

NDQHA ANNUAL MEETING January 17th 2015 2pm held at the Holiday Inn Fargo ,ND

The NDQHA meeting was called to order by President Jenna Mickelson

Secretaries report from 2014 was handed out for all members to review. Rylan Sundsbak made a motion to approve the secretaries report. Seconded by Jesse Armstrong. All approved.

Treasurers report handed out for all members to review. Discussion was held and Jenna clarified that we had some questions on the report and the board will be looking into them when Phyllis is feeling better. Sherri Matuska motioned to approve treasurers report and seconded by Sheri Lien. All approved.

National Director reports

Scott Flach reported that he now serves on the Youth committee. He stated that Don Tredway retired and are trying to fill his position. He also reported that the Executive Committee now has northern representation on it. The cloning lawsuit did not pass, so clones will not be able to be registered. There was a drop in Registration by 60%, but show enteries were up, so AQHA showed a 2 million profit. At this time Jenna recognized that Scott Flach and Keely Hagen will be managing the NDQHA website.

John Hovde reported that he is now serving on the Heritage Ranch Council. He explained what this involves and that there are 7 approved shows the closest being in Billings MT. He then explained the Young Horse development program and encouraged the youth to check this out. John provided us the date for AQHA's 75th Anniversary Trail Ride which is going to be held in Missouri on June 30th thru July 4th 2015. Also that a Trail Challenge will be held at this event. John then reported on NDQHA Trail ride which was very successful donating \$8,130 to St Judes, \$7,545 to Home on the Range and \$500 to AQHA Foundation. He then recognized the Sims family on there success at the ND 50/50 futurity.

Connie Armstrong reported she serves on the Show, Professional horseman and Amateur committees. She attended the AQHA convention last March and in August she attended a new committee members conference in Amarillo during the Select World show. She then passed out a form to all members regarding how to submit rule changes to AQHA. Regarding classes she reported the Jr horse age change was tabled. Ranch horse pleasure is changed to Ranch riding and from a category 5 to 2 also that Ranch rail pleasure will be added in 2017 and Ranch Trail was denied. AQHA is considering adding Walk-Trot Classes which will be limited to Novice youth and Amateurs this was tabled. Multiple exhibitors showing the same horse in same division was denied. Keeping patterns the same in Amateur and Select since they are often combined. The age for Select is being discussed to change it from 50 to 62.

Other reports

Region 2 report Todd Iszler reported that this show is the second top show in the nation. This year show will be September 17-20, 2015 which will be their 10 yr Anniversary. Scott Flach has joined the Region 2 team. Todd then asked if the NDQHA would again sponsor classes at \$150 per class.

Futurity report Sue Karn reported that the total payout was \$8,383. She had collected \$500 added money. We had a total of 16 classes. She is looking for help with running the Futurity.

Directory report Mary Youngs reported she has 38 ads already and has extended the deadline to January 23, 2015.

Amateur report Ashley Ebensteiner reported that she is the President, Lacey Armstrong Vice president, Secretary Alvina Ebensteiner, Treasurer Sherri Matuski, and board member of Sue Karn, Jesse Armstrong, and Kelly Haugen. She then reported that the Amateurs will holding a pre-State fair show with same management as last year and the Wadena show was moved to Verndale.

Youth report Chelsey Geier reported that she is President, LeAnna Hagen is Vice President, Katie Kramlich Secretary, Megan Gross Treasurer, Reporters Piper Anderson, Lili Thorpe, Kacey Philpot. 1 yr director Grace Roberts and 2 yr director Lili Thorpe. Youth Advisor Sandra Onstad and Alexis Schemionek and youth world show advisor Nikki Naas. The fundraisers at the first show will be Cupcake auction and Carrot and Cracker race. She and LeAnna will be attending the YES conference.

Old Business

Class sponsors recognized all names read along with the class sponsored. Thank You!! Please all members remember to thank them and possibly ask them again to sponsor a class.

TheNDQHA board decided at our October meeting to drop the Novice Halter classes.

The board also decided to use Christy Doyea as the Futurity photographer.

New Business

Reminder that the youth will need an ASTM helmet for all english classes.

Youth scholarship winners were recognized LeAnna Haugen and Katie Kramlich receiving \$1000 to be sent to the college of their chose.

Ryane Bakke introduced the ND Hall of Fame recipient Wayne Halvorson. He will be taking questions following the meeting.

By laws had no changes.

The board decided to add a financial committee to review the books of NDQHA it will consist of 2-3 people and at least 1 board member along with the Treasurer.

Jenna reminded everyone all members are welcome to be on any committee.

Jenna informed us that she attended AQHA's Judges Seminar and all Judges need to be certified. They take a witten test which they need to pass with 80% and judging test which they need 75%.

The show schedule was reviewed and that the board will be looking for someone to help Phyllis or needing to find show secretaries and managers.

Jenna recognized Kristy Goodall and Gloria Enger on the articles in the Journal and also had copies available for members to read.

The current NDQHA board members were recognized and Thanked.

Election was held for 3 board members position. A nomination for Ryane Bakke was made by Lacey Armstrong and seconded by Sharon Whitmer. A motion was made to cast unanimous ballot. All approved. A nomination for Doreen Swenson was made by Connie Armstrong a motion to cast unanimous ballot was made-all approved. A nomination for Darren Buckle was made and motion to cast a unanimous ballot was made-all approved.

A question/answer and suggestion time was held for members. A suggestion of a Welcome letter be sent out to new members reminding them of the requirements for year end awards. Discussion was held. The information is on the forms as to the requirements for the Youth/ Amateur/ Open. It was decided to have a box on the membership form that new members need to check and a Welcome letter will be sent.

Door Prizes

Stall Lyola Peterson
All day fee Gene Vandeberg
Headstall Rylan Sundsbak

Submitted by Doreen Swenson