

NDQHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**January 20, 2024 / 1:00 PM / Directors & Conference Room,
Holiday Inn, Fargo, North Dakota**

ATTENDEES

NDQHA board members : Susan Karn, Doreen Swenson, Katherine Beaudine, Robin Danielson, Rylan Sundsbak, Makayla Dicinno via Zoom, Andrea Butler, Mary Youngs, Betty Koslofsky, and approximately 52 NDQHA members

Call To Order

President Susan Karn called the meeting to order at 1:07 PM

Introduction of NDQHA Board of Directors

Pass out new membership forms

AGENDA

Secretary's Report

The Secretary's Report was shared prior to the meeting via website. Rylan made a motion, seconded by Mary to approve the meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

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

Open \$26,094.96/Amateur \$22,279.74/Youth \$12,840.79/Futurity \$89.92

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

National Director's Reports

John Hovde - absent from meeting

Scott Flach - Financials are unavailable from AQHA. My AQHA is available which shows your personal and horse's achievements. There is a link for present horses and past horses you have owned. There is no charge for the use of My AQHA. The old members site has complete show results.

Doreen Swenson - The youth committee's main focus this year is recruiting young adults. Some perks have been giving them a discount to the AQHA convention, AQHA lead program, and emerging leadership. The YES conference deadline is May 15 to run for a position. AQHYA world show is scheduled for July 31 - August 11 in Oklahome City, OK. Collegiate horse judging is also taking place over the AQHYA world show.

Nikki Medalen - Nikki was recently assigned to the marketing and membership committee. AQHA is coming out with a new mission statment and a new tagline. Executive committee is meeting January 29 to approve the new tagline. AQHA is also working on a new logo. AQHA Learn is a new educational oppurtunity featuring classes on quarter horse related topics. Let's Talk AQHA podcast is also available. The 2023 NFR had a lot of advertisements for AQHA and a great prescence.

Dawn Martin - The ranching committee prime focus is to protect the ranch integrity of the quarter horse. 2023 convention added expansion of ranch team roping events. There were also a number of approved rule changes involving leg wraps and logs. The largest problem internationally is the paperwork process. 2024 there are 28 youth

selected for youth development program, all the colts donated by ranch heritage breeders.

Connie Armstrong - Connie handed out a packet to membership containing new rule changes, leveling information, and other information regarding these topics.

Committee Reports

Amateur Report - Sherri Matuska - Wadena is July 25-29 . Prefair is July 17-18. Versatility ranch is the July 19. Minor state fair is July 19-20.

Youth Report - Abby Stensgaard - Nothing new to report. Maggie will be the new youth director. The new directors were elected in the youth meeting.

Futurity Report - Rylan Sundsbak - The futurity paid out 11,176.50. There were entries in every class except one. Rylan read all the futurity sponsors from this year.

Region 2 - Scott Flach - Ranch classes and barrel racing had higher numbers this year. 222 total horses, 180 exhibitors, 250 exhibitors and owners. Exhibitors and owners came from 3 provinces and 14 states. \$42,000 worth of prizes this year, including AQHA and 100x sponsorships. Regions 2 itself spent \$27,000 on prizes. There was a top hand award and best Remunda award. Sponsorships that were donated totaled \$17,000. Gross revenue for the show was \$143,000. Total profit was around \$4,200. Ranch classes will be split between junior and senior, added a lungeline class and rookie classes. There is about 160 classes during the show. Region 2 is also webcast.

Unfinished Business

Amateur BOD - Andrea discussed the changes that were made this morning that dissolved the amateur board of directors. Hopefully more members will help on committees and perhaps serve on the open board of directors.

2024 Clinics - 2 different clinics planned - show clinic and ranch clinic. Ben Balow has been proposed to do the ranch clinic, tentatively set for May 17-18 in Jamestown. Show clinician will be set after show schedules have been planned.

Directory - Cassidy Strommen has agreed to work with Nikki Medalen to work on the directory for this year. Anything you have sent to Keely in the past, please send to Nikki as Keely is no longer working on the directory. Directory is set to print March 15.

New Business

Thank you to the 2023 sponsors

New qualifying rules for year-end awards - Robin read the new qualifying rules = no judge requirement will be needed to qualify for year-end awards, individual must be a NDQHA member and individual must attend one NDQHA hosted show. NDQHA hosted shows are Pre-Fair, Wadena, Labor Day. The shows that will qualify for year-end points are Missouri River Classic, State Fair, Region 2.

Horse of the Year, Rawhides Silver Bullett, owned by Kevin and Joan Sedivec

Hall of Fame recipients, Gene Vandeberg and Melodie Nelson

Sportsmanship award was voted on and will be announced at banquet

Election of New Board of Directors

3 positions are up for election on the board

Alvina Ebensteiner nominated Diane Anderson.

Makayla Dicinno nominated Tara Wolf.

Robin Danielson nominated Dawn Martin.

Anita Nelson nominated Stacey Thelen.

Rylan moved to cease nominations.

Votes were cast among the general membership and the new directors for 2024 will be Tara Wolf, Dawn Martin, and Stacey Thelen.

Discission was held on the status of the amateur board and how to proceed and integrate the former amateur board members into the board of directors.

Adjourn

Rylan made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Laurel Rohrer, meeting adjourned at 2:42 PM

**Our next meeting will be held Saturday, January 20 at 3:00 PM,
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NDQHA Secretary/Treasurer, Katherine Beaudine