

WIFQHA Board Meeting

2-27-21

In attendance: Cindy Koperski, Todd Waldera, Whitney Coleman-Michels, Jennifer Bowman, Maria Bendixen

1. Cindy Koperski reported that all judges and scribes are scheduled for the 2021 show season. One scribe requires 1 overnight hotel stay. That has been reserved.
2. Show committee met and decided to eliminate the prime time classes due to the lack of entries.
3. Camping and stall reservations will be managed by Dawn LaGesse. Forms have been updated.
4. Buckles purchased by donations from members for the youth 2020 awards cost \$710. The total donated was \$900 of which a large portion was from Glen. He was asked if he wanted some of his donation back and he requested the balance be carried over to the 2021 youth awards.
5. The 2021 showbill is on Facebook and the WIFQHA website
6. Michelle Peterson had expressed interest in the show secretary position. She may ride in a couple classes and Cindy said she would be able to cover the secretary duties for 30 minutes here or there while Michelle rides.
7. The position of treasurer of WIFQHA still remains open. It was stated that it requires the skills and knowledge of an accountant. Cindy suggested we hire a bookkeeper to keep the accounts straight and the methods used consistent. She has found a bookkeeper that would cost \$25/hour. The following were thoughts/comments on this
 - Treasurer would still make deposits and write checks
 - Our club needs consistency in record keeping
 - Cindy Mense had expressed interest in the position of Treasurer
 - bylaws were read and it is acceptable to hire for the position or part of the responsibilities of treasurer
 - It was suggested we put this to the members of WIFQHA at a general membership meeting
 - Position of Treasurer has to be voted on by the general members
 - Cindy motioned to hire bookkeeper. Todd 2nd it. All board members were in favor.
8. The debit card for the WIFQHA account was hacked. A fraud investigation is being conducted by the bank. The total for fraudulent charges was about \$2500.
9. Secretary reported 7 memberships have been received.
10. Pete Oberlin asked that all WIFQHA correspondence be by mail. Cindy suggested we have a check box for preference of communication. We will need to put it to a vote at the next general membership meeting. Maria motioned we put it to a vote. Whitney 2nd. All board members were in favor.

11. The world show is July 16-18. WIFQHA has sponsored part of the show in the past at \$750. There are higher sponsorship levels for award blankets and saddles. Todd suggested we stick with the \$750. Cindy motioned to donate \$750. Jennifer 2nd. All board members were in favor.

12. Christina Yoder is putting WIFQHA directory together. There is no Midwest Horse Fair and MN horse fair is in July. Christina can print 200copies for \$187. Jennifer suggested we consider putting them at other big stores such as Stockmans. Maria stated sponsors expect there to be distribution of directory to more than members. Cindy will have Christina print the 200 copies.

13. 2 applications for scholarship awards have been received. Both are from equally active and exemplary students/members. Maria motioned for 2 \$500 scholarships so that both will receive one. Cindy also suggested that in the future the kids do something to raise money for their scholarship.

14. Mike McGowan agreed to be the announcer for all 4 shows.

15. Tammy Long asked that we discuss the Jerry Murphy Memorial open cutting award. It was determined that we need a clear policy on the funding of memorial awards. We will bring our thoughts on this to a general membership meeting.

16. Jennifer motioned to adjourn. Todd 2nd. All members were in favor.