

KANSAS QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – APRIL 26, 2023

Meeting of the KQHA Board of Directors was called to order on April 26, 2023 by President Tom Davies at 6:30 pm. Meeting was held in the Blue Moose restaurant in Topeka, Kansas. Members present were: Matt Lange, Sherri Tearney, Riley Dull, Susan Tullock, Ryan Cole, Bobbie Hinds, Mark Hinds, Sandy Parker, Tom Craun, Peggy Pickford, Denise Thompson, Terry Champagne, Lindsey York, Brenda Salisbury, Chris Champagne and Chuck Sperry.

DON HARDER ESTATE: Tom reported on the status of the donation being made to the KQHA scholarship fund by the Don Harder Estate. This donation will be from the proceeds of the sale of real estate which is being auctioned in June, 2023. The amount bequeathed to the KQHA scholarship fund will be \$100,000.00. There is a possibility the family of Mr. Harder will contest this donation. It was noted that Mr. Harder was a longtime member of KQHA and enjoyed showing halter horses. He also had previously funded scholarships. Tom said he will meet with Stan O’Neal to discuss how this will affect the scholarship fund and the method of disbursing scholarships from the fund.

DOTTIE KESTER: Peggy reported Dottie is struggling with a life-threatening condition. Dottie has hoped to be able to continue with her work for KQHA. Peggy has been checking and keeping up with mail. Sherri has also been helping maintain payment of bills and working on tax filing and an extension has been filed.

The duties of the office were listed and these include paying bills, maintaining and checking the post office box, maintaining the financial records and filing taxes, working with Peggy to keep the horse show points, maintain an accurate and current membership list; file the non-profit status documentation with the State of Kansas and keep the minutes of the meetings. Tom also read the requirements of the Secretary position as described in the Bylaws.

The need for a surety bond was discussed and Peggy commented the cost was at least \$1,200.00.

Terry Champagne was mentioned as a possible candidate. Terry acknowledged she is interested and handed a letter to the board members listing her experience and qualifications. It was generally agreed to wait for now and see if Dottie can continue. It was agreed that the Finance Committee would be responsible for looking for a replacement for Dottie if necessary.

Ryan Cole made a motion for the Finance Committee to begin exploring for candidates for the Secretary’s position. Peggy seconded. It was noted the Finance Committee is comprised of Sherri, Peggy, Mark and Tom Davies.

Ryan amended his motion to include a 30 day time frame for the search. Seconded by Peggy. Tom restated the motion: so moved that the Finance Committee begin a search for qualified candidates to serve as Secretary of KQHA and search shall be completed within 30 days. Motion was seconded by Peggy. Motion voted on and carried.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT UPDATE: Matt has made committee assignments based on those who have expressed interest and those assignments are as follows:

AMATEUR: Chairperson: Lindsey York, KAQHA President, Chris Champagne, Riley Dull and Amateur Board (as needed).

SHOW & CONTEST: (Chairperson TBD), Sherri Tearney, Tricia Hickey, Ryan Cole, Matt Lange, Susan Tullock, Peggy Pickford, Sandy Parker, Terry Champagne, Tom Craun

MEMBERSHIP: (Chairperson TBD) Susan Tullock, (Secretary ?)

MEDIA: Chairperson: Bobbie Hinds (website/facebook page), Ryan Cole, Heidi Lange, Mark Hinds, Terry Champagne

FINANCE: (Chairperson TBD) Sherri Tearney, Peggy Pickford, Mark Hinds, Tom Davies

MEMORIAL/SCHOLARSHIP: (Chairperson TBD) Roberta Jae, Stan O'Neal

ANNUAL MEETING: (Chairperson TBD) Matt Lange, Denise Thompson, Susan Tullock, Ryan Cole

AWARDS: (Chairperson TBD) Bobbie Hinds, Lisa Wainwright, Lindsey York, Chandry Nelson, Chris Champagne

YOUTH DIRECTOR: Youth Director – Bobbie Hinds, President-Tom Davies, Angela Dailey, Jenny Bormann, Denise Thompson, Ryan Cole, Susan Tullock, Caleigh Iwanski, Carolyn Champagne

HOPE IN THE HEARTLAND: Peggy reported the judges for the Hope in the Heartland show have been hired and they are: Jeff Allen, Bobbie Jo Stanton, Patty Campbell, and Mark Guynn.

She also reported we need a secretary to run the office because Ashley Kanaman has taken a full-time job elsewhere and is no longer available to work our shows. Ryan suggested Cori Davis, saying she does a good job at the shows Sue Nickel puts on.

Peggy has ring stewards as well and she has sent a proposed schedule of events to the Show and Contest Committee members and she wants to have a meeting of that committee to firm up all of the show arrangements. She is working to keep the show schedule to be able to complete the classes in 11 hour days.

PRAIRIE CLASSIC: Peggy reported we had another good year with the show and she provided Profit and Loss statements which are included with these minutes. General comments were entries were up and we attracted new participants. Peggy said that

after the Redbud show is over in June, she will meet with Jackie Krschka to look at possible judges for next year. The show application and judges' contracts must be finalized by October 1. She also said the Oklahoma State Fairgrounds is raising rent and this will probably require we increase the entry fees.

Sherri reported we had many good comments from the participants. Brenda also said she had handed out the gift cards good at Charleston's restaurant as "thank you's" to sponsors and "they loved it".

AMATEUR MEMBER ENRICHMENT: Discussion of the need for this and Chris made motion to give \$5,000.00 to Amateur Member Enrichment. Motion seconded by Ryan Cole, vote taken and motion carried.

YOUTH YES SPONSORSHIP: Bobbie reported we have 8 youth participants committed to attend the YES conference with a possibility of 2 more. Because of the number of participants going she is requesting \$4,000.00 from the general fund to help with expenses because she thinks she needs 2 vans. Susan Tullock will assist and will also drive one of the vans. The attendees are Clara Banks, Emily Stamper, Aubrey Gerdes, Mandy Wainwright, Jenna Henskensiefken, Hudson Lange, Jake Huston, Logan Hickey, Gus Wainwright. She also noted that Emily Stamper is candidate for Region 8 Director.

Motion made by Chris Champagne and seconded by Denise Thompson to give the youth group \$4,000.00 to help with expenses for the YES conference.

INSURANCE FOR KQHYA EVENTS: Sherri inquired about insurance coverage when KQHYA is transporting these participants and Bobbie said it is covered in the rental agreement of the van.

CENTRALIZED E-MAIL ADDRESS/CONSTANT CONTACT SYSTEM The possibility that this is a communication system KQHA should develop was discussed. No decisions were made and there were no motions. Further discussion may follow in future board meetings.

STANDARDIZATION OF AWARDS: There was discussion of the standardization of awards for Open, Amateur and Youth divisions. The selection of prizes was discussed and Sandy suggested we need to "shop local". Ryan commented the Awards Committee definitely needs to look into "standardizing" awards.

Discussion followed on the \$1.00 charge per entry the affiliate shows pay. Sherri stated we need to suspend this charge because it is an expense for the shows and will affect their profits. We want them to continue to be affiliates and do not want to make it even more difficult for them to be profitable. She noted that the American Royal show has agreed to this but in thinking about the future, it might be better to discontinue this. She also said that we have \$7,000.00 from the Prairie Classic entries going into the Awards fund.

Sherri made motion to suspend the \$1.00 charge paid to KQHA for year end awards that we receive from approved affiliate shows with the exception of the Prairie Classic. Chris seconded. Motion carried.

HORSEBACK RIDING PROGRAM UPDATE: Susan reported the KQHA Horseback Riding Program is affiliated with the AQHA Horseback riding program and will award a prize to the top riders in our state. Our contest runs from May 1 to December 15 to get new members signed up. We will have to “opt in” and there is an opportunity to win a \$6,000.00 voucher for a Billy Cook saddle.

EQUIFEST OF KANSAS: Bobbie reported that the judging contest had 69 entries, up by 15 from the previous year. She thanked Ryan, Denise and Abby Wimer for providing horses. She said it took 21 volunteers to put on the contest. The Horse Council was very happy with the turnout and interest. She said we gained 6 new members and also got 2 new youth members who will be going to AQHYA World show to judge. In general, it was considered a “good outreach”.

AMATEUR SHOW REPORT: Lindsey reported it was a successful show and she had deposited \$52,000.00 in the bank that day. She did report the Kansas State Fairgrounds continues to be difficult to work with. It was discussed if it would be possible to get the use of a tractor from an outside source to use. It costs the show \$80.00 a drag and besides that, it is difficult to schedule the drags at the times needed. Various suggestions were given on how best to handle this problem.

She said that in general the show went well and had entries from out of state including Oklahoma, Colorado and many good horses were shown. The contestants appreciated the breakfast and the pizza party was a big hit as well. She said she needed more volunteers and it was hard to get people there to help. The dates for next year’s show of May 3 – 5, 2024 have been confirmed.

STRATEGIC PLAN: Tom Davies distributed a paper he had received at a meeting he attended for the American Royal. This is a plan to create a mission statement and a vision for where the American Royal wants to be in 5 years. He said this plan would be a possibility to help create a plan for where we want KQHA to be in 5 years. A committee composed of Tom Davies, Sherri, Tom Craun, Brenda and Ryan was formed and they will come up with a format to create a plan for where we want KQHA to be in the future and suggestions of what we need to do to achieve those goals.

EXPENDITURE RECEIPTS FROM 2022: Sherri expressed a concern that Bobbie has not submitted receipts for expenditures made in 2022 despite numerous requests from Dottie and Tom. She explained receipts for expenditures are necessary to support our financial statements and tax filings. The discussion was joined by Brenda who also expressed concern. Bobbie said she would turn in the receipts within the next week.

Sherri also noted she does have the KQHA checkbook if we have expenses to be paid.
Tom called for meeting to be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Terry Champagne