

## KQHA BOARD MEETING, DEC. 5, 2023

Meeting of Officers and Board of Directors was called to order at 7:00 pm by Matt Lange, Vice President. Members in attendance were Tricia Hickey, Susan Tullock, Denise Thompson, Chris Champagne, Peggy Pickford, Chuck Sperry, Ryan Cole, Kelly Carlson, Brenda Salsbury, Riley Dull, Terry Champagne. Also attending the meeting was Bobbie Hinds, Lindsey York and Lisa Wainwright.

**MINUTES APPROVAL:** Chris Champagne moved the minutes of the October 18, 2023 meeting be approved. Motions seconded by Kelly Carlson. Vote taken and motion carried.

**BYLAWS:** The committee to review the bylaws consisting of Lisa Wainwright, Tricia Hickey and Terry Champagne reported they had met and copies of the proposed changes were distributed to BOD members. Lisa led the discussion. Proposal #1 is in regards to Article II Members, Meetings, Section 2 having to do with Membership Dues. There was much discussion on this and no decision was reached but this discussion did resume later in the meeting.

Proposal #2: Article III: Directors. The discussion of this proposal is centered on the voting privileges of past presidents. The concerns expressed are how many meetings can a past president miss and still retain voting privileges. It was suggested that the committee re-work the proposal and bring to the next BOD meeting.

Proposal #3 Article III: Directors. Discussion was how to enlist members to work on committees. It was suggested and met with general approval that we make lists available at our Annual meeting and Terry agreed to have lists available.

Proposals #4 through 10 are a change in the wording of these bylaws. Tricia made motion, seconded by Denise that we clean up the wording of these bylaws. Motion carried.

**MEMBERSHIP FEES:** Chris Champagne again expressed concern of the membership fees and after much discussion motion was made by Ryan Cole to change the membership fees to \$20.00 for individual and \$60.00 for family. Peggy Pickford seconded and motion carried.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Terry distributed list of account balances at this time:

General Account	\$50,150.74
Amateur Account	38,152.26
Prairie Classic	377,074.95
Youth Account	8,366.91

Savings Account was closed Oct. 30. 2023 in amount of \$5,053.96 transferred into General Account

She also explained a proposal for the association to initiate use of a “sweep” or “flush” account. She distributed a written explanation of how this works. Basically a “floor” amount is chosen. For instance \$10,000.00 could be the designated floor amount. At the end of a business day, any amount that would be swept into an interest bearing account. Should checks come in the next business day, the amount needed to cash those checks would be “swept” back into the account to pay those checks. The current rate available for this account is 1.25%. With the amount being held in the Prairie Classic account, there is a significant amount which is not protected by FDIC insurance since the limit on FDIC coverage is \$250,000. By using this “sweep” account we will protect the entire amount since it will be transferred to another bank.

Terry also suggested that after we have the Prairie Classic Show in February, 2024, if we have another financially successful show, we invest in Certificates of Deposit.

**2024 SHOWS, WESTERN KS SHOW MANAGEMENT:** Ryan Cole reported that there would be Versatility Classes only at the Cowboy Classic show February 24—25. He said there would not be roping at this show and the Ranching Heritage is in question.

The Way Out West show, July 19 – 21, will be Ranching Heritage. He also reported that the Cottonwood Classic and the Salt City Circuit shows will have “all around” classes. He said they are looking into other possible locations.

**HOPE IN THE HEARTLAND REPORT:** Peggy reported she has obtained AQHA approval of the show dates of Sept. 26—29, 2024. She said we will be running up against the show in Lincoln again. She has been attempting to get a contract from the Stormont Vail Event Center but because the manager, Lauren Moore, has accepted a job at OKC Fairgrounds, she has had no reply. She is looking also for a manager and announcer. She has one judge, Mark Gwynn, hired.

She reported we lost approximately \$8,700 on the 2023 Hope in the Heartland mostly due to the increased costs for workers..

**PRAIRIE CLASSIC:** Peggy reported the new website “www.prairieclassic.com” is up and running and being well received. She said we basically have the main schedule as last year.

**ANNUAL MEETING:** Matt reported the cost of meal quoted by Hays House in Council Grove is approximately \$15 to \$17 a plate.

Matt has planned BOD meeting on Friday evening, February 16, at 6:00 PM. There will be a social hour hosted by the KQHA from 7:00 to 11:00 pm. Saturday, February 17, there will be coffee and doughnuts at 8:30 am with the Youth meeting beginning at 9:00 am followed by a Youth Activity at 10:00 am. The Amateur meeting will begin at 10:30 am.

The lunch and general meeting will be followed at noon.

Discussion of what to charge for the lunch followed and Ryan made motion we charge \$10.00 per meal ticket. Kellie seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**HORSEBACK RIDING PROGRAM:** Susan said she needed the horseback riding log sheets by January 7, 2024. She is working to revamp the program. She also reported the AQHA Horseback Riding program is looking into adding some possibilities for handicapped riders and also veterans to participate in the program.

**EQUIFEST:** Bobbie reported the Kansas Horse Council wants KQHA to sponsor the 4-H horse judging contest back to Equifest. She said we need horses for the program because Susan and Denise will be at the AQHA national convention. Lisa and Bobbie will work the judging contest. Ryan said he would bring horses if he could but he may have conflicts. Bobbie said we will require Equifest provide the stalls for the horses used. They are working on the overall cost to KQHA. They plan to use the liability insurance offered through the Kansas Horse Council Equifest policy.

**AMATEUR REPORT:** Lindsey reported they are working on the Celebrating Kansas show and awards. They do not plan to offer circuit awards.

**YOUTH REPORT:** Bobbie reported she and Susan are working on drawing in new youth and they have 4 possible new members.

**SECRETARY REPORT:** Terry reported she met with our Accountant on Dec. 1 to consolidate all our account reporting in our Quick Books. She said this could give us benefits in doing some budgeting of upcoming expenses and using this information to determine if we need to raise (or lower) membership fees, look for sponsorship money etc. She also reported that the IRS is changing how they want 1099's filed and our accountant believes we will be able to do this from an excel spreadsheet. Terry is hopeful this will save us accounting fees.

**AWARDS COMMITTEE:** Lindsey reported all award recipients have been notified of their awards and have been given information on what awards are available. She said she believes she has received replies from at least 30% of the recipients. She believes they will come in under budget.

Chris said they are offering a lot of prizes which have KQHA logo and wording to promote KQHA.

Discussion on whether to offer "Gift Cards" was held but it was decided to not because it is best to offer standardized awards which can help promote KQHA.

**CLARIFICATION OF RULES FOR WINNING YEAR END AWARD:** Peggy said in order to win a year end award, the requirement is to show 2 weekends and 6 judges. It worked out this year that there were only roughly 30% of shows available due to show schedule.

Ryan moved we include the Oklahoma Spring Show at Tulsa and the American Royal show in our point system. Peggy seconded and the motion carried.

**USE OF STANDARDIZED KQHA E-MAIL ACCOUNTS:** Peggy said we need to be using the standardized e-mail accounts to insure continuity. Terry said she is having trouble because of the limitations she has on internet service in her location. Terry has checked with Verizon and a couple other carriers but the area is limited and she has to use her phone "hot spot" to get on the internet. She is looking into doing what is possible.

**K-STATE GROUNDBREAKING:** Terry distributed the e-mail invitation for the ground breaking celebration to be held December 15, 2023, 11:30 AM. It was also noted that the RSVP is Friday, December 8.

**NEW BOARD MEMBERS:** Chuck said Terry needed to be replaced since she is now the Secretary and Terry said her term is up in January. Ryan said he has talked with Jamieson Gross about maybe coming on the board and he is interested.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Peggy moved we adjourn the meeting and Chris seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Champagne, Secretary