilities and equity at this time is \$48,336.25. We have NO outstanding bills at this time and funds are coming in from the shows. Motion was made to accept report by Kathy S. and seconded by LaRue. Approved.

Show Coordination Report-Diane handed out a breakdown from the income/expense from the spring show that ran concurrently with the Memorial Day Classic. At this time the profit for the WQHA Spring Show is \$1190.00. There was some discussion.

Membership Report-Currently our membership is down 50 from 2010. There was some discussion on how we should help to boost our membership and get them involved. There are a lot of lifetime members and some that are lifetime and deceased and still not taken off of the list. We also have a tremendous amount of out of state members. It was decided that Tim needs to send labels to the district directors instead of emailing. So many people have different systems that cannot download the list for labels.

Youth Report-The youth kids got the Super Barn again this year. On Face book is a picture of the stall decorations for this year. They look great. 14 kids went and 22 horses. Good luck to all!

Scholarship Report-LaRue reported that she would like to get more people interested in applying for these scholarships. Both children and adults are able to get these scholarships. Hopefully there will be some type of application or information in the September newsletter. It was also discussed that we would be having a scholarship in memory of Jack Bound.

Regional Report-The show was a huge success. There were over 2300 entries (1900 showed) for the regional championship and almost 800 for the AQHA classes (791 entered and 631 showed). In the AQHA classes most of the scratches were from the lateness of showing. Cattle classes may be dropped for the 2012 show. Discussion is still going on at this time. The show will either be held in St. Paul again or Des Moines. No decision has been made at this time.

Newsletter Report-There was some discussion on whether we should be doing a July flyer for a newsletter. The cost is about \$800 and all we have in it is the state show, show bill. There was a discussion about putting all information on the website instead of doing a newsletter or along with. We could have a logon for some information, where the WQHA member will have a password to enter some sections of the website and general information would be accessed by anyone. Addy, who does our newsletter, will be putting together a proposal for the September meeting for doing this website and putting the newsletter information on it. All information would either be put on or submitted by Kathy Schroeder or Addy. Just like in the past you would send all info to Kathy. Discussion followed and we will be waiting for Addy to make her proposal at the next meeting on September 13.

Horse Fair Report-It will be held on April 20,21,22 of 2012. Nothing else at this time.

State Show Report-A meeting is scheduled for next week. A tentative agreement has been reached with the Silver Dollar shows to split the shavings and manure for both shows on a 50/50 basis. Joe said there will be an agreement in writing and signed by both show representatives. Sponsorships are coming in.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

A question was brought to the President about the point counts on the internet. Someone is concerned that the points for all around amateur are not added correctly. **At this time the WQHA currently has an all around for amateur and for amateur select, but there is an award for All-Around Champion with points added from Amateur and Select. That is the High Point for the division,** just like there is for 13 and under and 14-18 in the youth. It was brought up to the board and discussed. Tim will be doing a recount on the points and add another column on the website to show point counts after every show.

The AQHA has asked each affiliate to submit a name for the MVP Professional Horseman for 2011. There was much discussion on if anyone is even eligible from Wisconsin to be nominated, except for 2 people. Much discussion followed. LaRue made a motion that each district should email Joe with the name of a person. Seconded by Greta. Approved.

There was a lot of discussion about a back number issue that has risen for this show season. Currently you **MUST** purchase a back number to be used by you **ONLY** for the show season. If you chose to not purchase this number, at every show you need to come to the office and get another number and bring all paperwork with you. A motion was made by, Robert that you will be given a 9000 number to use for that show only. Seconded by Bob W. Approved. This means that even though you have had a number for a long time, it is not going to be your number, for the show season, until you purchase it. The 9000 number will be a temporary number for a onetime use. We are not going to

force anyone to use our back number system, but it certainly makes it easier on the exhibitor and show personnel. This has always been a goal of the WQHA to make entering and exhibiting a fast and fun experience. This has always been a great fundraiser for the WQHA and helped us to pay for our show office equipment and to help pay for laminator, cartridges, copier, and computers.

National Directors Report-The leveling program has been put off till 2013. The AQHA would like to have 2 Novice Championship Shows and they are asking for the affiliate to help them decide how people would qualify for this show.

There was some discussion on the concealed gun law. It was decided that each show has to make that decision before the show whether to allow or not. As renters of the facilities you have the right to make that decision. At this time the WQHA would like all events to NOT ALLOW concealed guns or not concealed.

Motion made to adjourn at 8:30PM. Approved.

**Next meeting will be September 13, 2011 in Green Bay
at the Graystone Ale House. Beginning at 6:30PM**

Sincerely submitted,

Diane Baier

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WQHA Secretary