

2020 April 1 NDQHA Conference Call Meeting

The NDQHA met via conference call on Wednesday April 1,2020 at 8:00 pm. President Ryane Bakke called the meeting to order with the following present: Ryane Bakke, Robin Danielson, Katie Beaudine,Darren Buckle,Ashley Montgomery,Dawn Martin, John Hovde,Jesse Armstrong, Karen Chyle, Scott Flach, Sherri Matuska, Sue Karn, Ashley Everson,Leslie Stevens,Doreen Swenson, Kristi Hoff & Connie Armstrong.

The Secretary's Report was reviewed. Sue Karn noted the following correction : Sue will be announcing at the Novice show, not Craig, as it is a non-paying position. Karen moved to approve with correction, seconded by Sue, motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report Profit & Loss statement was presented & reviewed.
Balances:

Open \$25,409.89 Youth \$8,676.76 Futurity \$2553.79 Amateur \$ N/A

Keely is to get a list of those that owe for advertising to Katie. She will then send out invoices .The bill for the directory is \$1800. Doreen moved to pay the printer & approve the Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Darren. Motion carried subject to audit.

National Directors Report

Connie Armstrong: Four 50" TVs have been purchased. Sponsors were found for three TVs. Connie & Steve donated money for the 4th. They will be used this year or kept for future years if need be.

John Hovde: My Subcommittee has yet to meet to discuss:

Updating the RHB Application , Different venue for Ranch Heritage Challenge Finals 2021, Young Horse Development Presentation ,Ranching Heritage Breeder of the Year nomination process & RHB Survey Results(AQHA President Stan Weaver)

Items we have covered so far:

DENIED: Amend Rule SHW417.9 To recommend sitting the regular trot and lope.

DENIED: Amend Rule SHW416.1 Ranch Riding . Changing the age from 3 years to 2 years and older.

APPROVED: Amend Rule SHW552.3 Divisions. The Cowboy division will offer 2 different qualifications:

1. Cowboy with no earnings cap &
2. Limited Cowboy with a max of \$15,000 in earnings(combined earnings last 3 years in all associations)

All Cowboy classes will compete the full VRH/RHC Ranch Cow work ans will not compete in the VRH/RHC Limited cow work for Amateur/Youth divisions.

DENIED: Amend Rule SHW563.1 VHR COW WORK: This proposal boiled down to making horn catches legal. In other words, with horned cattle, the cow would not have to Look Through the Loop. This rule change would allow show committees to hire horned

cattle for the working events, a very dangerous situation.

DENIED: Discuss adding a Ranch Pleasure Class as a stand alone class from VRH. We do not argue against a rail pleasure class but to protect the integrity of the Ranch Horse we ask that it be called something other than Ranch Pleasure.

APPROVED: Amend Rule SHW Ranch Riding: Add Divisions 13 & under and 14 -18 Youth and Level 1 Select Amateur.

We also elected Jecca Ostrander as our Committee Chair.

Scott Flach : An abbreviated Youth meeting was held covering the convention. Bob & Jesse were sent the information. There were changes to the hardship forms and affiliate change. The forms are posted on the AQHA website. Jesse will also post on the Youth FB page. Discussion was held on the Scholarship for 2020(1 for ND) & YES conference.

Amateur Report:

Ashley Everson said she is waiting on the show schedule. Sherri is having trouble accessing the Amateur account. Mindi is no longer on the account. Katie has contacted Bremer bank & they have sent the necessary documentation to Sherri.

Youth Report:

Jesse Reported that Youth World Cup was canceled. AQHA is still planning on holding the YES Seminar & the Youth World Show. The AQHA Youth World Show change of affiliation has been streamlined. She has sent the form to Keely to post on the website. Jesse will also post them to the Youth Face book Page.

Letters of Intent are due April 30th if they plan to attend. Qualifying points have been waived for 2020 ,other requirements are still in place. Affiliates are not limited in the number attending. Ownership rules remain the same. No manipulation will be allowed. AQHA will still use qualifying points for records.

YWS offers an online entry system this year. Youth enter and pay entries themselves. AQHA will send Jesse a list to help her keep track.

Youth Performance Halter must have a qualifying ROM in a performance class in order to show in Performance Halter at the World Show. The 10 Point performance class has been waived.

Wrangler Aspire Award Scholarship (\$1000) applications are due May 1st.

YES Conference will be held June 29-July 1st. Forms are due May 15th.

National Officer Application is due May 15th.

Jesse has been having difficulty getting responses from the youth on their NDQHYA Face book page. Robin will make a list of Youth members & their email addresses & send it to Jesse. Most likely it will be a parent's email address.

All forms will be posted to our NDQHA website & the Youth Face book Page

Website & Directory: Keely: No Report

Annual Convention: Ashley Montgomery has Fargo Holiday Inn set up for 2020. She is checking into alternatives in Bismark for 2021, possibly the Ramkota. Break-ins were

reported at the hotel we stayed at this year.

Awards: Karen had nothing new to report. She is waiting on the definite date for the Novice show to order awards. Budget is \$30 per award for the Novice Show & \$50 per award for the regular shows.

By-Laws: Rylan: No Report

Budget: Doreen said the refund money has been received from the Valley City Winter Show. Thank you again to Kristi for catching the overcharge. They are working to resolve the amateur checking account access issue. A Flat fee for memberships was proposed. Tabled for 2021 Show Season. Katie will send an email to Sherri & Jesse about Youth & Amateur funds, possibly quarterly.

Futurity: Sue updated the cover page. Connie will also send it out with the Rules. Highlighting the ALL BRREED aspect. Keely has put it on the website. Becki contacted Sue and offered to help with sponsorships for the Futurity.

Hall Of Fame: Connie is working on contacting the family of John Scott. His son Jack is the contact.

Sportsmanship/Horse Of The Year: Darren: No Report

Marketing & Membership: Leslie visited with Becki Youngs about putting together a promotional video. She will talk with Mary about doing a 30-45 second video, no longer than 1 minute. Leslie will send it to other State affiliates & other area organizations. It should be compatible with our website, Face book page & YouTube. Doreen, Rylan & Sherri have membership info they can share with Leslie.

Shows & Special Events: Kristi has talked to Mary Glass. The June show is in limbo for now.

Directory: Leslie will work with Katie & Keely to send out gentle reminders, along with the invoices, to pay for their directory ads asap. Possibly set a definite deadline for payment if you want your ad in the directory.

Sue would like to see a copy of the directory to go to all the sponsors.

Sponsorship: Becki: No Report

Old Business:

June Show : Show bill is done. Sherri received an invoice for \$500 from Mary Glass for the AQHA show fees. Kristi made a motion to reimburse her, seconded by Karen, motion carried.

September Show:

Sherri is waiting on confirmation from two of the judges & ring stewards. Once she hears from them she will submit it to AQHA. Sherri will be working on setting up the Office 365 as time permits.

Sponsorship information form: Ryane & Keely have been chatting about getting the Sponsorship form & narrative onto the website & face book page. It will be a guide for those who venture out to collect sponsors. They will be able to print it off & take it with them.

Winter Show Ground: Ryane, Sue, Royce & Tessa plan to meet and discuss the progress with the ground conditions soon as weather permits.

New Business:

Tessa from the NDWS talked with Ryane about the May show. She has been receiving little direction from their board. She would like to wait another week to make a final decision. The show will most likely be canceled. Ryane will contact Heather & see what her thoughts are. Sue & Leslie suggested to add their May show to the Thursday & Friday before our September Show. It would be pending AQHA approval, Judge's & ring stewards availability. All expenses would be the responsibility of the NDWS. Kristi will contact Tessa about the possibility.

Outstanding bills: Doreen made a motion to pre-approve the Treasurer payment of all outstanding bills she receives \$500 and below. Any outstanding bill over the amount of \$500 will require the pre-approval of 3 board members. Seconded by Leslie, motion carried.

AQHA Horseback Riding Program & Trail Riding Program: AQHA has contacted our affiliate about promoting these programs in order to promote membership in AQHA. Riders receive credit for the hours logged doing these activities. We are asking for volunteers to spearhead this. Dawn Martin is willing to assist. It would involve contacting area horse groups, website, Facebook pages, etc. A definite interest was voiced in hosting a NDQHA sponsored Trail Ride.

Our next BOD meeting will be Wednesday June 3rd at 8:00pm via Conference Call.

Secretary, Robin Danielson