

February 1, 2023

# NDQHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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February 1, 2023 7:30 pm via ZOOM

## Call To Order

President Sue Karn called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm.

## ATTENDEES

Sue Karn, Doreen Swenson, Katherine Beaudine, Robin Danielson, Paige Brummund, Denise Majerus, Mary Youngs, Makayla Nyre, Rylan Sundsbak, Andrea Butler, Nikkie Medalan, Abby Stengaard & Sherri Matuska.

## Secretary's Report

The Secretary's Reports were shared prior to the meeting via email, BOD Facebook page & BOD Messenger. Doreen made a motion, seconded by Makayla, to approve the January 7th 8:00 am BOD, 4:00 pm BOD minutes. The General Membership Minutes are approved, subject to approval at the 2024 General Membership meeting. Motion carried.

Robin reported that the 2023 NDQHA Annual Non Profit Renewal has been filed with the State of North Dakota. Doreen's address has been updated. The 2023 NDQHA Affiliate Agreement & Board Of Directors contact information have been submitted to AQHA.

## Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was presented via email prior to the meeting with the following ending balances:

Open \$34,902.73 / Amateur \$27,762.08 / Youth \$9561.49 / Futurity \$1881.23. Mary made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Rylan, approved subject to audit.

## National Director Reports

### John Hovde—No Report

### Scott Flach-

Scott has recently attended a couple of meetings pertaining to the Youth Convention.

### Connie-

Connie will be attending a general sub committee conference call. Discussions will be held on changing Amateur Age Groups. 19-34/35-54/55+. There has been discussion on revitalizing the Incentive Fund. A proposal to allow inflatable air vests to be worn while showing. Possibly adding a halter class for Equestrians with disabilities. Connie has been gathering old NDQHA Directories. Sherri will be adding them to the website.

### Doreen-

There is currently nothing new from the Youth, she will have more information after the Youth Annual Convention. She will be attending the Affiliate Committee Meeting at the Annual Convention.

### Nikki-

Nikki is very excited to be attending the AQHA National Convention in Fort Worth, TX. She has been receiving calls from AQHA members voicing concerns about the digital certificates only proposed by AQHA.

The Directory is close to going to print. Copies of the Awards for Open, Amateur & Youth are still needed. Nikki requested that the powerpoint presentation be her or Keely. Rylan will get that to her.

## Committee Reports

### Amateur Report-Lesley

Sherri reported that there is nothing new at present. She received a text from Lesley stating that all year end awards have been paid out. Money will be sent to Region 2, NDQHA Futurity & the Missouri River Show. She will send a form along with the donations requesting that they let us know what the money will be used for.

### Youth Report- Abby

Abby reported that Brynn Jacobson has accepted the position of Youth Secretary. 2023 Youth Fundraisers will include Back Number sales, square fundraiser & ice cream floats at the Wadena Run, combined egg & spoon along with a bake sale at the Legendary Labor Day Sale. She may ask the Ammys for assistance , especially with the square auction. A 60” TV has been donated . Doreen has additional items for the square auction. The Youth are planning to donate money to two horse organizations, possibly a therapeutic riding facility, either time or resources. Bison Strides at NDSU is one possibility. They would appreciate members letting the know of others in need.

### Futurity-Rylan

Rylan reported that the Futurity has received \$1000 from the Amateur Association. He asked that the Open BOD consider donating also. Yearling Ranch Horse Trail has been added to the Futurity. There will be a high point buckle for each class. In addition he will be approaching all ND Heritage Breeders about contributing to a High Point Ranch Heritage Buckle. He will send updates for the website to Sherri. He proposed that the money from the clinics be used for Futurity prizes & added money. He proposed that the money from the

raffle be used for year end prizes. All BOD members are encouraged to approach businesses for a corporate sponsorship early in the year. Rylan has confirmed the rad Ost Clinic will be held on April 15 & 16 at NDSU. Entries are starting to come in. About half the total number available is already filled. the Lee Bennett clinic will be held later this spring. Location will depend on the availability of cattle in the area.

### **Budget Review-Doreen**

Doreen reported that all the financials are in order. She has a call in to an insurance agent for a quote to see if we can save money and be sufficiently covered. If anyone has a different company she should contact, please let her know. With the fundraising & memberships coming in, 2023 is looking great.

### **Annual Banquet-Mary**

Mary reported that we did pretty well financially . We will definitely continue to require an RSVP & payment for the banquet. We need to somehow have people who don't attend the meal ,but come for the Awards ceremony to let her know in order to have sufficient seating available. Mary has been researching locations in the Fargo area for the 2024 banquet. The Holiday Inn has been sold. she will contact them . She will need help getting sponsors next year.

Scott mentioned that he has been in contact with Jim Hunt? He is interested in attending our 2024 Banquet . He would like to see if he can get the current AQHA President to attend also.

### **Hall Of Fame- Denise/Connie**

Connie Reported that nothing is in the works for 2024 yet. The nomination forms are on the website if anyone would like to nominate someone to either the Hall Of Fame or the Horse Of The Year Awards.

The Froelich family voiced their deep appreciation for the award in honor of Froelich Quarter Horses.. The family thoroughly enjoyed getting together to celebrate their Dad.

### **Marketing & Membership-Robin**

Robin reported that we currently have 88 NDQHA 2023 members.

22 Open/53 Amateur/13 Youth & 7 New members.

She has been sharing events and news about our NDQHA members to our sites. Robin has received lots of positive feedback about our collaboration with MNQHA & SDQHA for our shows. Membership forms & link to our membership web page have been shared to numerous Horse related Facebook pages.

She requested that Paige send the current new member packet. Doreen to send the original & Andrea to send updates she has been working on.

### **Shows & Special Events**

Makayla reported that the Legendary Labor Day Show & Futurity showbill has been approved. It will be included in our directory. Caryn will submitting the showbill to AQHA for approval. The sponsorship form has been finalized. She is waiting on the contract form the ND Winter Show. The dates are locked in. Makayla will contact Jan Ketterling to finalize the 2023 Trail Ride dates, location & time.

### **By Laws-Paige**

Diane has volunteered to be on the Bylaw Committee with Paige. Paige will be gathering possible Bylaw changes to present to the BOD. Robin will send her an editable version of the ByLaws.

### **Awards-Andrea**

Andrea requested a set budget for 2023. The BOD asked to table that until we know how much fundraising brings in. For now we will keep the budget the same as 2023. Rylan will have fundraising numbers for us at the April BOD meeting. She asked that we allow her at least 8 weeks to order awards. She is only responsible for Circuit Awards for the Legendary Labor Day Show & Futurity.

### **Director Issue-Sue/Robin**

Robin informed the BOD that our ByLaws currently state that you can NOT serve as a Director if you are Secretary. Sue stated that occasionally the BOD may override the ByLaws. Discussion was held. Rylan made a motion to suspend that sentence in the ByLaws for 2023 or until we find a new Secretary, seconded by Mary, motion carried.

### **Unfinished Business**

**Insurance**-Doreen will get a copy of the insurance quote to Sherri.

**Clinics**- Rylan suggested that all profits from the two clinics go towards the Futurity

**501c3 vs 501c5**(NDQHA current status) The BOD would like to look into the possibility of updating our status to a 501c3. Lisa Feldner did the application for the Appaloosa Association. She would be a great contact resource. Rylan will send Sue the contact information To

Sue. We are doing the clinics this year and the BOD felt that doing so may help us to now qualify.

**Trail Ride**-Sue will also touch base with Jan Ketterling about our 2023 Trail Ride.

**Raffle**- Sherri thought we should decide upfront what we want for the other 4 prizes on the raffle, besides the gun. The BOD agreed that money would sell best. She will touch base with Jay & Vicky Borgen. Having 20 people to sell 20 tickets (400 tickets) was suggested. Top prize will be the gun or the monetary equivalent. Down Payment on the gun is approximately \$3400. Proceeds are to go towards Open Year End Awards. We could split the start up cost with the Amateurs or take turns each year. We will draw for the raffle at the 2023 Legendary Labor Day Show & Futurity. Jay, Vicky & Sherri will get the details worked out for finaliation at our April BOD Meeting.

**Website**-Sherri is slowly getting the website up to date.

## **New Business**

**Futurity Fundraising**-Rylan will set up a separate fund raising meeting at a later date. Caryn, Makayla & Rylan will be asking for help from the BOD & the general membership with the physical fundraising.

**Digital Certificates**-Scott & other National Directors has drafted a letter to Mr Stressman stating concerns about the proposed switch to Digital Only Registration Certificates. Please contact Scott with any concerns.

**MNQHA Newsletter Ad**- Robin sent our showbill to the MNQHA asking if they would like to post it to their facebook pages. They replied asking if we wanted it in their newsletter. Mary suggested a trade of us possibly putting their Corporate challenge in our newsletter. It would need to be formatted and ready to go for Connie to do so. Robin will let them know .

**Open Futurity Donation**- We will discuss donating to the Futurity at our April BOD meeting.

**ADJOURN**- Rylan made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Makayla, meeting adjourned.

**Our next meeting will be held April 5 at 7:30 via ZOOM**

NDQHA Secretary,

Robin Danielson