

OREGON QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP & BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
December 6, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President, Shelly O'Hara at 7:00 pm at the Phoenix Inn, Albany, Oregon.

Board Members Present: Shelly O'Hara, Sue Hagerty, Charles Wahlert, Mary Wahlert, Sarah Hamer-Raschein, Jeri Buckwalter, Jack Brizendine, Dale Tingle, Jim Hoyt and Kathy Sampson.

Board Members absent: Mark Carruba and Robby Bianchi.

Guest Present: Sheila Payne, Heather Thrapp-Mauck, Chelsea Carlson, Patrick O'Hara, Sheila Buckwalter and Joanne Rude.

Administrative:

Shelly O'Hara stated that we had received the information about the AQHA AIM program and grant opportunity. The Board discussed the AQHA AIM program. Jeri Buckwalter made a motion to use the AQHA AIM program/grant request for funds for OQHA to attend the NW Horse Expo in March in Albany. Jim Hoyt seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Minutes:

The November meeting minutes were passed out and emailed to all Board members. Kathy Sampson made a motion to accept the meeting minutes as written. Jeri Buckwalter seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Correspondence:

A postcard from the Pacific Coast Journal and Directory with advertising rates was received. Sue Hagerty stated that she would call and follow up on rates and discounts. Kathy Sampson made a motion to purchase a full page black and white ad in the Pacific Coast Directory. Mary Wahlert seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Keri Croft stated that a question about leased horses and the eligibility for OQHA year-end awards was received. The Board discussed the OQHA year-end award rules and the new AQHA lease rules. Sue Hagerty made a motion that for a leased horse and/or a non owned horse and exhibitor to be eligible for OQHA year-end awards, both the owner of the horse and the exhibitor must be members of OQHA. Jeri Buckwalter seconded the motion. The motion passed.

A letter was received from Sue Hagerty about the National Director position with AQHA. Sue Hagerty stated that she was currently reconsidering her resignation and would let the Board know for sure in the next day or so. Jim Hoyt thanked Sue for all of her hard work as an AQHA National Director and that the Board would like for her to continue as a National Director.

Financial Report:

A treasurers' report was passed out to the Board. The Board discussed the show income for the shows. Dale Tingle made a motion to approve the financial statement as presented. Jack Brizendine seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Division Reports:

Youth:

Chelsea Carlson stated the youth had a balance of \$5684.82 in the bank before paying for year-end awards. Chelsea Carlson stated that the OQHYA general meeting was scheduled for December 10, 2011 in Eugene. The youth will be having a bowling and pizza party.

Amateurs:

Sue Hagerty stated the amateur division has \$3319.00 after paying for the year-end top 5 awards. The OQHAD annual meeting was held just prior to this meeting. Nominations are complete with the officer nominations remaining the same for 2012.

Committee Reports:

Shows:

Sarah Hamer-Raschein stated that AQHA was now offering a Rookie division in open, amateur and youth. The Board discussed the rookie classes. The Board decided to offer the classes that could be ran concurrent. Keri Croft stated that she would send out a copy of the show schedule with the new classes added.

The Board discussed the Novice Championship show and the State Qualifying program. The Board discussed the OQHA October show dates. The Board discussed possible options to change the show date as it conflicts with the new AQHA Novice Championship show. Keri Croft will send out an email with options for dates.

Dale Tingle stated that NCQHA is looking at options to move their Red Bluff shows. NCQHA is requesting approval for May 10-13, 2012 in Central Point instead of the May dates in Red Bluff. Charles Wahlert made a motion to approve the request of NCQHA to move their show from Red Bluff to Central Point, Oregon for the dates in May. Sue Hagerty seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Summer Classic:

Shelly O'Hara stated that stalls and entries were up at classic. The income for Classic was up \$18,000 from 2010. Shelly O'Hara stated that she wanted to thank all of the staff and volunteers at the show for making it such a fun event! Chelsea Carlson stated that she had been in Texas prior to the AQHYA World show and that our show had a great reputation and a number of trainers were considering the show for 2012.

Marketing:

Kathy Sampson stated that she had posted information about horse slaughter that had come from AQHA and several individuals were upset about it. The Board discussed the situation and decided to continue to post information and updates that are sent from AQHA and all upcoming events, activities of OQHA.

Oregon Bred:

Jim Hoyt stated that he would like to see the Board reduce the number of points and judges needed for Oregon Bred awards. The Board discussed the awards and the program. Jim Hoyt made a motion to require 10 points and 10 judges for a horse to be eligible for OQHA year-end Oregon Bred awards. Charles Wahlert seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Recreational Activities:

The recreational committee is currently working on a ride for 2012 at the Sky Hawk Ranch in Bend.

Administrative:

Political Action: No report.

Convention / Awards:

The awards banquet is scheduled for January 14, 2012 at the Oregon Gardens. Shelly O'Hara read a report from Tesha Greenwood in regards to the banquet. The Board discussed the situation of individuals wanting to attend the banquet but not purchasing dinner tickets. Dale Tingle made a motion to follow the AQHA rules for award dinners and anyone attending the AQHA awards banquet must pay for dinner. Jack Brizendine seconded the motion. The motion passed.

By-Laws:

Sue Hagerty stated that the By-law changes were emailed out to the Board. Copies of the proposed changes were handed out to those at the meeting. Sue Hagerty reviewed each change with the Board. Dale Tingle made a motion to approve the By-laws as changed and presented. Jeri Buckwalter seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Nominations:

Kathy Sampson stated she had the following nominations approved by the Board:

President: Jim Hoyt

VP: Dale Tingle

Shelly O'Hara opened the nominations to the floor. Kathy Sampson made a motion to close the nominations for President and Vice President. Jeri Buckwalter seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Board members: Chrissa Pratt, Lori Stancik, Chris Swanson, Mack Dodsworth, Sheila Payne, Linda Preble.

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Hall of Fame: No report.

National Director Report:

Heather Thrapp-Mauck stated that the deadline for proposed AQHA rule changes is December 31. The forms can be found on AQHA.com. There is also a smart phone app for the AQHA rulebook.

Old Business:

Keri Croft stated that she would be attending the AQHA show management seminar December 13-16, 2011 and would be out of the office.

New Business: None

Adjourn: Kathy Sampson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jeri Buckwalter seconded the motion. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 pm. The next meeting will be in January 10, 2012 at the Phoenix Inn in Albany, Oregon.