

NDQHA OPEN MEETING  
SATURDAY 2/8/20

The NDQHA met on Saturday 2/8/20 at the Town & Country Golf Course in Valley City, Nd with the following present:

Ashley Montgomery, Sherri Matuska, Sue Karn, Leslie Stevens, Darren Buckle, Mindi Reiss, Katie Beaudine, Robin Danielson, Ryane Bakke, Rylan Sundsbak, Makayla DiCinno, Doreen Swenson, Karen Chyle, Scott Flach, Kristi Hoff & Connie Armstrong.

President Ryne Bakke called the meeting to order at 11:05.

The Secretary's Reports were presented. Ashley made a motion to accept the Secretary's Report, seconded by Karen motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report was given with an ending balances of:

OPEN: \$17,539.31                      SAVINGS: \$2555.75  
YOUTH SAVINGS: \$8076.22    FUTURITY: \$978.99

The refund check from NDWS building is pending until their next meeting. There are still two 2019 outstanding checks that haven't been cashed.

Karen moved to approve the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Darren, motion carried.

Doreen presented the Financial Review & Budget Committee Report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ANNUAL MEETING & BANQUET

Ashley reported on the Annual Meeting & Banquet. All thought it was a great facility & the food was very good. She is working to see if the hotel would be willing to waive the \$250 Social Room fee. She will look into booking it again for 2022. Plans are in the works for reserving the Holiday Inn in Fargo for January, 8 & 9 2021.

The slide-show during the awards ceremony was VERY nice! A huge Thank You to Abra Sundsbak for putting it all together. It made everyone feel very welcome & appreciated. It was decided that it would be a great addition to our website & face-book page.

AWARDS

Karen reported that all outstanding bills have been paid for the awards with the exception of the one for All Around for Nichole Mathiason. She requested a voucher to R & J Arena in the amount of \$500. Awards came in under budget. Thank You Karen for all the great awards.

The youth & amateur prize recipients still owe for some overcharges when ordering their prizes. Sherri has the Amateur list. Jesse needs an updated list from Abra (done). This needs to be completed so Mindi can finish up her 2019 Treasurer's duties.

## BI-LAWS

If there are any proposed NDQHA Bi-Law changes please get them to Rylan . National Bi-law changes should be sent to our National Director ,currently,Connie.

## HORSE OF THE YEAR

Connie & Karen reported that all went over well. It was a nice addition to our awards ceremony. It's a great to way give these amazing horses official credit.

## HORSEMAN OF THE YEAR

The committee will be working on contacting the 2021 Horseman of the year. Jack Scott? is the person they have in mind for the 2021 award.

## MARKETING & MEMBERSHIP

Leslie has converted the membership list to an excel spreadsheet for her mailing labels. Robin is in charge of the official membership list at all times. She will update Leslie, Sherri & Jesse & the BOD as new memberships come in. The committee will look into adding a video to the face-book page, website, post to YouTube so we can grab a quick link & Region 2 .Possibly boost the video on face-book for \$20. Could be sent to 4H clubs ,etc. Currently we limit what can be posted on the ND face book page. It was suggested that we loosen the reins a bit to allow others to post their upcoming events. Ryane, Abra, Sandra & Karen monitor & approve posts as the administrators.

## FUTURITY

Sue reported that the Futurity went really well. It was suggested we have one entry date, possible July 15<sup>th</sup> . Penalty added after that date. Late fees stay in the general fund, not go into the payout? The Calcutta was a success, possibly have it be the class with the largest number entries?There wont be any Super Horse Award. That will save the futurity \$500. We could possibly just have the entry listed online. Connie would also email them to all members. It would save a lot on postage & printing. We could possibly retain a percentage of the entry fees for administrative costs. Sandra Onstad has volunteered to assist Sue during the show. Discussion was held on possibly making it an All Breed Futurity( Add APHA & ApHC horses). Similar to the All Breed Challenge. Sue will gather all the information and present it to the BOD by March 1<sup>st</sup>.

## SHOW COMMITTEE

Doreen reported that we will be receiving a refund from the NDWS Building for the overcharge on stalling.

NDQHA lost money on the June show. The refund from the NDWS should make up for some of that loss.

Discussion was held on moving the June show to The Fargo Fairgrounds. They are unable to host our September show as they host Big Iron that weekend. The Show committee presented the extensive research they have done on the cost of both locations. Thank you so much for all your hard work. The expenses were very similar. Much discussion was held on where would be the best location long term., encourage the most potential growth for our association, the short time frame for approval from AQHA. A verbal opinion & vote was given by those in attendance. It was decided to keep the shows at the NDWS for 2020. The BOD is adamant that the ground conditions be addressed. Tessa reported that the NDWS is looking to purchase a Spider groomer. If the NDWS fails to follow through on their promises, we will use the information gathered by the show committee and move to a different location for 2021. We will revisit with the show committee at the July State Fair Show and decide where the 2021 shows will be held.

Heather Arends has been hired as Show Secretary for the All Novice Show in Fargo.

Applications are being taken for the June & September Shows. Diane Gage & Sherri Matuska have expressed interest. Possibly work with Mary Glass.

The Show committee presented the proposed dates & schedules for the June 27 & 28<sup>th</sup> show. Move in Friday 26th. Possibly hold a 2 day split combined show with 3 judges.. Scott will contact AQHA about this to make sure it is a go to do a 2 day 3 judge show. Kristi will contact Heather & Mary about submitting bids within 48 hours. The September Show Schedule is Tabled. The show committee will meet to discuss the September show class schedule. Possibly 3 day 4 judges. With move in on Thursday. They will clean up the walk trot classes & eliminate Western Riding. Possibly add Ranch Trail. Add Jackpot classes for games? Sue will gather the prizes for the June show. Craig Nelson will be the announcer. Karen will be ring steward. Ashley will man the gate.

Collin Spinkel for the SDQHA youth has reached out to NDQHA. He would like to help more youth show at ND & SD shows. It would mainly pertain to the Brookings show on the SD end. Connie will contact Jesse and ask her to reach out to Collin. We could possibly sponsor an All around prize at Brookings if SD would consider sponsoring one at our June show.

Kristy Goodall & Sherri Matuska have both volunteered to do the NDQHA Year End Points tabulations for no fee. Kristy asked that her stall fee could possibly be just \$20 at the June & September shows. Our portion of the stall fees would be waived. Kristy Goodall is appointed to be our Year End Points Tabulator.

The NDQHA membership form has been updated by Connie. New one is posted to the website. Robin will upload it to the NDQHA Face book page.

## FINANCIAL

Katie Beaudine had submitted a resume for the position of Treasurer.

Makayla Dicinno verbally applied at the meeting as she was unable to do so before then.

Discussion was held after non voting attendants left the room. A vote taken . Katie Beaudine is our new Treasurer.

The Checking account for the Amateur Association has been finalized.

The IRS taxes for 2018 have been completed. 2019 taxes are being worked on.

Karen & Ryane will decide what to do with the \$250 that was donated in honor of Phyllis . Possibly to a Novice Youth at the All Novice Show?

Becki Youngs has received a donation of things worth \$52 for 3 Gems Stables. Acknowledge on website, use for random prizes? Becki will send them a Thank You note.

Mandy Egnert has volunteered to hand write Thank You Notes to sponsors & those who donate to the NDQHA. She will purchase & send them out at no charge to the NDQHA. The BOD thanks her for doing so. Mandy will be added to the Sponsorship Committee.

Robin, Keely & Katie will keep track of Amateur & Open class sponsors.

A motion was made by Leslie, seconded by Karen to approve Robin paying the filing of the Secretary of State Change of Contact along with the Non Profit Status annual reports for 2019 & 2020 . Motion Carried.

## INSURANCE

Abra has voiced that she would like to withdraw totally form the board dealings. She is our NoDak agent. We need to sign a letter of agent change to Bobbie Jo Krueger. Approved

A motion was made to adjourn, meeting adjourned.

Secretary, Robin Danielson

Our next meeting will be held April 1 2020 @ 8:00 pm via Conference call

