

NDQHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

October 2, 2024 / 7:30 PM / Via Zoom

ATTENDEES

Doreen Swenson, Katherine Beaudine, Mary Youngs, Dawn Martin, Robin Danielson, Stacey Thelen, Andrea Butler, Tara Wolf, Rylan Sundsbak, Maggie Waslaski, Nikki Medalen, Scott Flach, Sherri Matuska

Call To Order

President Doreen Swenson called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM

AGENDA

Secretary's Report

The Secretary's Report was shared prior to the meeting on August 7 via email & Facebook BOD group. Robin made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from August 7, seconded by Mary. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was shared prior to the meeting on September 29 via email with an attached profit and loss statement and the following balances: Open \$34,698.84/Amateur \$26,359.76/Youth \$13,825.85/Futurity \$8,179.93

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

Commitee Reports

Website – Sherri Matuska – Please send any information that needs to be on the website.

Youth Report – Maggie Waslaski – The last meeting was on September 1st at the Labor Day show. There were 6 youth members in attendance; they discussed fundraising ideas for next year. Paisley Anderson and Ryder Armstrong are competing at Congress. Maggie will be stepping down next year, the board will need to find another individual to be the youth advisor.

Futurity Report – Rylan Sundsbak – Buckles should be around \$1,500; the payout money should be around \$7,000. The buckles will be presented at the banquet. There were 59 total entries.

Budget Review – Dawn Martin – Dawn stated everything looks correct.

Annual Banquet – Mary Youngs – Mary has been brainstorming for the brown bag auction. She is going to try and get 2 larger prizes for the auction. We did receive \$2,500 from AQHA that will be used at the banquet per protocol for the funds (the check has not been received yet).

Hall of Fame, Sportsmanship Award, Horse of Year – Tara Wolf – There have been 3 nominations sent in for horse of the year. November 30 will be the deadline for nominations.

Marketing & Membership – Robin Danielson – Robin stated that there are 133 total members: 30 open, 85 amateur, 18 youth and 24 new members.

Show & Special Events – Makayla Nyre – Makayla was absent from the meeting. The board hired Caryn and Sheila for next year for the Labor Day show. Scott is resigning from his position at the North Dakota State Fair. Sherri stated for the Wadena show that there was too much walking in the patterns this year so that will change next year. She will also be looking for volunteers for setting trail as well. There will be no adult social for 2025. She is working on the showbill.

Bylaws – Stacey Thelen – Stacey has received a few suggestions for some changes. Changes are due 30 days prior to the banquet for the overall membership to look over.

Awards – Andrea Butler – Andrea stated that the awards went over well at the Labor Day show. She also had “good deeds done dirt cheap” for the youth that were seen doing positive deeds. There was also a water stand for the exhibitors. Andrea will start to work on year-end awards.

National Directors Reports

Scott Flach – Scott stated that at Region 2 there was a record number of stalls. The show fees were the same as last year. There were several people that are cutting back on showing; they are picking one show over another to attend. Next year will be the 20th Region 2; the R2 board is planning to do a few things to celebrate that. The Burleigh County Equestrian and Ag Center is coming along slowly in the building process. The county has committed 54 acres to the project; located in the northwest corner of the fairgrounds. There are 84 camping spots planned, 112 semi parking spots and 250 parking spots for cars. The main arena will be 145 x 290 and the warmup arena will be 110 x 210. They will start with 400 stalls with room to expand. The stall barn will be drive-thru accessible.

There is also talk on having a relay racetrack as well for the MHA (Native American tribe).

Dawn Martin - Dawn stated there have been no new meetings lately.

Nikki Medalen - Nikki stated there was a meeting a couple weeks ago (marketing and membership committee). A new promo is a fuel card, 15 cents off for diesel. The world show is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. The AQHA has also added fan favorite and fan zone (new promos to vote and win a cooler at certain events). Another program in the future will be called AQHA buddies - horses to be celebrated through an online fan page.

John Hovde - absent from meeting.

Doreen Swenson - Doreen stated that their last meeting was in September. There will be a horse judging clinic held at the world show on November 10 that is free for the youth. There is a taskforce coming for youth advisors for questions they may have.

Connie Armstrong - absent from meeting.

Unfinished Business

Directory - Nikki has a few people already asking for rates and when to send in ads. She said Cassidy is interested in working on it again this year. This will be Nikki's last year so the board will need to find an individual to put the directory together next year. Nikki and Cassidy are going to meet in November and put forms and other details together. Nikki has a few ideas for one-page stories to put together for the directory. The board will plan to auction the front and back cover at the banquet. Robin made a

motion to leave the directory rates and procedures the same price, seconded by Mary.

501(c)3 - Form was sent in to the IRS - nothing new to report.

Fundraiser - The board will need to decide what to do for next year prior to the annual meeting.

Insurance Quotes - Liability and Directors & Officers Insurance; we are looking to combine into one company/agent and the same date of payment.

Trail Ride - There was a total of 28 people that attended.

Debit Card Points - Sherri, Maggie and Katie have signed their debit cards up for points. Andrea will sign up before she orders awards.

New Business

Region 2 Position Available - Scott stated that he will be resigning as the treasurer. The Region 2 board is made up of 5 states and 2 Canadian providences. There are 2 individuals per state/providences.

Labor Day Show - Looking at pre-paying stalls for the Labor Day show as there was a large amount of people that backed out.

Adjourn

Andrea made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mary, meeting adjourned at 9:44 PM

Our next meeting will be held Wednesday, December 4 via Zoom.

NDQHA Secretary/Treasurer, Katherine Beaudine