

# **KANSAS QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION**

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – OCTOBER 18, 2023**

Meeting of the KQHA Board of Directors was called to order on October 18, 2023, by President Tom Davies at 7:00 pm. Meeting was in the clubhouse of Topeka Roundup Club. Members present were Sherri Tearney, Mark Hinds, Tricia Hickey, Mark Hickey, Denise Thompson, Susan Tullock, Peggy Pickford, Sandy Parker, Matt Lange, Chuck Sperry and Terry Champagne. Lisa Wainwright was also in attendance.

It was moved by Chuck seconded by Denise to approve the minutes of the meeting on April 26, 2023. Motion carried.

### **PROPOSED CHANGES OF BYLAWS**

Lisa opened the discussion on updating the existing bylaws. Tom proposed we create a committee to study the bylaws and compose updates to our bylaws. Peggy noted that Jenny Borman was president the last time the bylaws were updated. There was discussion on who should have a vote, mostly centering on the voting privileges of past presidents. It was suggested the list of past presidents be posted on our website. Chuck stated we clearly need our past presidents to work our events. Tom suggested that a past president's vote could not be used to count to achieve a quorum. Sherri had copies of the Missouri and Oklahoma bylaws and she distributed these.

Peggy moved we approve the suggested changes to Article III: Section 3, Awards Chair, Article III: Section 3: Youth Director. These changes are:

Awards Committee: The awards committee shall include at least one representative from each KQHA division (Open, Amateur and Youth). This committee shall also be responsible for organizing the year-end awards for all divisions.

Article III: Section 3: Youth Director: The Youth Advisor shall serve as chair, execute, and supervise the activities of the KQHYA. They shall also serve as a link between KQHA, AQHA and the KQHYA Board. They supervise the youth activities committee which shall consist of the Youth Advisor, President of KQHA, and a minimum of three and no more than five additional adults appointed by the KQHA Board Of Directors to assist the Youth Advisor of the KQHYA. Appointed adults shall be appointed annually.

Sandy Parker seconded the motion. Motion voted on and approved.

After more discussion it was agreed we need to take a look at the wording and the suggested changes. Tom requested we form a committee to prepare changes for a vote. The committee is Lisa Wainwright, Tricia Hickey and Terry Champagne. Motion to approve by Chuck, seconded by Denise. Motion carried.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Terry reported on the balances in our accounts as follows:

General Account (10/1/23)	\$ 42,596.17
Amateur Account (9/30/23)	38,152.26
Prairie Classic (9/30/23)	382,288.55
Youth Account (9/30/23)	8,476.03
Savings Account (9/30/23)	5,053.96

Terry reported we have \$134,918 in CD's and \$85,300 of this is drawing interest at 1.55% or less. We will move these into CD's drawing interest at 5.1% for 8 months. We will pay a penalty but will recoup that penalty in 6 weeks at the new rate. The one savings account for \$5,053 will probably be closed and the money go into the General Account.

Terry reported she has met with the KQHA accountant, Mike Tanking, Holton Tax Service and discussed going forward how we can improve and simplify our financial reporting. The plan is to enter info from all our accounts into Quick Books so we can give Mike a more complete report. One of the benefits of this is we will have our finances recorded and reported from a central location with files to support each transaction. Actually this should save us substantially in Accounting fees since Mike has had to "create" our tax return from info coming from different sources.

Another change is we will require a "Request for Funds" document supported by invoices, estimates, etc. to support payments.

We received a Request for Funds from Lindsey York on behalf of the Year End Awards committee to cover the cost of the awards for 2023. Peggy noted it was possible they would need more since we have added classes from last year. It was moved by Peggy to give the awards committee \$20,000.00. Motion was seconded by Tricia and motion carried

Chuck asked where the money for awards comes from and Peggy said it comes from memberships and since we are no longer taking money from the shows for entries, we make up with money from the Prairie Classic account.

Chuck noted we need more Kansas people to work at the Prairie Classic and Peggy said we need more people taking real interest in it.

## **HOPE IN THE HEARTLAND**

Peggy reported on the Hope in the Heartland Show. The show had many "challenges" this year. On the Wednesday, the week before show, in the morning, one of the judges, Patty Campbell, called and said she would not be able to judge because she had injured

her knee. Later that day, Mark Guynn, the other judge for Thursday and Friday, called and said he had been bucked off a horse and had broken his pelvis. Peggy was able to hire Margo Ball and Gary Werner to judge. Then on Sunday evening, Sandy called and said she was very sick and probably would not be able to announce. Again, Peggy was able to secure a replacement. He was not able to announce Sunday afternoon but Sandy was able to come in for several hours to finish the show.

Peggy reported we were down about 15 stalls to 90 stalls and that we probably lost money on Hope In The Heartland. She will talk with Expocentre about the billing. She feels we are being over charged on the stalls.

#### **DON HARDER ESTATE REPORT:**

Tom Davies reported he has talked to Stan O'Neil regarding the status of the donation and suggested inviting representative from Don Harder be invited to Annual Meeting so we can recognize and thank for this donation.

Denise suggested that we nominate Robert Young as a Hall of Fame award recipient.

#### **PRAIRIE CLASSIC:**

Peggy reported plans are being finalized. Judges are hired. Same schedule as last year with approximately 10 hour days. We are not using Horse Show Tracker. We are having a website created for Prairie Classic. Sherri reported we have hired a woman who is experienced in setting up websites for large shows and the sites are designed to be exhibitor friendly.

#### **ANNUAL MEETING:**

Matt reported that the annual meeting will be held in Council Grove at the Territory Ballroom. Nicky Tiffany is the owner. Size of venue is 175 to 200. Cost is \$1200.00 a day. BOD meeting on Friday evening.

#### **HORSEBACK RIDING PROGRAM:**

Susan reported she is considering making changes to the program to try to draw more interest. Tom suggested adding money from membership to fund awards. Susan said there will be more info at next meeting.

#### **EQUIFEST:**

Will be March 14 – 17, 2024. Susan reported she and Bobbie are working on the contract through our insurance.

#### **SCHOLARSHIPS:**

Terry reported 2 scholarships have been awarded and paid: \$4,579.00 to Audrey Gerdes attending Fresno State and \$4,579.00 to Emily Stamper attending Kansas Wesleyan.

## **KANSAS HORSE COUNCIL DUAL MEMBERSHIPS:**

Terry reported she is working with Kansas Horse Council to offer dual memberships at reduced rates. The KHC will bring us a proposal on how this could be implemented and how we can handle being paid for and record memberships.

## **AQHA MEMBERSHIP DRIVE**

Terry reported AQHA has offered a code which can be used when renewing memberships to get a lower cost. \$5 off 1 year AQHYA and AQHA memberships **AQHASAVES5**; save \$10 on 3 yr membership: **AQHASAVE10**; \$100 off Lifetime memberships **AQHALIFE100**.

In addition AQHA has partnered with John Deere and will award a JD Gator to the affiliate who generates the highest percentage growth by January 31, 2024.

## **TAXES FILED:**

Terry reported our taxes have been filed. The schedule for our tax filing is they are to be filed or an extension is to be filled by May 15. This is the filing date for "Non-Profits". Mike Tanking said he automatically files for extension which makes our due date November 15. This is done to allow him more time because he usually is very busy with individual and business returns. Since we don't pay any taxes this doesn't affect our return.

## **PROCEDURE TO REQUEST FUNDS:**

Terry said that if funds are being requested, this form is to be used accompanied by documentation supporting the request such as invoices, bids, estimates etc.

## **AMATEUR REPORT:**

Mark Hickey reported plans are moving forward for the 2024 show.

## **YOUTH REPORT:**

Susan reported on behalf of Bobbie. Kansas was well represented in The Youth in Excellence Seminar by 8 youth and 3 adults. Emily Stamper was elected Region 8 director and will serve on the International Committee.

She reported we had 13 contestants at the AQHYA World show. 4 were first time exhibitors. Had some great placings, hospitality room was well stocked. More details on facebook site and newsletter.

The family of Dean Smith designated KQHYA as a memorial and we received \$1,555 in donations. We will open a designated savings account for this fund.

We need nominees for Youth Sportsmanship Award.

We will be coordinating the Equifest Judging Contest again.

2024 Fundraisers are: 50/50 raffle at annual banquet, Number sales, silent auction at amateur show, sponsorships for team members at AQHYA world and YES conference.

**NEXT MEETING TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5. Location to be determined.**

Moved by Sherri and seconded by Terry to adjourn meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Champagne, Secretary