

BOARD OF DIRECTOR MINUTES, OCT. 24, 2024

Meeting of Officers and Board of Directors of Kansas Quarter Horse Association was called to order at 7:30 pm on October 24, 2024. Meeting was held in Pottorf Hall in Cico Park in Manhattan, Kansas. Before the meeting Justine Staten, Kansas Horse Council, gave a presentation about the KHC and the projects and events it is involved in. Also, Bobbie Hinds introduced Paige Soper who wishes to represent KQHA as a Quarter Horse Congress Queen candidate in 2025.

Members attending the meeting were Matt Lange, Ryan Cole, Mark Hickey, Trisha Hickey, Lisa Wainwright, Denise Thompson, Sandy Parker, Peggy Pickford, Sherri Tearney, Jenny Bormann, Susan Tullock and Chuck Sperry.

Minutes of the February 16, 2024 meeting and February 17, 2024 meetings have been distributed to the BOD and posted. Motion to approve minutes made by Lisa, seconded by Sandy. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the monthly financial reports was made by Ryan and seconded by Jenny.

Motion was made by Ryan, seconded by Trisha to allow Paige Soper to represent as the Congress Queen nominee from KQHA. At this time, no funds were allocated. Motion carried.

ANNUAL MEETING: Lisa reported that arrangements have been made for the 2025 KQHA annual meeting to be held on February 1, 2025 in Council Grove at the Territory Ball room. The annual meeting committee is Lisa, Heidi Lange, Matt and Kellie.

YEAR END AWARDS COMMITTEE: Lisa reported that the Awards Committee is working on ordering the awards and they are requesting \$25,000.00. Discussion followed as to how many placings we should award. Sandy moved, Trisha seconded to give awards 1st to 5th place. Motion carried. Discussion followed on whether to give awards to “unqualified” winners. Peggy was instructed to take out “unqualified winners” from the final year end awards list.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: Terry reported we have received a list from AQHA of AQHA members who may not be KQHA members. Susan said she wants to work on contacting those people to invite them to join KQHA.

Terry requested stationary be made available as she writes quite a few letters. Sandy moved to have stationary and business cards made available. Ryan seconded and motion carried.

SHOW AND CONTEST COMMITTEE:

PRAIRIE CLASSIC: Peggy reported arrangements for Prairie Classic are proceeding well.

HOPE IN THE HEARTLAND: Terry reported we lost \$8,000.00 and she distributed a report Breaking down the income and expenses. She reported that the Expocentre will raise its stall fees from \$21.00 per stall per night to \$25.00. She also reported that the Expocentre staff had worked well with us on the stall count and provided support and assistance as needed. She suggested we raise stall fees to \$150 for the weekend in 2025 and leave the all Weekend fee at \$395.00 but the all weekend fee will **exclude** stall fees, AQHA administration fees, sweepstakes and invitational events entry feed and cattle fee. She also suggested raising the Office charge from \$15.00 per horse to \$20.00 per horse. She suggested leaving the entry fees at \$15.00 per judge per class. She projects that the increase in stall fees plus excluding it from the all weekend fee will pay most of the charge from the Expoentre for the facility. Regarding the cattle fee, next year we will have to be sure the fee charged will cover the charge for the cattle as well as any hauling charge.

THE TRADITION: Ryan reported The Tradition had gained a lot of interest and we plan to continue. He is looking into possibly working with the Amateurs and having some sort of qualifying event at the Celebrating Kansas show. He would also still like to include some for the invitational concept. He plans to stay with the 3 classes used this year. It was agreed to keep the other sweepstakes classes.

Terry said we need to get some sponsors to cover the \$3,000 added money we add to the sweepstakes and The Tradition and other additional prizes and awards. She said her goal is to raise \$5,000.00 in sponsorships.

AMATEUR COMMITTEE: Lisa said plans are going well for the Celebrating Kanas show in 2025. The show will be held at the Expocentre in Topeka. Lara Mueller has been hired as show secretary.

YOUTH COMMITTEE: Bobbie reported on the following:
Equifest Judging Contest:

Increased entries over previous years

The State 4-H contest was held with ours due to the construction on campus. They would like to coordinate with us again in 2025 to host the contest.

Jamie Gross was our official judge and he provided reasons for the classes judged

Members of the Colby Equestrian Team assisted with the contest including taking reasons

Guest speakers before the awards included Kelsey Nordyke with Kansas 4-H, Emily Stamper shared her experience as a Region 8 director, IEA director Jennifer Eaton spoke about IEA opportunities, and members of the Colby Equestrian Team.

Youth Excellence Seminar:

Attendees: Jake Huston, Logan Hickey, Emily Stamper, Hudson Lange, Sarah Day, Natalie Bramblett Ashlynn King, and Zanah Hanon; Jake, Logan, Emily and Ashlynn served as voting delegates for Region 8 directors and the national officer team.

Adults accompanying were Bobbie Hinds, Denise Thompson, Marki Huston and Elizabeth Stamper

Emily finished her year as a Region 8 director, and she served on the international Committee

Jake and Zanah were elected to Region 8 director positions

Thank you to Denise, Marki & Elizabeth who joined Bobbie in preparing Zake and Zanah for their interviews speeches and impromptu questions. The growth demonstrated by both between the coaching session and the process of running for director was immense and exactly why we encourage our youth to seek leadership positions

Youth World Show:

17 youth met the national or state qualifying requirements and 13 youth showed. Of the 13, 6 were first-time YWS exhibitors

Notable results:

Lexi Wooten, bronze in L3 barrels

Bayleigh Shneider, reserve world champion L2 cutting and 4th in L3 cutting

Many top 10 and finalists in L2 & L3 classes

We were 2nd in Division 2 stall decorating

The Kansas 4-H judging team was reserve national champions in the new jjunior division. KQHYA members Ashlynn King and Kate Bormann were members of the team and Kate earning the world champion junior division title And winning the performance placings division and Ashlynn was 6th overall, KQHYA member Luke Bormann was 4th overall in the novice division.

Finances

Youth did outstanding job seeking sponsorship and silent auction was successful

Youth committee chose to pay for all tack and feed stalls at a cost of \$1,845.00

Current balance in youth account \$5,228.53

Outstanding: Morris County Care & Share Donation of \$55 and KQHA Equifest reimbursement of \$351.48

Ending balance \$5,525.01

Youth Protection Training:

I think it would be in our best interest to explore a youth protection training program such as Safe Gatherings for those of us chaperoning youth to events

Safe Gatherings is used by the United Methodist Church and many other organizations to provide youth protection training. The cost does vary.

The program includes electronic reference checks, background checks and an online training course.

Terry noted that the youth advisors and chaperones need to be aware that we do not have and cannot obtain insurance to cover the youth and adults when they attend these meetings so we must have liability release forms on file. Bobbie said she has releases and Terry requested copies in the future.

AQHA YOUTH COMMITTEE REPORT:

Denise reported on the AQHA Youth Committee meetings. She is a member of the AQHA Youth Advisor Task Force. She has evaluated 27 youth applications. She provided a copy of the minutes from the task force meeting and a copy of this is included with these minutes.

HORSEBACK RIDING PROGRAM: Susan said she is looking for ideas to increase interest in the program. She is working to keep it in line with the AQHA program. Ryan suggested she set up a social media page on Facebook to reach out to more people.

WEBSITE AND MEDIA: Bobbie reported the website is going well and she would like more photos to post.

Terry said we will send our semi-annual newsletter out the first week in December and said the deadline for news and articles to be included is November 15.

GUN RAFFLE: Terry reported the design on the gun will be the AQHA design on one side of the stock and on the other it will have the KQHA logo and say "KQHA – 75 years of

Tradition". We hope to have the gun to display at the annual meeting and begin selling tickets there. We would have the drawing for the gun during the Hope In The Heartland show. It as suggested we sell tickets at \$5.00 each with 6 for \$25.00. The gun cost is \$1,500.00.

Terry reported we have the "Most Valuable Professional" award for Mark Gratny approved and we will have the plaque in time to present at the annual meeting.

Committee sign ups were discussed and it was discussed to get committees formed and have short meetings during the Annual Meeting.

Terry shared a copy of a letter received from Alan Hinds regarding regulatory change which could affect how shows operate. A copy of the letter is included.

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Directors going off the end of 2024 are Ryan Cole (who will stay on for another term as he is vice president), Susan Tullock, Tricia Hickey and Kellie Carlson.

Motion to adjourn made by Jenny, seconded by Sherri, motion carried.