

Wyoming Quarter Horse Association

Board Meeting Minutes

December 12, 2020

This was a Zoom meeting due to Covid-19 and the cancellation of our planned annual banquet and in-person convention.

Attendees included: Adair Walker (President), Debbie Unrein (Vice President), Nicole Ballenger (Board member), Linda Henderson (Board Member), Kristin Lyons* (Board member and Treasurer), Lisa Young (Board Member and Secretary), AnneMarie Johnson (CONQHA representative), Stuart Thompson (National Director, Show Committee), and Susan Nelson (WQHA Member)

*Kristin did not have audio so Debbie presented the Treasurer's report

The Association has nine Board members. Six were in attendance, making a quorum for voting.

1. Call to Order

Some attendees had technical issues accessing Zoom that needed to be resolved before the meeting could be called to order. President Adair Walker called the meeting to order at 10:30 am.

2. Reading of the Minutes from 2019 Board Meeting

The minutes were unavailable and so the reading of the minutes was tabled until the General Meeting. No one could recall having any objections or corrections to the 2019 Board meeting minutes.

3. Ongoing Business

a. Treasurer's Report

Debbie Unrein presented the financial report. The checking account currently has a balance of \$50,507.57. We owe AnneMarie Johnson \$4,089 for award expenses. Once this amount is included there will be a checking account balance of \$46,418.12.

The association started the year with a balance of \$22,734 and brought in \$27,773 in show income (from the combined Douglas show), resulting in the current checking account balance of \$50,507. This is the largest balance the association has ever had.

Debbie noted that on the profit-loss statement, the stipends paid to the Secretary and Treasurer need to be reversed. The Secretary was paid \$200 and the Treasurer was paid \$300.

Also, revenue needs to be reduced by \$40 to reflect a correction to the Youth World Show expenses. AnnMarie Johnson provided an explanation.

Stuart moved to accept the Treasurer's report. Linda seconded. The motion carried.

b. 2020 Awards Report

AnneMarie presented the awards report. We had budgeted \$8,620 for year-end awards and AnneMarie spent \$8,608.45, for a savings of \$12. This included two memberships for Molly Adair and her mother, because they underspent their award designation.

The report prompted a discussion of whether adult children must have a separate membership, or whether they can be included in a family/household membership. Adair noted WQHA membership rules are defined by AQHA, which requires a separate membership for adult children. We need to make sure our policy is being applied consistently.

c. Rule Clarification for All- Around and High -Point Year End Awards

In the past, WQHA considered all-around and high-point awards to be the same thing. As of this year, we've had two separate categories, the distinction being that those receiving all-around awards must also show in a halter class. [An open all-around award currently requires the exhibitor to show in a halter class and three performance categories. We agreed this should be changed to a halter class and two performance categories.] The motivation was to provide more award opportunities for more exhibitors. Adair expressed concern that the same people may be winning both awards, thus defeating the purpose of having two separate categories.

One solution proposed was that exhibitors must declare up front, at the time of submitting their membership, which award they are going for, all around or high point. This would require ensuring that all members have a declaration form prior to the show. Another possibility suggested was that exhibitors could choose one or the other category, following the show.

After considerable discussion, Nicole moved to change the rules to require an up-front declaration. Stuart seconded, but asked for discussion. Following discussion, the motion was defeated. AnneMarie moved we leave the rule as is for now, and that we revisit it next year. She noted it wasn't typically the case this year that the same people received both awards. Stuart seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

d. Approval of Affiliate Agreement

Adair proposed that we continue our affiliate agreement with AQHA. In order to be the state affiliate for Wyoming, WQHA must follow AQHA rules.

The Board voted to continue the agreement.

e. WQHA representation to Regional Committee

Discussion was postponed for General Meeting.

f. and g. Resignations of Secretary and Treasurer

Lisa Young and Kristin Lyons have resigned these posts due to other commitments. Adair noted the Secretary position can be appointed by the Board. Adair moved that Nicole Ballenger be appointed Secretary. Nicole accepted the nomination, Lisa seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

The Board agreed that Lisa Young could continue as point secretary, which she would like to do.

Adair noted the Treasurer position must be voted on by the Board, and that the Treasurer must be an association member but need not be a Board member. Nicole nominated Susan Nelson. Susan accepted the nomination. Stuart seconded the nomination.

At this point, Debbie noted that our bylaws say that either the Secretary or Treasurer must live in Wyoming in order to provide a Wyoming address for the association. Neither Nicole nor Susan live in Wyoming. Adair then recommended we find an "agent" in Wyoming, e.g. an attorney, who would charge only a nominal amount, e.g. \$100, to serve as the official address for the association. Adair moved to change the bylaws from "the Secretary or Treasurer" to "the selected agent" must have a Wyoming address. She moved this change be a housekeeping amendment for this coming year, and be addressed formally at the 2021 general meeting. The motion was seconded and the motion carried.

The board then voted on Susan's nomination, and the motion carried. Susan will serve as Treasurer for a term of one year (2021-2021).

h. Approval of Wrangler as official print publication

Linda moved we continue using the Wrangler as the association's official print publication. Nicole seconded. The motion carried.

i. Approval for new Secretary to act as website administrator

Nicole agreed that if asked she would serve as website administrator, but she is not able to take responsibility for the Facebook pages. Debbie suggested we ask for volunteers during the General Meeting, and the group agreed. This is one way to involve more members, especially tech savvy younger members, in the association's leadership.

4. Donations

WQHA has been donating \$50 to the 4H Horse Council and \$250 to the Regional Championship Show. Linda moved we continue these same donations in the same amounts. Debbie seconded the motion. The motion carried.

5. Show Dates/Changes

a. Show dates

Adair reminded the Board that in 2021 we will again have just one show, in July in Douglas, with six judges. This was previously approved by the Board and by AQHA. The shows dates are Wednesday July 14- Sunday July 18th, which includes an additional day to avoid such long and exhausting days for the judges, staff, and exhibitors.

b. Show manager

However, Mary Glass has retired and so we've lost our show secretary/manager. Debbie reported that she contacted several people regarding their interest in serving as show manager, but received only one quote, from Lindsey Berbee. Lindsey would charge \$350/day plus \$35/day. As show manager she would handle most all show functions, including hiring a show secretary. Debbie wasn't certain if she would also hire the judges, and will clarify this with Lindsey.

Debbie noted that RMQHA may be planning a Pueblo show for July, which could affect attendance at our Douglas show and also our ability to hire a show manager. Adair moved to have Debbie contact Lindsey quickly and to hire her to manage the Douglas show. Stuart seconded the motion. The motion carried.

c. New name for combined show

We discussed the need for a new name for our combined show, and agreed to bring it up at the General Meeting.

d. Show committee members

Debbie proposed that the Board serve as the show committee, and Board members agreed.

e. Point secretary

As noted above, Lisa Young would like to continue as point secretary, and the Board agreed. In exchange she will receive a free membership.

f. Increase show approval fees

The current fee, paid to WQHA by other shows seeking our approval, e.g. the Rock Springs show, is \$65/show, that is, per judge. (Note: no RMQHA show asks for WY approval, but WQHA pays RMQHA for its approval.) South Dakota's fee is \$85/judge and CON's is \$75/judge. Linda moved to increase our show approval fee to \$75/judge. The motion was seconded and carried.

g. Bad checks policy

WQHA received a large bad check from a Douglas exhibitor, and it took several months to resolve the issue and recoup the owed funds. Adair recommended putting a statement about bad checks on our show bill, indicating that anyone writing a bad check will be charged all bank processing fees, other fees reflecting other costs to WQHA, and that the exhibitor will be reported to AQHA. The Board agreed.

h. Memberships in exchange for assignments

As noted above, Lisa Young will receive a free membership for serving as point secretary. In addition, AnneMarie Johnson agreed to continue as awards coordinator/purchaser/distributor and she will also receive a free membership in exchange for this role.

6. New business

John Sedgwick has offered to sell his trail poles, of which he has sixteen, to WQHA for \$20 each or \$320 total. Linda offered to store them at her place if the Wyoming State Fairgrounds is unable to do so. Stuart offered to donate the \$320 for the purchases.

Adair moved we move forward with the purchase. The motion was seconded and carried. Debbie suggested we think about buying an additional ten poles, given Stuart's generous donation.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 pm. However, the Board agreed to reconvene following the General Meeting in order to conduct elections.

The Board meeting reconvened at 3:45 pm

Elections

The Board considered the slate of nominees put forth during the General Meeting:

Adair Walker (2020-2022 term) agreed to continue as President for one year.
Debbie Unrein (2020-2022 term) agreed to continue as Vice President for one year.
Nicole Ballenger (2020-2020 term) agreed to a three-year term (2021-2023)
Kristin Lyons (2018-2020 term) agreed to a new three-year term (2021-2023)
Sara Campbell agreed to serve a one-year term (2021) to replace Jo Jones (2019-2021 term), who has not been active
Brittany Johnson agreed to serve a three-year term (2021-2023 term) taking Julie Campaign's (2020-2020 term) place

The Board voted on and approved the entire slate. It was also noted that Susan Nelson has been appointed Treasurer for 2021 but does not need to be a Board member in order to hold this position. Nicole Ballenger will serve as Secretary.

Continuing Board members include Linda Henderson (2020-2022), Terry McDowell (2019-2021), and Lisa Young (2019-2021).

The reconvened meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm.