

NDAQHA Open BOD Meeting 10/5/16, 7pm CDT

In attendance:

Connie Armstrong
Alvina Ebensteiner
Abra Sundsbak
Ryane Bakke
Bobbi Jo Krueger
Jesse Armstrong
Jenna Mickelson
Doreen Swenson
Scott Flach
Phyllis Larson
Ashley Montgomery
Darren Buckle

Meeting called to order by President Jenna Mickelson

Secretary's Report- Abra Sundsbak

changes on minutes from 8/3/16: John Hovde's clinic- make sure it is VRH not WCH
Roan horse money- should go to management at that show

Approval of Secretary's Report

Motion – Doreen Swenson , 2nd- Jesse Armstrong

Motion Carried

Treasurer's Report- Phyllis Larson

Wadena Run- profit-Amateur- 16,473.32- NDQHA- 6,445.06

Do we lose money on stalls? That check written to R&J includes camping, stalls and bedding

The line item "stalls" is the entire check to R&J- that line item should be changed to "facility fees"

3*3 Show

Profit 8,380.63,

still has to pay the Wagon Wheel for hotel rooms

has not written the check to the futurity (\$50 per entry)

Yearly income 160,477.97, expense 115,830.42

Financially we are doing well

Approval of Treasurer's report

Motion- Ryane Bakke, 2nd – Darren Buckle

Director's Reports

Jenna Mickelson- thank you to Connie Armstrong for doing the great newsletter!

Connie Armstrong- has been posting the newsletter to about 7 Facebook groups, and sending to 1500 email addresses

Scott Flach- in regards to Region 2- Scott will be co-chair of the show with Becky Johnson next year. Jim Hootman (SD National Director), has proposed a tri-state circuit (1 weekend in each SD, ND and MN) and there will be circuit awards. SD BOD has approved- proposed to use the show in Brookings in June- ND use the June show?

Motion (Doreen Swenson)- if the opportunity arises for a 3-state circuit, the June show is the show we would like to include.

2nd- Ashley Montgomery

Motion Carried

Amateur Report- Alvina Ebensteiner

She visited with Ron Sundby- in regards to Wadena run and the show directly prior- he was wondering if he could move the weekend show to Tuesday/Wednesday and the Wadena run be Thursday-Sunday, this would move him off of the state fair show, and if, then if the ND BOD would approve his show for ND Points. This needs to be discussed further, and questions arose if AQHA would approve that many judges at one facility within that timeframe?

Wadena Run is set on AQHA calendar for Jul 27-30

State Fair- profit of around \$3000, no issues, more horses than last year

NEW BUSINESS-

Guest on Call- Joe Hickel- President of Dakota 50/50 Horse Sale, Futurity and Maturity.

They are wondering about making the 50/50 AQHA point eligible- currently every 50/50 member is a QH breeder, they would like to work with the NDQHA, they are the highest paying futurity show in ND. Have paid out \$215k to date. \$20k in 2015. They would like to make the 50/50 more desirable to the NDQHA members. Dates of the 2016 50/50 are October 26-29. In AQHA terms, the show would be considered a "special event". Would like help and guidance from someone familiar with the AQHA, and the NDQHA- Bobbi Krueger- offered to meet/conference call with Joe on the side- Jenna Mickelson and Scott Flach would join. Bobbi will send out an email for a private conference call to discuss.

Youth Report- Noone on call, no report received

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Annual meeting/Banquet (Ashley Montgomery)

Will contact the Holiday Inn before Congress and get a reservation sheet made up.

DJ? Find out how late we can be in the room/bar open? Etc. Mixer? Fun Event?

Cutters are not with us? Are we planning a silent auction ? Youth plan to do their blanket auction.

Awards (Rane Bakke)

Year End- starting to get things rolling

Futurity- Sue Karn has the leftover awards, we don't know exactly what is left over

Futurity Jackets went over well- will be handing out to those in attendance at October show and Sue will mail the others out.

Bylaws (Jesse Armstrong)

payment of secretary/treasurer- not finding much- most that she has seen (surrounding states) can find that it is a paid position, at the discretion of the BOD, no amounts listed. Ours is similar to what other affiliates have.

Everyone please read through bylaws and now would be the time to bring those changes to the table.

Financial Review Committee- Bobbie Krueger- see report

She has received the amateur financial reports, they look to be in good order.

STRESSING the recommendation that the futurity have its own separate checking account.

New process with the treasurer and reconciling all financial statements with the bank statements, will go over with the treasurer and make a plan.

Questions from the committee as far as what the BOD is asking for in regards to a budget function- as this is in the "duties" for the committee but they have not done any budgeting to date.

Is Sue Karn on the signature card for the checking account? She signed checks... this needs to be handled.

Scott Flach- he doesn't think that Sue has written all of the checks, he personally hasn't received checks, if she hasn't – how do we proceed with that?

Doreen Swenson- spoke with Sue, she wrote all checks, held some? Was a discrepancy in how she was figuring them, she had destroyed and re-written them.

Phyllis Larson and Sue Karn are meeting 10/8 in Valley City and Phyllis will be signing the rest of the checks for the Futurity, Sue will then mail them out.

Bobbi Krueger- Motion- To open a new bank/checking account for the Futurity, and, Phyllis Larson (Treasurer) and Abra Sundsbak (back-up Treasurer), if necessary, to keep a minimum balance in the account to avoid maintenance fees. 2nd :Jesse Armstrong

Discussion: Motion Struck (by Bobbi), will do some research in regards to minimum balances and figure out better timing for implementing this account.

Motion Tabled

Futurity (Doreen Swenson)Rule #11 needs to be revamped before next year. There was a slight tabulating error/issue with the performance classes, it is figured out and taken care of, but the rule needs to be changed for next year.

Awards went over well

Sue Karn (Futurity Secretary) will have a report for the next meeting

Hall of Fame (Kristy Goodall- not on call, text via Ryane Bakke)

No nominations turned in yet, should do a Facebook post? Jenna Mickelson will remind people, Kristy will do a Facebook post.

Marketing/Membership (Erica Thorpe not on call)

Jenna Mickelson will reach out to her

Connie Armstrong will send out membership form and a reminder for 2017 memberships to the list of 2016 paid members.

Shows/Special Events (Darren Buckle)

VRH Event for next year

anything else- bring ideas to the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Affiliate awards- need to be submitted in February? Still think about them!

Renaming of shows- waiting on a vote/rulebook changes.

Affiliate MVP- should be brought up at Annual Meeting.

Therapeutic riding program- no response

Most Valuable member award- to Len Philpot at September show- shirt and water bottle. Sherri Matuska was in charge of this- she was given a donation at the Wadena Run to fund this award.

NSF Check Policy- posted at table for entries- did this happen at the September show? No, it did not. Please ensure this happens in the future.

Tack change and longing rules – were going to be posted in September, did not happen- please get this done and emailed out to everyone.

Patterns and working orders- were posted at the September show, it went well.

Secretary and Treasurer (combined position) payment/amounts- paid \$600 for each quarter worked- it has been that way for 15 years.

The BOD needs to revamp/determine amount paid for split Treasurer/Secretary position

Jesse Armstrong- moved to table for next meeting- Jesse is willing to do research in regards to surrounding affiliates and comparable groups. Ryane Bakke is willing to help.

Annual Directory- Jenna Mickelson spoke to Keely Hagen about doing it- hasn't received a yes or no. pay? \$500. Jenna will advertise the position on Facebook.

Increase salary? Scott Flach suggested- base pay plus \$ for more ads? Incentive.

Ryane Bakke- will contact Today's Horse for pricing.

Steward list on website- Ryane Bakke will see if Keely Hagen will add a link.

NEW BUSINESS

Kelly Manner-MNQHA- they are having a silent auction at their banquet- all \$\$ is donated to a foundation, this year to a therapeutic riding program in Esko, MN. They were asking if NDQHA is willing to donate a stall at the Wadena Run, as a donation to the cause.

Jesse Armstrong- Motion to donate a stall at the Wadena run for the MNQHA fundraiser for the North Country Ride program.

Second- Ryane Bakke

Motion carried

Membership List- with the separation of the secretary and treasurer positions this year, the membership list was kind of lost.

Abra Sundsbak- There was a large learning curve with the computer program and the membership list. I needed help from Phyllis in this transition, and it was received. At this time, I feel comfortable taking over the responsibility of the membership list, as listed in the Secretary job duties in the bylaws. I do not feel there needs to be anything drastic done with the 2016 membership list, but I feel comfortable taking over in 2017.

Valley City-moving in to facility before noon- someone will talk to Dawn and see why we can't move in early, maybe the BOD needs to be talked to?