

The September 3, 2011 meeting of the NYSQHA was called to order at 6:10 p.m. by President Heather DeLucia, at the Cooperative Extension Office, Cobleskill, NY.

Roll called showed the following members present; Heather DeLucia, Diane Tetlak, Ron Bubniak, Amy Bubniak, Bruce Emanuel, Sandi Emanuel, Dee Hartmann, Skip Hartman, Beckie Thomas and Nicole Thomas. Absent Eric Dolen, Kim LaFlair and Karen Mault.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Amy Bubniak read the secretary's report from the August meeting. Bruce Emanuel made a motion to accept the secretary's report with corrections. Diane Tetlak was the second to the motion. Vote taken, all in favor, motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Heather DeLucia read the treasurer's report. We have a beginning balance of \$39,287.12. Receipts totaling \$25,529.71, Total disbursements of \$22,994.46 leaving a balance of \$42,777.37. Stallion Service Auction account \$1,644.22 following our futurity show the money will be distributed as prize money. Amateur account \$390.88. Youth account \$6,966.52. Heather DeLucia questioned the shavings bill, a discussion followed. Diane Tetlak motioned to accept the treasurer's report with corrections. Nicole Thomas was the second to the motion. Vote taken, all in favor, motion carried. Bruce Emanuel motioned to pay the August show bills. Nicole Thomas was the second to the motion. Vote taken, all in favor, motion carried. Diane Tetlak made a motion to pay corrected gas bill, outstanding bills. Skip Hartmann was the second to the motion. Vote taken, all in favor, motion carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Heather DeLucia reported she received questions on points. Sandi Emanuel read the NYSSHA minutes. NYSHC has a scholarship program, and Sandi asked if we could post it on our website. It was also noted Dee and Skip Hartmann had to evacuate 3 horses and 2 dogs, due to the recent flooding from hurricane Irene.

**COMMITTEES:**

**YOUTH:** Lenore Sossei reported at the last show fundraisers: doggy trail raised \$121.00, 50/50 raised \$264.00, and the flamingo's \$23. Future fundraisers include Boot rodeo and the \$300 square board. Lenore expressed her concern that there's not enough squares sold as of yet to break even. Diane Tetlak suggested carrying it out through to December meeting. Also, Lenore reported we have four youth going to Congress, all paperwork has been sent in.

**AMATEUR:** no report. Amateur's still have raffle tickets for statue.

**BANQUET:** Sandi Emanuel reported we still have to pick out our meal choice for our banquet and need to put down a deposit. Our meal choice was decided. Nicole Thomas made a motion to put down a deposit for the banquet. Bruce Emanuel seconded the motion. Vote taken, all in favor, motion carried.

**FUTURITIES:**

**CLOSED:** Diane Tetlak reported everything is good to go.

**OPEN:** Dee Hartmann reported on class entry totals. A discussion followed on suggestions for next year.

**ALL STOCK:** Heather DeLucia reported we have 1 entry.

**GOOD WILL:** Amy Bubniak will send Cindy and Skip Howard a sympathy card for the loss of their mare.

**MEMBERSHIPS:** Nicole Thomas reported we have 132 adult and 41 youth.

**NEWSLETTER:** Bruce Emanuel made a motion to pay Norma Sano the second half of her fee. Sandi Emanuel was the second to the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Diane Tetlak reported Norma Sano requested a raise in her fee for next year. Skip Hartmann made a motion to increase Norma Sano fee for doing our newsletter next year. Ron Bubniak was the second to the motion. Vote taken, all in favor, motion carried.

**POINTS:** Heather DeLucia reported points are done up to the August three day show.

**SPONSORSHIPS:** None

**STABLING:** Sandi Emanuel reported we have 160 reserved stalls for our futurity show. Sandi will tell Nadine Felter to post on our website for people to use the North gate of the fair grounds, due to FEMA being set up at the main gate.

**SHOWS:** Sandi Emanuel feels the show will go on as long as the weather holds out. Sandi received a lot of calls on the matter. If the weather goes bad AQHA will need to be notified by the Wednesday before the show.

Bruce Emanuel read a letter he received from AQHA stating all of our shows received an "A" rating. Also, Bruce reported on some ring procedures to keep things running smooth. Bruce was asked to have a small fry, w/t barrels added to our program. Heather DeLucia suggested a small fry w/t stakes race instead. Bruce Emanuel made a motion to add a small fry w/t stakes race to our program next year. Diane Tetlak was the second to the motion. Vote taken, all in favor, motion carried. Bruce Emanuel suggested our May show be an Open/Novice show. Robyn Stultz reported AQHA has a new leveling system that they are offering for rookies or anyone with less than 10 points. In addition to that, AQHA is implementing a free 90 day membership. Robyn suggested to advertise that fact for our May show.

Sandi Emanuel proposed we take our august show and spread the days to other show weekends.

Beckie Thomas suggested we go to an all day fee. A discussion followed.

Diane Tetlak made a motion to keep our May show the same as this year, AQHA split/combined for Saturday and Sunday and an all novice open show on Sunday, incorporating AQHA Rookie Program, with Empire's permission. Bruce Emanuel was the second to the motion. Vote taken, all in favor, motion carried. Heather DeLucia and Amy Bubniak will compose a letter to send to Empire's President Karen Kulah. Also, a letter to AQHA, Lisa Pond, for permission to change our July three day to a two day with three judges, and our five day show to start on a Tuesday. Diane Tetlak made a motion to start our five day show on Tuesday, July 3, at 4:00 p.m. with trail, western riding and reining. Skip Hartmann was the second to the motion. Vote taken, all in favor, motion carried. Diane Tetlak made a motion to start trail,

western riding and reining on Thursday, August 16 at 4:00 p.m. for August three day and also Thursday September 6 at 4:00 p.m. for our futurity show. Skip Hartmann was the second to the motion. Vote taken, all in favor, motion carried.

Sandi Emanuel asked if we could pick a weekend to have added money in poles instead of barrels.

Sandi asked to add an open walk/trot pleasure and /or equitation for 12-18 yrs. Also, would like to add Palomino classes to our May or September show. Sandi Emanuel will check on July dates to add palomino classes.

Sandi Emanuel stated for our Liberty Circuit and bigger shows we need to implement prepaid stalls. People are reserving stalls and then canceling at the last minute.

Sandi read a suggestion from Robyn Stultz, to make up a flyer to post at the Empire show and at Congress, with a collage of exhibitors and the covered arena promoting all the positive things we are doing in 2012, and also post on our website. Also our futurities should be advertised on our front page of our website.

Heather DeLucia brought up a question on non showing membership as to whether points count. Diane Tetlak made a motion to exclude non showing member's points to count. Diane rescinded here motion. Heather Deucia will change our membership form to read "**no points will be kept on the horses owned by non showing members**". As per our bylaws.

Ron Bubniak suggests having a committee to think about a flat fee charge. The committee will be Sandi Emanuel, Kim LaFlair, Heather DeLucia and Robyn Stultz. Committee will set a date.

Ron Bubniak passed out a list of judges and reported on feed back. Skip Hartmann asked to add Ken Johnson, NC. A discussion followed. Heather suggests the first choices be for our 5 day and futurity shows. Ron Bubniak suggested possibly hiring someone to design our hunt courses.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Nomination of Officers:

President

Sandi Emanuel nominated Heather DeLucia, seconded by Beckie Thomas. Nominations closed.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

Skip Hartmann nominated Diane Tetlak, seconded by Ron Bubniak. Nominations closed.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

Heather DeLucia nominated Ron Bubniak, seconded by Diane Tetlak. Nominations closed.

Secretary

Bruce Emanuel nominated Amy Bubniak, seconded by Sandi Emanuel. Nominations closed.

Treasurer

Bruce Emanuel nominated Kim LaFlair, seconded by Ron Bubniak. Nominations closed.

Board of Directors

Bruce Emanuel nominated Robyn Stultz seconded by Beckie Thomas

Ron Bubniak nominated Melissa Frasier seconded by Nicole Thomas

Heather DeLucia nominated Lenore Sossie seconded by Ron Bubniak

Ron Bubniak nominated Allison Kraszewski seconded by Heather DeLucia

Sandi Emanuel nominated Skip Hartmann seconded by Ron Bubniak

Diane Tetlak nominated Dee Hartmann seconded by Bruce Emanuel

Diane motioned to close nominations for board of directors, Nicole Thomas was the second, vote taken, all in favor, carried.

Heather DeLucia will print on ballots, "NO ALTERED BALLOTS WILL BE COUNTED and must be post marked by November 25 or bring to December meeting.

Skip Hartmann motioned to adjourn, seconded by Ron Bubniak.

Meeting Adjourned 10:10p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Amy Bubniak