

NORTH DAKOTA QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION

Call to order

A meeting of the NDQHA General Membership was held at Holiday Inn, Fargo ND on January 8 2022 at 1:00 pm. President Rylan Sundsbak called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm.

Attendees

Attendees included: 44 NDQHA members were in attendance.

President Rylan Sundsbak introduced the current members of the NDQHA Board of Directors in attendance, along with the appointed Secretary & Treasurer. Not in attendance: Kristi Hoff & Paige Brummund.

Approval of minutes

The Secretary's Minutes were presented via email, NDQHA Facebook link & on the NDQHA Website.

Jesse Armstrong made a motion to approve the January 9, 2021 Annual Membership Meeting Secretary's Report, seconded by Vicky Borgen, motion carried.

Reports

The Treasurer's Report was given with the following balances:

Open Checking \$26,293.08/ Amateur \$37,478.32/ Youth \$9767.46/ Futurity \$1383.42

Sherri Matuska made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Vicky Kemmer, motion carried.

National Director Reports

Scott Flach - is entering his 16th Year as our National Director, reported how AQHA has fluctuated in those years. His first year serving as our director, AQHA had reserves of \$68 Million. AQHA has expenses of \$48 Million a year. In 2019 AQHA was down to 22 million in reserves. In 2020 AQHA was able to return 1.7 million. In 2021 AQHA was able to return \$6.7 Million to the reserves. In all the years he has served as our National Director, NDQHA membership/horse numbers at the shows, have remained steady. He said we should be very proud of that fact. With the current uptick in the horse market, he foresees continued growth in the horse industry.

[Connie Armstrong](#)-is on the AQHA Show Committee. She handed out the Highlights of Approved Agenda Items from the Standing Committee Reports, Show Committee Reports & The 2022 Class point ranges for determining horse or exhibitor levels. She encouraged everyone to print of the eligibility levels for themselves AND their horses & get them to the show Secretary's before the first show of the season. Members are encouraged to talk to any of the National Directors about concerns they may have for AQHA.

[Doreen Swenson](#)-is on the AQHA Youth committee. Youth enrollment is a huge concern on the State & national level. There are numerous opportunities for youth in AQHA. YES conference, Youth World, Youth Scholarships, Youth World Cup, Art & Photo contests, Collegiate Judging teams, Impromptu Speaking, Prepared Speaking, Stall decorating, Scrap booking, Young Horse Development(36 Ranch Breeders donate foals) & Youth Racing Experience, and more.

[Dawn Martin](#)-is on the Ranching Committee. She reported that the Jane Hammer Versatility Ranch Horse Show is a go. Natural Logs will be added to the Ranch Trail. 2022 will be the 10th anniversary of the Ranch Youth Development Program. Youth train their donated horses through their yearling year. They compete for Scholarships & prizes. The Versatility Ranch Championships will be held in Guthrie, Ok in June.

[Amateur Report](#)

[Sherri Matuska](#) gave the Amateur Report as President Leslie Foss was unable to attend. Newly elected member of the amateur BOD Is Kristy Goodall. Sharon Whitmer was re-elected to another term. The Wadena Run did well in 2021, approximately \$9800 profit. The State Fair show made \$202. The Amateur Association voted to donate \$1000 to the Jane Hammer Rach Versatility Show. Requirements for Amateur year end awards remain at participating in 1 meeting, 1 fundraiser & showing to the required number of judges during the year.

[Youth Report](#)

[Jesse Armstrong](#) reported that the new Youth president is Maggie Waslaski, VP Annika Opsdahl. Hannah Swenson, Hailey Neuman are joined on the BOD by Nyah Edinger & Samantha Lyons.

Jesse asked for a volunteer to help with the Square Auction at the Wadena Run. Ryane Bakke volunteered. The Youth will have a summer bake sale, fall potluck, Blanket auction at the Banquet, 2 prints will be auctioned off & are selling back numbers.

[Old Business](#)

[2021 Class Sponsors](#)

Sue Read the list of 2021 Class Sponsors. She thanked everyone for their generosity. Members are encouraged to sponsor a class in 2022.

[Futurity Report](#)

[Sue Karn](#)- thanked everyone for all their help with the Futurity. There were 36 entries in 12 classes in the Futurity. Entries were down a bit for a variety of reasons. The largest classes were Ranch Riding & Reining with 6 entries each. Futurity Winners were published in the Newsletter & will be posted to the NDQHA website. The NDQHA & NDAQHA each donated \$1000 to the Futurity in 2021. The 2022 NDQHA Futurity will be held on September 29- October 2, 2022 will be 4 day/4

judged show. Input on how to make the Futurity better is always appreciated. Each member is challenges to find at least one sponsor for the Futurity.

Jacob Anderson- NDQHA will be offering Open Jackpot classes in 2022. Results will be reported to Equistat so they go on the horse's record. Jake has volunteered to be in charge of reporting to Equistat.

New Business

Proposed By-Law Changes

Denise Majerus read the proposed By-Law changes.

ARTICLE II SECTION 1

Any person, firm or corporation interested in the purpose and objectives of the Association may be a member by paying the annual dues to the Association as prescribes by the By-Laws. One membership shall be entitled to one vote on matters of the Association.

ARTICLE II SECTION 2

Dues for each calendar year shall be determined by the Board of Directors. All privileges of the Association shall be limited to paid members. Points for open year-end awards will count from the payment of dues, through the end of the year. The payment date will be the date the Association or the Show Secretary receives payment from the owner of the horse.

Jacob Anderson made a motion to approve the By-Law changes, seconded by Sue Karn, motion carried.

Budget & Financial Review

Doreen Swenson reported that all was in order with the finances of the NDQHA. We did ok financially in 2021. The ending balance are lower because we had back taxes from 2015(\$409.79) & 2016(\$2403.00) that were paid in 2021. We should have significantly less accounting fees from here forward. Office 365 is being used by the Treasurer.

Our checking accounts have been moved to Gate City Bank. There will be less fees and their customer service has been exemplary.

Show Schedule

Missouri River Classic May 21 Bismarck ND(TBD)

Summer Hi-line June 10-12 Valley City ND

State Fair Show July 20-23 Minot ND

Wadena Run July 28-31 Wadena MN

Region II September 14-18 Rapid City SD

Fall Hi-Line September 29-October 2 Valley City ND

Great Mid-West Show October 7-9 Valley City ND

Election of New NDQHA Board Of Directors

Vice President Sue Karn called for nominations from the floor.

Jesse Armstrong nominated Rylan Sundsbak, seconded by Sara Neuman. Ryane Bakke moved to cease nominations & cast a unanimous ballot, motion carried.

Kristy Goodall nominated Doreen Swenson, seconded by Sara Neuman. Ryane Bakke moved that nominations cease & cast a unanimous ballot, motion carried

Jesse Armstrong nominated Makayla DiCinno, seconded by Doreen Swenson.

Darren Buckle nominated Mary Youngs, seconded by Ryane Bakke.

Jacob Anderson moved that nominations cease, seconded by Ashley Montgomery, motion Carried. Our National Directors tabulated the written ballots. Mary Youngs was elected.

New 2022 NDQHA BOD Members: Rylan Sundsbak, Doreen Swenson & Mary Youngs.

Sportsmanship Award

Ballots were cast for our NDQHA 2021 Sportsmanship Award. Jan Ketterling was announced as our winner at the Awards Banquet.

Announcements

Directory Ads are due January 12, 2022.

Members are encouraged to sponsor classes and directory pages.

Robin Danielson

Secretary

Date of approval