

NDQHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

November 29, 2023 / 7:30 PM / via Zoom

ATTENDEES

Susan Karn, Doreen Swenson, Katherine Beaudine, Robin Danielson, Rylan Sundsbak, Makayla Dicinno, Andrea Butler, Mary Youngs, Paige Brummund, Betty Koslofsky, Sherri Matuska, Nikki Medalen, Connie Armstrong, Dawn Martin

Call To Order

President Susan Karn called the meeting to order at 7:31 PM

AGENDA

Secretary's Report

The Secretary's Report was shared prior to the meeting on October 7 via email & Facebook BOD group. Robin made a motion, seconded by Mary to approve the October 7 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was shared prior to the meeting on November 26 via email with an attached profit and loss statement and the following balances:

Open \$28,699.79/Amateur \$24,279.74/Youth \$11,198.79/Futurity \$245.42

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

National Director's Reports

John Hovde - absent from meeting

Scott Flach - absent from meeting

Connie Armstrong - Connie (and other AQHA members) should have received an email that level eligibility for exhibitor and horse and to print off eligibility report. Also members are encouraged to go myaqha website to L1 application and submit.

Doreen Swenson - nothing to report

Nikki Medalen - Nikki said first committee meeting is December 5

Dawn Martin - Dawn had a conference call in October, international ranching event was hold in Mexico, large amount of AQHA paperwork was also taken care of in Mexico.

Commitee Reports

Amateur Report - Lesley Foss - absent from meeting

Youth Report - Abby Stensgaard - absent from meeting

Futurity Report - Rylan Sundsbak - Rylan stated he has the rules and fee schedule done. He would like to run by show management and make sure all are on the same page.

Budget Review - Doreen Swenson - nothing to report

Annual Banquet – Mary Youngs – Mary stated that she has 14 reservations so far for the meal head count. She was wondering if the youth could possibly serve the cake. Would like a stall reservation for the show for the auction. Discussion if a DJ would be worth the cost. The DJ cost is \$500. There will be no Friday night social. She needs a few volunteers to do the chinese auction and collect meal tickets. The banquet in 2025 will January 18 at the Radisson in Bismarck.

Hall of Fame – Betty Koslofsky – Connie stated that she has the plaque layout ready to go and will send it to the trophy company. She set a budget of about \$500 to spend for the hall of fame. Boutineer and corsage have been ordered. Banquet meals will be sponsored.

Marketing & Membership – Robin Danielson – Robin is going to be working on updating the new member packets.

Show & Special Events – Makayla Dicinno – Makayla stated that NDWS contract is going to be sent over contract to sign for next year. She is still working on hiring show management. Rylan spoke to Sara Simons about doing a clinic.

ByLaws – Paige Brummund – Paige stated that no proposed bylaw changes were sent in.

Awards – Andrea Butler – Andrea running into alot of snags with awards. She has not ordered awards as there is a few mistakes with the year end spreadsheets.

Unfinished Business

Aamteur BOD/Committee – Andrea had a few questions about why we still have an amateur board and amateur bylaws. The NDQHA is the governing board over the amateur and youth. Could the amateur board be a

committee vs a board of directors. The boards feel like they are maybe competing with each other. People need to get involved with the association. The boards should be working together, not against each other. There is a struggle to fill board positions for two separate board of directors.

Clinics for 2024 - Rylan spoke to Sara Simons for a possible clinic. Will need to scout out for a cow/reiner/ranch clinic. One clinic will be used for futurity payout, one clinic will be used to add to the general fund.

Youth Advisor - Maggie Waslaski has agreed to take the youth advisor position.

Banquet/Convention - Please volunteer to help at the banquet with the auction and meal tickets. Robin made a motion to donate a stall to the chinese auction banquet, Makayla seconded. Motion passed.

Futurity Rules - Rylan has written up rules and the fee payout schedule.

Directory - Nikki sent out an email regarding directory, pricing, sponsorships, etc. In the past, when picking out the printers they looked at binding, postage, and all the costs related. The Forum was about \$1,000 cheaper last year than others. The directory was 108 pages total last year. Keeping the directory around 100 pages will help reduce the cost with binding and postage. Goal for printing would be March 15. Deadline for ads would be January 31. Possible layout deadline would be around February 21. Will be about 15% increase in ad prices. Full Page - \$200, Half Page - \$110, Quarter Page - \$60, Business Card - \$30, Front Cover - \$460, Back Cover - \$300, Inside Front Cover - \$275, Inside Back Cover - \$250. Andrea made a motion to use the prices and timeline laid out by Nikki, Doreen seconded. Motion carried. Paige made a motion that the front cover and back cover will be auctioned off at the 2024 annual banquet, the starting price at the auction would be the laid out pricing (\$460 for front cover and \$300 for back cover), Betty seconded. Motion carried. Page sponsorships will be dropped as lack of sponsorships. Treasurer will be included in

google doc to document payments received. Nikki is going to include all quarter horse related activities and organizations in the directory (rodeo, showing, ranch, dressage, racing, cutting, etc.) in her articles. NDQHA proud page will be included this year (horses of the year, etc.)

501(c)3 - Sue received the information from the North Dakota Appaloosa Horse club and forwarded to Katherine. She will sit down and work on it and send it in.

Show Management - A bid was received from Sheila and Caryn to do the Legendary Labor Day Show. The board would like to have a contract signed as with them as well. Rylan made a motion to hire Sheila and Caryn to do the Legendary Labor Day Show, Makayla seconded. Motion carried.

New Business

Open positions - The following individuals positions on the board will expire in 2024 : Sue, Betty & Paige.

Shows for 2024 - Discussion on should there be a number of judges to qualify for year end vs. no qualifying number of judges for year end vs having to attend a NDQHA show. Paige made a motion for 2024 show year, no judge requirement will be needed to qualify for year end awards, individual has to be a NDQHA member and individual has to attend one NDQHA hosted show. Robin seconded. Motion carried. NDQHA hosted shows are Pre Fair, Wadena, Legendary Show.

Paige made a motion to approve all the shows from last year, Andrea seconded. Motion passed. Discussion was held on which shows brought people to the NDQHA hosted shows. Bismarck, Pre Fair, Fair, Wadena Run, Legendary Labor Day, Region 2 were the list of shows approved in 2023. These will be the shows approved for 2024.

Adjourn

Mary made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Andrea, meeting adjourned at 9:52 PM

Our next meeting will be held Saturday, January 20 at 8:00 AM in person at the Holiday Inn, Directors & Conference Room, Fargo, North Dakota

NDQHA Secretary/Treasurer, Katherine Beaudine