

KQHA Board of Directors Meeting, January 14, 2022

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. via on-line conference call.

Present: Mark Hinds, President; Sherri Tearney; Brenda Salsbury; Chandry Nelson; Bobbie Hinds; Ryan Cole; Matt Lange; Mark Gratny; Stan O'Neil; Peggy Pickford; Jenny Bormann; Tom Davies; Terry Champagne.

Others on line: Susan Tullock, Alan Hinds, Lindsey York, Dotty Kester.

Motion was made by Peggy Pickford and seconded by Brenda Salsbury to approve the minutes of the June 30, 2021, Board of Directors meeting as written. Motion carried.

Stan O'Neil reported on the Scholarship Fund: current balance of \$71,260; received one donation of \$2,000 this year from KQHA; three applicants—Kaitlyn Champagne, Bryanna Riley, Jodi Banks. Each of the applicants received a total of \$2410 + \$495=\$2,905. It is estimated that there may be nine applicants for the funds in 2022. Peggy reported that the scholarship fund may be receiving a bequest from a former KQHA member.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Finance. Tom Davies reported on the current finances: Ended the year of 2021 amount was \$456,650: Youth has \$16,987 (checking and CD); KQHA has \$142,774.51 (checking and CD's); KQHA has \$50,592.87 (checking and CD's); Prairie Classic has \$246,295.76 balance as end of 2021. Youth had a net income of 2,831.30; KQHA had a net loss of -\$10,585.96; Amateurs' profit \$5,255.83.
- Show and Contest
 - Prairie Classic. Prairie Classic show was again successful having a profit of \$52,348.00 after all expenses were paid. There will be no fence classes this year due to decline in entries and the expenses that would have to be incurred in having these classes. Added regular AQHA Ranch Trail Classes. Youth classes will be moved to weekend except for halter and showmanship which will be held on Friday and show to all six judges. Have increased the number of all arounds to be presented. Ashley Kanaman will again be the show secretary this year.
 - Let It Ride (April) One of the things that will be tried is to come up with a format that is inexpensive and will give local and inexperienced exhibitors the opportunity to show and see what AQHA is about. Open type classes will be included in the regular show along with AQHA classes. Looking at including clinics on one day and then holding the classes the next to use what was learned.
 - Celebrating Kansas. Chandry discussed the show stating that there was a total of 72 horses, net income from the show was \$5,920.34. This year Ashley Kanaman will be show manager and has been helpful in offering possibilities on how to grow the show. Show will be May 6-8, Friday, Sat-Sunday show with later start times, but will have VRH on Friday and the remainder on Sat-Sunday. Show to three judges, Jeff Allen and Bobby Jo Stanton and the third one to be determined. Cattle cost will be \$40 a head/run with no mileage charged.
 - Hope in the Heartland. Show was successful making a profit of \$1400 with an outstanding check still to be collected. Will keep working on making this successful.

Sanction Shows.

Sanction Shows include the:

- Cottonwood Classic Moved to Mid-May (Hutchinson),
- Salt City Circuit (Hutchinson),
- PHEK AQHA Shows (Salina).
- There is a new show this year in Lyons, the Cowboy Classic.
- Possibles include: KBHA Sunflower Circuit (Topeka) and the Kansas State Fair VRH show (Hutchinson).
- KQHA owned shows will include the Prairie Classic, Celebrating Kansas, Let It Ride, Hope in the Heartland.

- National Directors.

- Alan reported the convention will be held this year in Las Vegas and there be reduced fees that will be offered to 18-35 year old group.
- Susan reported on the recreation riding group.
- Sherri reported that the Leveling Committee has not met since last year. It is thought this will be the way to continue to maintain membership and will be working on revamping levels in order to maintain memberships.
- Phil Tearney will be running for national director this year.

- Media. Revamping the web page process is going well. Facebook is getting good exposure in regard to Prairie Classic. Talked about posting old pictures along with stories on former members on Facebook.

- Annual Meeting and Banquet. Unfortunately, the in-person meetings and gathering had to be cancelled due to weather concerns. All of the prizes will be shipped as soon as possible. KQHA was charged \$1,800 for expenses incurred by the hotel in beginning meal preparation, which is half of what it would have cost for the meals. The hotel was very good to work with and generous in this regard.

- Amateur Report

Chandry presented the Amateur report reviewing the prizes that were selected. Was able to get gift cards according to interests. No new election of officers until next year.

- Youth Report

Alexa Gerdes is serving as Region 8 director with another youth interested in running this year. Had a good world show with a good group of families to work with. Youth meeting will be conducted virtually, probably sometime in the next week.

- New Business

Outgoing KQHA Directors for term are Ryan Cole, Paula Pray, Kelli Case, Rachel Kruse. Ryan is only one interested in running again. Will be looking for nominations. Suggestions currently include: Tom Craun, Dedra Moran, Tricia Hickey, Susan Tullock, Kelly Gratny-Carlson, Ryan Cole

Those who are interested in running for Vice President of KQHA currently are: Hope Hall, Matt Lange

Discussed a donation being made to the KLA Wildfire Relief Fund of \$2,000. After considerable discussion, a suggestion was made to refer this item to the Finance Committee for further consideration.

Discussion ensued on the scholarship fund in which it was pointed out that the KQHA Scholarships are governed by a foundation and separate from KQHA.

Susan Tullock was nominated and selected to be Open Volunteer of the Year. Brenda moved that nominations cease. Seconded by Matt. Motion carried.

Mark Gratny updated the association on KSU equine program and progress being made on the rodeo facilities and the possibility of building a coliseum.

General membership meeting will be held at 7 PM on Zoom (1/15/22) with Amateurs meeting at 10:00 AM.

- Adjournment.
Motion was made to adjourn. Seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.