

NDQHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

October 7, 2023 / 12:00 PM / Gladstone Inn, Jamestown ND & via Zoom

ATTENDEES

Susan Karn, Doreen Swenson, Katherine Beaudine, Andrea Butler, Mary Youngs, Betty Koslofsky, Scott Flach, Sherri Matuska, Robin Danielson (Zoom), Makayla Nyre (Zoom), Rylan Sundsbak (Zoom), Paige Brummund (Zoom), Lesley Foss (Zoom), Abby Stensgard (Zoom), Sheila Scholl (Zoom), Dawn Martin (Zoom)

Call To Order

President Susan Karn called the meeting to order at 12:09 PM

AGENDA

Secretary's Report

The Secretary's Report was shared prior to the meeting on August 2 via email & Facebook BOD group. Betty made a motion, seconded by Mary to approve the August 2 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was shared prior to the meeting on October 1 via email with an attached profit and loss statement and the following balances:

Open \$28,234.87/Amateur \$26,754.90/Youth \$11,253.79/Futurity \$9,217.42

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

National Director's Reports

John Hovde - absent from meeting

Scott Flach - Scott stated in August AQHA produced financials from last year. AQHA fired their CFO and has been told they have gone through 2 CFO's since then. They did show a profit this year. The youth committee has had 71 youth applications for colt starting program. Scott mentioned that ND native Tate Eck also got job at AQHA.

Connie Armstrong - absent from meeting

Doreen Swenson - Shared information with Scott as they are on the same committee.

Nikki Medalen - absent from meeting

Dawn Martin - Dawn stated the Ranching committee had a Zoom meeting earlier this year, they are having a new heritage challenge in Mexico. They did get a plaque pledge up to \$50,000 for a matching sponsorship. Working with more education for the judges and show management for the ranch classes. No rule changes proposals as of yet.

Commitee Reports

Amateur Report - Lesley Foss - Lesley was on but her connection to the Zoom was cutting out. Sherri stated that the Wadena show was down on

numbers, the net income at the show was \$7,717. Open board will be around \$2,315. The state fair had a profit of \$235.18. The rising prices of airline tickets, rental cars, and other expenses are part of the issues of the lower show profits. The Wadena show judges, hotel rooms, and dates have been locked in for 2024. The cocktails at Wadena were a huge success. There was also reserve awards at Wadena. Sherri has posted the show dates on the website. Scott stated that the numbers at the state fair were up. Scott is looking at possibly moving the ranch classes around a little bit.

Youth Report – Abby Stensgaard – Abby stated the Wadena fundraiser they sold all the tickets. The Labor day show was less popular than the Wadena fundraiser. For youth awards, there will be a set amount and the kids can decide what they would like. 4 youth members will be attending the NYATT. Sweatshirts were sponsored for the youth team by Jesse Armstrong. Abby will be resigning as youth advisor, she will be meeting with Maggie tomorrow to see if she would be interested.

Futurity Report – Rylan Sundsbak – Rylan stated there were 61 total entries. The total payout was \$11,400. Paid down 5 places. Possibly taking the weanling classes out next year as there were low entries and added other classes.

Budget Review – Doreen Swenson – Doreen stated that all looks good. She would like more things to be broke down further. A possible idea for budgeting year end awards = take last year's profit and that could be spent on year end awards. Robin stated that we could have a proposed budget and a form filled out.

Annual Banquet – Mary Youngs – Mary stated the banquet is Saturday, January 20 at the Holiday Inn, Fargo ND. There is no Friday night social. The meal will be plated this year. The 3 meal options will be Beef, Chicken or Vegetarian. There will be 2 kids meal options. \$40/meal. The block of rooms is priced at \$114 for 1 King or 2 Queens. Mary will be wanting the meals pre-paid. Meals can be pre-paid on Paypal as well. Mary would appreciate help at the banquet with her tasks. Vendors don't work well as the venue charges per table and security for the room. Mary would like a stall donation for the Labor Day show for the Chinese auction.

Hall of Fame – Betty Koslofsky – Betty stated that Connie has not received any nominations as of yet. Please fill out a nomination if you have anyone in mind to nominate for the hall of fame. The deadline is November 1st.

Marketing & Membership – Robin Danielson – Robin stated that there was 1 more new member that she sent a new member packet to.

Show & Special Events – Makayla Nyre – Makayla stated that the water station was popular with the hot weather. Scott had a concern about the show regarding the winter show contract with stalling. For next year, possibly doing a higher rate for the people that come for one day (regarding stalls). Sue stated there was no reserve prizes for the futurity – Rylan stated the futurity prizes were the buckles and the payouts for the futurity. A signout sheet should be used for next year to keep things organized and accoutable. Costs for the show (stall pricing, etc.) should be based on what economically would work. Makayla and Rylan are going to talk to some trainers at Congress about the show clinic for next year.

ByLaws – Paige Brummund – nothing to report

Awards – Andrea Butler – Andrea stated she spent around \$1,000 on the Labor Day show awards. \$100 per 10 awards was allocated. Andrea has not started the year end awards. Ideas as of now are buckles and cash payouts. Year end budget is being decided.

Unfinished Business

RR Clinic in 2024 – Makayla would be willing to organize the clinic for next year. Scott would like to be part of the committee for this clinic. Sue will also be part of the committee.

501(c)3 - Sue stated that Lisa Feldner is going email the paperwork to Sue.

Gun Raffle Final Numbers - The gun raffle made a profit on \$3,258.86. There needs to be list of all the people that pre-paid for tickets. Betty stated that someone came up to Betty after the drawing looking for tickets. Andrea suggested that a time for the drawing needs to be listed perhaps on the showbill.

Directory - Nikki emailed the board out a proposal earlier this week. Keely would not like to be a part of the directory this year. Nikki would be willing to do her piece for a fee of \$1,500. Nikki mentioned another woman that would be willing to do the directory with her, Cassidy Stromen, for a fee of \$1,500. Nikki would like suggestions on what articles to include in the directory. Makayla suggested that the front cover, back cover or a page could be donated to the Chinese auction or do a live auction. Betty made a motion, Andrea seconded, to hire both Nikki and Cassidy to do the directory for a fee of \$1,500 each, for a total of \$3,000. Motion carried. The board is also requesting a bid for printing companies by the next board meeting.

Futurity Rules Page - Sue stated that we needed futurity rules for each year. Sherri is going to look for the rules from 2022. The futurity committee needs to bring the rules, nominations and payout schedule to the December meeting so they can go in the directory. Sue is going to email Rylan the forms from the past so he can edit and send. Doreen made a motion, seconded by Betty to have futurity rules, futurity nominations and futurity payouts presented at the December meeting. Motion carried.

Judges for year end - Sue stated what since it is the end of the season what we have is 50% plus 1, which will stay.

Show Rules - Sherri stated that she will change the website to match.

New Business

Show Ideas - Sue stated some ideas for the show next year = Jackpots, proofread showbills before we send to show management, possibly moving around some classes as Monday went long (moving barrels and poles to Sunday). Robin made a motion, seconded by Makayla to keep the Legendary Labor Day show on Labor Day weekend (August 31 - September 2, 2024) move in day at noon on August 30.

Youth Advisor - Abby is resigning and she is going to talk to Maggie about taking over. She also has another woman in mind if Maggie is going to pass on the advisor position.

By Law Changes - If there is by laws to be changed, the changes need to be in writing, presented to the by law committee, and then brought to the board. The 90 day deadline to present to the by law committee is October 21. The by law changes has to be on the website 30 days before the annual meeting.

Show Management - Sue stated that we all need to work together so the show runs smoothly. Sherri stated that show management should be able to do the hi points as the program can calculate the hi points. Show management needs to be provided the guidelines and they can run the hi points - this should be added to the show management contract.

Show Management Proposal - Sheila Scholl stated that they would charge the same fees as this year for next year which was \$1200 for Caryn, \$1,000 for Sheila. The board needs to be involved with the contract so our expectations are covered.

Adjourn

Betty made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mary, meeting adjourned at 3:15 PM

Our next meeting will be held Wednesday, November 29 at 7:30 PM via Zoom

NDQHA Secretary/Treasurer, Katherine Beaudine

Discussion held on Facebook on 9/19/2023

Robin

I move that the proceeds from the clinic be added to the funds raised for & from the Futurity. I move that we pay down 5 placings in each futurity category.

Rylan

Second

Sue

Is there any discussion?

Sue

Is there any discussion?

Mary

No

Sue

Is there any discussion?

Sue

All in favor please signify by yes.

Mary

Yes

Rylan

Yes

Doreen

yes

Sue

We need 5 yes to pass.

Makayla

Yes

Andrea

Yes

Sue

Motion passed.