

KQHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Minutes of the Meeting

March 1, 2022

Board Members on line: Tom Davies, President; Terry Champagne, Chandry Nelson; Craig Cole; Kelly Gratny-Carlson; Susan Tullock; Ryan Cole; Denise Thompson; Chuck Sperry; Brenda Salsbury; Tricia Hickey; Peggy Pickford; Mark Hinds; Jenny Bormann; Bobbie Hinds; Matt Lange; Sherri Tearney; Sandy Bryant.

Others on line: Jackie Krshka, Dotty Kester.

Meeting was called to order at 7:31 p.m.

Item #2 on the Agenda is a report by Jackie Krshka on the Prairie Classic that was held in February. The final wrap up has been sent to the Show Committee along with a P & L. Jackie gave an overview of the show stating that entries were up by 708 and NSBA entries were up 624. Total revenue from the show was up from \$272,073 in 2021 to \$308,222 in 2022. Expenses were up from \$186,455 to \$198,589 for the same periods. This does exclude the Show Coordinator expense and reflects an increase in AQHA drug fees and NSBA sanction fees due to the increased entries as well as contract labor. No clients had to be billed following the event and only one invoice is to be collected which is a sponsorship from the OK City Convention and Visitors Bureau. The decision to eliminate the hunter classes did not show a negative impact on the profit and seemed to be the correct decision. Replacing these classes with Level 1 Ranch Riding and Ranch Trail was beneficial along with Level 1 Amateur Select Classes. These were very well received. Total Profit for the Prairie Classic is \$94,856.18. Jackie reminded the Board that this show is weather dependent, and it can be a challenge at this time of year. This was a GOOD year. We should keep in mind that keeping reserves for that year when the weather does not cooperate is of vital importance.

Next an update was received from Board members who attended the AQHA Convention. Among issues reported on were:

- Amateurs being paid or receiving remuneration, either directly or indirectly, for giving riding lessons, was not passed and sent forward for further review.
- Not allowing Youth to exhibit stallions in individual performance classes was passed.
- AQHA Youth Championship Show will recognize an all-around for 13 and under and 14-18 divisions going forward. Level 3 only at this time.
- Youth member ages will be defined by year of birth (January 1 thru December 31)
- Discussion of more youth programs being developed.

- It was reported that the Horseback Riding program is defined as anyone who does anything with a horse except for everyday cleaning activities.
- AQHA is a year behind on ET and some policies may not be instituted for at least a year and will be worked on according to priority.
- Changes in the Leveling Program have been made providing clarification in the language.

SHOW COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

The youth horse show will not be held this year due to several events which includes the number of shows that are being held within close proximity to Topeka on those dates or the weekend prior, and many other factors.

Due to this, the Board engaged in a detailed conversation regarding qualifying shows for the Youth.

An offer from Jackie Krshka and the OQHA to provide the Oklahoma Spring Show in Tulsa as a Kansas/Youth qualifying show was discussed. It was actually only discussed with them as for the Youth but Jackie already announced it for Kansas and with our relationship it was decided that we should proceed to keep relations good. There was also a motion by Sherri Tearney to provide a \$500 sponsorship to the OQHA Spring Show, it was seconded by Denise Thompson. Motion Carried.

Along with the discussion of Tulsa and the OQHA Spring Show was the discussion of asking Nebraska and Carthage if we could use their shows as Youth qualifying shows. This discussion did not yield a motion and President Davies requested clarification of this: it was decided that no motion was needed as there was not interest in including Nebraska or Carthage as qualifying shows.

Another idea that resulted in a motion was to make the Amateur Show in Hutchinson, KS, May 6 through 8, a double point show. There are three judges each day. The Youth will be holding their Auction at this show as well. This motion was made by Sherri Tearney and seconded by Denise Thompson for the Amateur Show to count as double points for all KQHA members. Motion passed.

Terry Champagne contributed an email that she composed. It had ideas of how to make KQHA a better, more welcoming organization to its members and others who show at its shows. We discussed it at length, with some really great input from the Board. There will be more to come on this. From this, a committee will be formed to concentrated on appreciation and marketing of our great organization.

A motion was made to adjourn by Chuck Sperry and seconded by Denise Thompson, the meeting was adjourned at 9:01 pm.