

January 7 2023

# NDQHA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

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**January 7 2023 1:00pm Renoir-Russell Room Radisson Hotel Bismarck, ND**

## ATTENDEES

President Rylan Sundsbak called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

Attendees included 75 current NDQHA members.

The current Board Of Directors :

President Rylan Sundsbak,VP Sue Karn, Secretary Robin Danielson, Treasurer Katherine Beaudine, Directors: Doreen Swenson, Mary Youngs & Andrea Butler.

## Secretary's Report-Robin Danielson

The Secretary's Report was shared via email, NDQHA Facebook page & on the NDHA website prior to the meeting.Laurel Rohrer made a motion to accept the Secretary's Report,seconded by Vicky Borgen, motion carried.

## Treasurer's Report-Katherine Beaudine

The Treasurer's Report was presented with ending balances of:

Open \$19,346.79/Amateur \$34,462.44/Youth \$10,124.49/Futurity \$1831.23

Lesley Foss made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Ryane Bakke, motion carried subject to audit.

## National Director's Reports

**Scott Flach-Financials**

Scott announced that a new facility is being built in Burleigh County near the Missouri River Fairgrounds.

AQHA is doing a soft launch of the new member portion of the website called "My AQHA" in February.

AQHA foal registrations & horse show entries increased in 2022. Bringing three years of positive numbers.

AQHA financials unaudited financials are at \$48 million. Up 1.3 from 2021.

### **Connie Armstrong-Show Committee**

Connie walked us through finding our leveling on the AQHA website. She included the 2023 Class point ranges. She recommended that the NDQHA members download the 2023 Rule Book. All members were encouraged to print off their L1 eligibility for themselves & their horses prior to the start of the show season. You will be required to show proof of eligibility when you register at the shows.

### **Doreen Swenson-Youth Committee**

Doreen serves on the AQHA Youth Committee. AQHA offers a variety of programs for the youth including: Junior Master Horseman, Horse Study Racing Experience, Stall Decorating at the AQHA Youth World Show, Art, ScrapBook, Speeches, Collegiate Judging (Paige Brummund is currently attending with her youth group) YES conference, horseback riding program among others. Youth are encouraged to participate. There is still time to apply for scholarships. 35 youth are currently in the young horse development program.

### **Dawn Martin-Ranching Committee (John Hovde)**

Dawn Martin reported that AQHA is adding an International Heritage Breeder Award. Breakaway & Steer Stopping have been added as approved AQHA classes.

There is a possibility of being a Canadian Ranching Heritage Challenge.

North Dakota has 11 Ranching Heritage Breeders.

As of November AQHA requires a 6 panel test on all breeding stallions. MYHM has been added. You can currently add that test for \$20.

Digital Registration certificates may become the standard for AQHA.

AQHA will be honoring the 50 Year Cumulative Breeders at the AQHA Convention.

### **Amateur Report-Lesley Foss**

Lesley reported that the Amateur Association voted to donate \$1000 to the NDQHA Futurity, \$1000 to Region 2, \$1000 to Versatility Ranch Show & \$1000 to the Missouri River Show to be used towards the AQHA classes. People can donate \$25 per class for the Wadena Run. More than one sponsor per class is welcome. Elections were held. President-Lesley Foss, Vice President-Vicky Borgen, Secretary/Treasurer-Sherri Matuska. Directors: Abra Sundsbak, Kelly Lyons, Kristy Goodall.

### **Youth Report- Jesse Armstrong**

Jesse reported that the youth will be selling back numbers for 2023 during the banquet. They will have a blanket auction at the banquet. A square fundraiser will be held at the Wadena Run. Elections were held. President- Samantha Lyons, Vice President- Adeline Brutger, Secretary-vacant, Treasurer-Hailey Newman. Directors: Paislee Buckle, Nyah Edinger & Aspen Thelan.

Abby Stensgard will be the 2023 Youth Advisor.

### **Futurity Report-Sue Karn**

Sue reported that there were 38 horses entered in the 2022 Futurity held September 29-October 2. Thirteen classes were offered . all classes had at least one entry. Ranch riding classes had the most entries . \$8000 was the total Futurity payout. Sue will be stepping down as Futurity Chair. A new Chair will be needed.

## **Old Business**

2022 Class Sponsors were acknowledged.

Longe Line- Kakela Performance Horses

L1 Amateur Ranch Riding-Jan Ketterling In Memory of Jane Hammer

L1 Open Ranch Riding-Kelly Lyons In Memory of Jane Hammer

Amateur L1 Reining-Neigh's LLC

Amateur Trail-Leslie Stevens In Memory of Jane Hammer

AQHA Reining-Bruce Hassleu

Amateur L1 Equitation-Renee Walsh

Amateur Rookie Ranch Riding-Scott Flach

YOUTH L1 WP & WP 13 & Under-Craig Development LLC

Amateur Western Pleasure-Renee Walsh

Amateur Rookie Reining-Neigh's LLC

Open Hunter Under Saddle- Dakota Carrier Network

## **New Business**

**2022 Financial Review-Doreen Swenson**

Doreen reported that we lost money on both the Summer HI-Line & the Fall Hi-line. The directory made money. We lost money on the 2022 banquet because of the weather. Prepayment for the 2023 banquet will help eliminate that issue. Katie is doing our 1099's this year and that will save us money. We will be working to update the insurance quotes to see if there is a possible savings there. The Open BOD dropped the June show. We will be hosting 2 clinics as fundraisers. Possibly one in the east & one in the western part of the state. All are encouraged to sponsor a class for the September 2-4th 2023, NDQHA Legendary Labor Day Show & Futurity show. Sheila Scholl & Cayrn Leith will be our show staff.

### **Show Schedule- NDQHA Year End Qualifying shows**

R & J Horse Show Verndale	April 20-23
Missouri River Classic	June 2-4
Brookings Summer Shoot-Out	June 15-18
Jane Hammer Memorial Versatility Ranch Show	July 19
Minot Pre-Fair Show	July 19-20
ND State Fair Show	July 21-22
Wadena Run	July 27-30
NDQHA Legendary labor Day Show & Futurity	September 2-4
Region 2	September 13-17
Great Midwest Show	October 2023?

### **Minimum Judges Requirement for NDQHA Year End Awards**

President Rylan Sundsbak announced the change in the way we calculate year end eligibility. The NDQHA BOD voted to use the formula of 50%+1 of the total approved judges, rounding up if the number of judges offered was even. Discussion was held by the membership.

Connie Armstrong made a motion to change the requirement to 9 judges, seconded by Ryane Bakke. Further discussion was held concerning the classes that aren't offered at every approved show. Jodee Hass moved to amend the motion to include an adjustment for those classes to be eligible at 50%+1 of approved judges offered, seconded by Ryanne. Motion Carried. 50% + 1 classes include: Weanlings, 2 Year Old , Longeline, Walk Trot, Ranch Trail, L1 Open Reining, Versatility Ranch Horse & Leadline.

## **Introduction of Current Officers & Elections**

President Rylan Sundsbak introduced the current Board of Directors.

## **Election of New Board Of Directors**

3 Positions are up for election for the NDQHA Board Of Directors.

Andrea Butler is eligible for re-election. Kristie Hoff & Jacob Anderson declined re-election.

Mary Youngs nominated Andrea Butler, Seconded by Anita Nelson.

Doreen Swenson nominated Robin Danielson, seconded by Laurel Rohrer. Being Secretary & a director is allowed.

Abra Sundsbak nominated Makayla Nyre, seconded by Jesse Armstrong.

Lesley Foss made a motion that nominations cease & to cast a unanimous ballot , seconded by Laurel Rohrer, motion carried.

## National Director Endorsement

NDQHA National Director, Connie Armstrong, will move to Director Emeritus, leaving an opening for our NDQHA National Director.

National Director Dawn Martin announced that we had 2 applications for the position, Rylan Sundsbak & Nikki Medalen.

Rylan & Nikki both spoke about themselves & their involvement with AQHA horses. Both recounted things that they are passionate about & where they see AQHA & NDQHA heading in the future.

A paper ballot was cast. Congratulations to our new NDQHA Endorsed National Director, Nikki Medalen.

## Announcements

Youth will be selling 2023 back numbers at the banquet.

Directory ads are due 1/15/23.

Possible rule change: no minimum judge requirement for horses 2 & under.

Trail ride at Fort Ransom- Jan Ketterling.

Rifle Raffle by the NDAQHA.

Fundraising: 2 clinics to be held: Brad st & Lee Bennet. Rylan & Paige are working on dates & locations. NDQHA members will have first choice.

Huge thank You to Mary, Becki & Burton for the great job arranging our banquet.

JoDee Hass made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ryane Bakke, meeting adjourned.

NDQHA Secretary, Robin Danielson

