

NDQHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

January 18, 2025 / 9:30 AM / Renoir-Russell Room, Radisson, Bismarck, North Dakota

ATTENDEES

Doreen Swenson, Katherine Beaudine, Mary Youngs, Robin Danielson, Stacey Thelen, Andrea Butler, Tara Wolf, Rylan Sundsbak, Makayla Nyre, Dawn Martin, Sherri Matuska, Scott Flach, Nicole Medalen

Call To Order

President Doreen Swenson called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM

AGENDA

Secretary's Report

The Secretary's Report was shared prior to the meeting on December 4 via email & Facebook BOD group. Rylan made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from December 4, seconded by Stacey. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was shared prior to the meeting on January 15 via email with an attached profit and loss statement and the

following balances: Open \$26,009.13/Amateur \$20,776.40/Youth \$12,341.34/Futurity \$-255.95

Rylan made a motion to approve the treasurer's report, seconded by Robin, approved subject to audit.

Commitee Reports

Website – Sherri Matuska – Please send any information that needs to be on the website.

Youth Report – Maggie Waslaski – The Youth Meeting is after this meeting. The role of youth advisor will be transferred to Alexis Gleason. Maggie did contact AQHA to make them aware of the change. The youth will be making tie blankets and lead line bags this afternoon.

Futurity Report – Rylan Sundsbak – There were 73 total entries this year. Pay-ins totaled \$4,600. Sponsorships totaled \$3,538. Payouts totaled \$6,347. Buckles totaled \$1,555. There were 2 buckles that weren't paid for in 2023, hence why the checking account was down \$255.95. Andrea made a motion to cover the overdraft fees in the futurity account, from the open checking, seconded by Tara. Motion carried.

Budget Review – Dawn Martin – Everything looks correct.

Annual Banquet – Mary Youngs – This year there are 136 meals sold for this banquet. There were 10 total sponsors for the banquet for a total of around \$3,600. Mary is looking around at different venues in Fargo for next year. There was discussion to also pick a different date during the year (weather, etc).

Hall of Fame, Sportsmanship Award, Horse of Year – Tara Wolf – Connie will be reading off the Hall of Fame individuals, Tara will be reading off the Horse of the Year.

Marketing & Membership – Robin Danielson – Memberships are slowly coming in for year 2025. Discussion was held in trading directory ads with MQHA and SDQHA.

Show & Special Events – Makayla Nyre – Makayla stated that she is in contact with a few trainers and facilities for a spring clinic.

Bylaws – Stacey Thelen – Stacey will be reading the proposed bylaw changes at the membership meeting.

Awards – Andrea Butler – Andrea stated that the amount spent on amateur awards was \$8,553, the amount spent on open awards was \$4,600. Discussion was held on whether amateur awards should be placed down to 5th place. Open awards are placed 1st and 2nd.

Unfinished Business

Directory – Nikki stated that the ad numbers are low at this point. Ava Danielson is interested in taking over the directory next year. Mary made a motion to approve Ava to shadow under Nikki this year, Tara seconded. Motion carried.

501(c)3 – Form was sent in to the IRS – nothing new to report. Scott stated AQHA is a 501c5. The AQHA foundation is a 501c3. Sponsorships vs Donations verbiage was also discussed.

Wadena - Sherri is looking for volunteers for setting trail during the Wadena show. The Wadena showbill is done. All breed classes have been added. The youth classes have been combined due to low numbers. The fees will stay the same. Sherri read off the entry numbers from shows around the tri state area.

NDQHA Secretary to send Thank You cards - The board signed a few thank you cards in the meeting to mail out to sponsors.

Fundraisers - The cash raffle tickets were given to Andrea to start passing out and selling.

New Business

Requirements for year-end awards - Discussion was held on what should be the requirements for year-end awards for year 2025. Makayla made a motion that amateurs do not need a meeting for year-end requirements, Tara seconded. Motion carried. Makayla made a motion for the open and amateur year end awards. Qualifications will be: individuals will have to be a paid NDQHA member, attend 1 hosted show (Wadena or Labor Day), do a \$100 worth of fundraising or a make a \$100 sponsorship, seconded by Tara. Motion carried.

Approved shows for year 2025 - Rylan made a motion to approve the following shows: Bismarck, ND State Fair, Wadena, Labor Day, and Region 2, seconded by Tara. Motion carried. These will be the approved pointed shows for the year 2025.

Sending out condolences to NDQHA members that have passed - Rylan made a motion when current NDQHA members pass that a \$100 budget will be spent on flowers, seconded by Robin. Motion carried.

MN State Show – Tara made a motion to not approve the MN State show held at R & J, seconded by Rylan. Motion carried.

Committees – Discussion was held on what the detailed descriptions should be for each committee. Discussion was held on members that did not pay their membership and were unaware and were on the still on the points sheet. Makayla made a motion to allow Ashleigh Skarstedt to keep her points and all-around award and give her a cash payout as a co-all-around winner, seconded by Tara. Motion carried.

Adjourn

Dawn made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Robin, meeting adjourned at 12:00 PM.

Our next meeting will be held Saturday, January 18 at 12 pm in the Galleria-Ballroom at the Radisson in Bismarck, North Dakota.

NDQHA Secretary/Treasurer, Katherine Beaudine