

NDQHA BOD MEETING
DECEMBER 3,2020

The NDQHA BOD met on Thursday 12/3/20 @ 7:00pm via ZOOM. President Ryane Bakke called the meeting to order with the following present: Ryane Bakke, Rylan Sundsbak, Katie Beaudine, Robin Danielson, Kristi Hoff, Connie Armstrong, Jesse Armstrong, Sue Karn, Makayla DiCinno, Ashley Everson, Ashley Montgomery, Doreen Swenson, & Darren Buckle.

The Secretary's Reports were given electronically. Doreen made a motion to approve the 11/4 & 11/24 minutes, seconded by Rylan, motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report was given with the following balances:
Open \$38,158.60 Savings \$2554.07 Futurity \$2703.87
Amateur \$50,539.24
Youth \$12,128.53

Doreen asked if there were any outstanding bills. Katie stated that just the ones owed to the IRS are outstanding. Ryan moved to approve the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Doreen, approved subject to audit.

Katie spent 4 hours on hold with the IRS. We owe \$2432.85 for 2015 late 990/ \$409.79 for 2016 late 990. IRS said they don't make a practice of reducing fees. Rylan moved to approve payment of both the 2015 & 2016 outstanding fees, seconded by Kristi, motion carried.

NATIONAL DIRECTORS

Connie Armstrong has received nominations from Rylan Sundsbak, Sherri Matuska, Kristy Goodall & Tate Eck for the AQHA National Director positions. She asked that each candidate introduce themselves at the annual meeting.

She asked who's address to put on the 2021 membership form. It was decided that the Treasurer's name & address will be on the form. The Treasurer will be responsible for forwarding membership information to the Secretary.

John Hovde reported that Ranch Riding has added divisions for 2021. The AQHA website has all the classes listed. He encourages all NDQHVA members to apply for the Young Horse Development Scholarship. August 15, 2021 deadline. Connie will add it to our newsletter & contact the local 4H associations. Feel free to contact John or Scott to learn more.

Scott Flach reported that the Youth sold gator masks at the AQHA World show & raised \$7500 for the Scholarship Fund.

AMATEURS

Ashley Everson reported that the Amateur BOD met 12/2 . The State Fair & the Wadena Run dates overlap. Sherri has talked to Ron At R & J Arena about moving the Wadena run back a week. We would need to get AQHA approval for the date change. They discussed the proposed \$50 Membership Flat Fee. They thought that the Amateur Association would then only be responsible for their share of the liability insurance & expenses of the Amateur hosted shows. The membership form would need to be revised. Doreen & Katie will finalize numbers & get the information to Ashley Everson before the annual meeting. They will be making decisions on By-law changes to accommodate the Flat fee & will decide on a Region donation amount. Ashley & Ryane will touch base about meeting dates.

YOUTH

Jesse will have a Youth meeting on either Jan 2^{or} 3rd 2022. They will be giving out gift cards as awards this year. Buckles for Grand & Directors Chairs for Reserve. The donated pictures are at Bob's, she will collect them from him. The youth still plan to sell numbers, she is working out the logistics.

WESITE

No Keely. We will be keeping the Paypal option for the convenience of our members. The sponsorship & membership forms will need to be updated after the annual meeting.

DIRECTORY

Nikki Medalen & Keely Hewitt will be working on the directory together & split the fee. Nikki will gather the information & Keely will put it together. Connie will put it in the newsletter that there will be a 2021 directory, get your ads in. Ryane will post to the face book pages.

SPONSORSHIP Position is open

ANNUAL MEETING

Ashley Montgomery received a message from the Holiday Inn in Fargo stating that they will refund us in full. They asked if we would like to lock in our 2022 & 2023 dates. It was decided that being they were so generous, we should plan to hold the 2022 Annual Meeting there.

Discussion was held on how best to insure that those who vote virtually are members in good standing. It was felt that we need to just take it on good faith. We have no way to police who is voting or whether or not they are a member when we host the virtual meeting. Rylan agreed to allow the 2020 members to be eligible to vote. He wanted to make it abundantly clear that we are deviating from our

By-laws. Due to extraordinary circumstances due to the pandemic, an exception needs to be made. We must vote on The National Directors Positions & the NDQHA BOD.

AWARDS-Karen & Ryan-No Report

By-laws- Ryan-Nothing new to Report

BUDGET & FINANCIAL REVIEW Doreen & Katie

Doreen reported there were no issues with the finances. Association hard cost are \$10,000. With the way things stand now, we don't bring in enough via the open membership fees to cover those costs. There were 160 Open memberships in 2020. Some were family memberships so are more than one person. 77 Amateur memberships & 33 Youth. If we do a Flat Fee of \$50 & don't give the Amateur & Youth the usual amounts, we will be OK.

FUTURITY

Sue hasn't done anything with futurity pictures yet. Waiting on the Annual Meeting Decisions.

HALL OF FAME. Skip this year. Kerry Bradac is on hold for 2022

HORSE OF THE YEAR – The Slowsmobile aka Angus

SPORTSMANSHIP-no report

MARKETING & MEMBERSHIP-Position Open

SHOWS & SPECIAL EVENTS- Kristi

Discussion was held on moving the September show back 1 week, Not having the September show & making June bigger, moving the dates, moving reining to Friday & Saturday so the reiners can leave early for Region 2.

Sherri & Mary can do the Sept show, pending AQHA approval of the dates. June show if possibly move up 2 weeks.

Makayla feels that we shoot ourselves in the foot by allowing Region 2 to be a NDQHA. NDQHA doesn't earn any money for the organization from Region 2. It's a very expensive show that a lot of the members can't afford to go and show AQHA classes. Kristi said that there were 25-30 reiners there. Mikayla felt that we should only be counting year end points at shows that we host & make money on. Rylan proposed that we discuss & have the membership vote at the Annual Meeting on the Region 2 qualifying. The new BOD will discuss & vote on any changes to the number of qualifying judges for year end awards.

OLD BUSINESS

Ryane has had numerous members come to her about exhibitors competing in classes they aren't eligible for, namely Rookie classes. Jesse has been dealing with tons of messages about exhibitors blatantly going in classes they are well aware of their ineligibility. It was firmly stated that members need to police themselves. It is each individual's responsibility to have a printed copy of their Leveling & their horse's eligibility requirements at each show. It's a matter of ethics. AQHA is still looking at our September show. It looks bad as an association for there to be so many manual corrections needing to be made at AQHA level. It takes away the excitement of the true 1st place exhibitor at the show. Prizes need to be taken away & given to the correct exhibitor. It is the responsibility of the Youth parents to check eligibility, no one else's. We are required to show that a horse

is eligible for Performance halter, this is no different. A reminder will be posted to the website, newsletter & Face book pages.
JUNE ALL NOVICE SHOW-2021 BOD will make decisions

SUMMER HILINE & FALL HILINE

Rylan suggested we wait until after the Annual Meeting & have the new BOD set the 2021 show dates. Have the show committee meet in February. More discussion was held.

The majority felt that we need to get the dates on the books. Set venues, judges & secretary .Sherri will check with AQHA & venues for available dates . She will get back to the BOD in the next couple days with the information. We will wait to officially hire the Secretary when we have that information. Possibly host shows June 11-13th / September 4-5th.

OFFICE 365

Sherri & Katie reported that it was set up 12/2/20. There will be an introduction for the new BOD , Treasurer & Secretary. The email addresses that will be used are: treasurer@NDQHA.com & secretary@NDQHA.com

PAYPAL-Keep as is

Slide show- Rylan & Abra will do an award sideshow for 2020. They will get the 2019 to Keely for the website. Jesse will collect photos for the youth.

Meeting adjourned

Secretary, Robin Danielson

Next meeting/TBA

NOTE: Robin provided a current 2020 Membership List to each Show Secetary prior to each 2020 NDQHA show.