

# NYSQHA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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The November 21, 2009 meeting was called to order at 6:05 by President Diane Tetlak.

Roll called showed the following members present: Diane Tetlak, Heather DeLucia, Amy Bubniak, Dee Hartman, Skip Hartman, Bruce Cater, Sandi Emanuel and Kim LaFlair. Absent Mary Anne Dronchi, Barbara Sullivan, Becki Thomas, and Nicole Thomas.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT** Amy read the minutes of the October meeting. Skip Hartman motioned to accept the secretary's report with the following corrections: Heather worked at the Expo in Fonda on Saturday not Sunday. Barbara Sullivan was not in favor of sending out the letter presented by Steve Harris. The amount needed for awards should read \$8000. At the Congress the Cartwright's, Groff's and Carlos' also did well with their horses.

Bruce suggested for the fall show, the show will start at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, and barrels will run twice on Saturday, between the hunters and pleasure horses and then again at the end of the day. Bruce also suggested we change the wording on our stall rates eliminating (per day.) Bruce also pointed out the ballots did not have a return date on them. Skip made a motion to accept the secretary's report with corrections; Bruce seconded the motion, vote taken, all in favor, motion, carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** None. Heather suggested we make sure the money from the shavings, at the September show, gets moved to the regular account in the new treasurer's report when Maryanne provides one.

**COMMUNICATIONS** Sandi made a motion that the Secretary, Treasurer, Point Keeper and News Letter Editor will be compensated for their position with either a seasonal stall or cash equivalent of what club pays for a stall for the season, no partials, and once a stall is used once it's considered used for the season. Heather was the second to the motion, vote taken, all in favor, motion carried.

A discussion was brought up concerning the increase of fees on renting the fairgrounds.

Diane asked if there was going to be a problem crossing the track at the fair with the four wheeler races going on. Sandi said it wouldn't be a problem because they're not held on the same day.

## **COMMITTEES**

**Amateur:** Kim reported just working on the party and baskets of cheer.

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Diane has raffle tickets

Sandi reported that she has 35-40 reservations so far for the banquet.

Diane presented the program she made up to hand out at the banquet.

Sue Fienman and Dorey Brown will be at the banquet just to count the ballots.

Sandi will let Heather know a total count on tables.

## **FUTURITIES**

**CLOSED** Diane reported she received three more stallions nominated for the sale making a total of 19 for the Stallion Service Auction. Diane also showed the board the ad placed in Horse Bits (on page 62) and presented the receipt that she paid for the ad.

Skip pointed out the fee for his stallion 'The Kids in Town' should be \$750 not \$850.

Heather revised the rules and sent them to Nadine and Sue to post on the web and in our newsletter.

Diane would like to see the leftover \$200 from sponsorship money be used to help sponsor the open futurities for their awards. Skip added the closed futurity is going to need help. Diane reported one of the rules she instated for this year's futurities is the club keeps out 15% of the stallion auction bid money and 15% of each entry fee or late fee money to help cover the costs of awards

Skip asked how we made out with the Journal ad. The money came out of the stallion auction money to pay for the ad.

## **FUTURITIES**

**OPEN** Nothing the new

**GOOD WILL** Sandi thanked the board for her card.

**MEMBERSHIPS** no report

**NEWSLETTER** everyone got theirs

**POINTS** Heather made a motion when the awards committee decides on options for awards you choose from options available. No cash, no adding up totals to make one award or combining or swap from second and third to make a first place award. Sandi was the second to the motion, vote taken, all in favor, motion carried. Bruce mentioned that we shouldn't have to

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keep voting on the same subjects every year; they should be put into our rules and bylaws. Diane added that the motion on awards should be added to our yearend award qualifications /rules.

**PROMOTIONS AND SPONSORSHIPS** No report.

**QUEEN** Diane reported she received phone call from Nicole saying she got an upsetting call or email. Diane tried, but couldn't get in touch with Nicole. Heather will try to contact her.

**NEWSLETTER** Diane asked if anyone knew if people who do not get the newsletter by email if they are receiving it. Heather will check

**RULES AND BYLAWS** Diane asked Heather if she put new membership fees in our bylaws and if The Country Folks information has the new membership fees. Heather has taken care of it.

**SHOWS** No new judges. Bruce added everything needs to be revised with our new fees from the fairgrounds going up. Bruce made a motion our new fees will be as follows: Camper electric \$25 per day. Stall fees: 2 day show \$55, 3 day show \$80 and 5 day show \$135. Seasonal Stalls \$350. Kim seconded the motion, vote taken, all in favor, carried. Diane suggested we only give seasonal stalls to paid members. Also our drug testing fee will be raised to \$5

Amy will send a letter to Empire (ESQHA) to let them know they can point our shows. Sandi suggested that we advertise in their newsletter about our seasonal stalls. Sandi also suggested we have someone walk around and document payment of our camper fees. Making sure all campers have a paid permit.

Diane asked Sandi to contact Kim Emanuel to be our show secretary. Herbie will do our food booth again for 2010. Diane also asked to contact Bryan Nigro to be our photographer for 2010.

Skip made a motion to invite Bryan, Nadine and her husband to our banquet as our guests, Bruce was the second, vote taken all in favor carried.

Bruce made a motion to give Nadine a \$100 gift certificate or gas card if she doesn't want to come to the banquet. Sandi seconded the motion, vote taken, all in favor, carried.

Heather asked about this year's show bills. She suggests, for the Novice All Arounds, that we follow our rules for yearend awards and not AQHA rules. Diane asked about the AQHA rule change for Amateur and Amateur Select classes being combined with 3 or less entries .Our point keeper will have to separate the two for year end points.

**SCHOLORSHIPS**

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Diane has not heard back from Beckie about the decision on this year's scholarship application. A discussion followed. Heather made a motion to grant this year's scholarship to Stephanie Montanaro for \$300. Dee was the second to the motion vote taken all in favor carried.

**TRAIL** Skip hasn't heard anything since last year.

**OLD BUSINESS** Heather asked about AQHA adding Jr and Sr performance halter classes and making them mandatory. A discussion followed. Only the qualifications changed.

**NEW BUSINESS** Diane asked about our free classes Sandi motioned to keep our show bill the same free classes. Kim was the second, vote taken all in favor carried.

Diane asked if there was any new information on the covered building. Sandi reported the papers will be signed next week and ground breaking will start as soon as possible and there are 173 permanent stalls.

A discussion was brought up whether to sell off some of our assets. Our trailer costs \$250 per year. Amy will contact Maryanne to have her lookup what we paid for our jumps. More discussion to follow at a later date.

**NEXT MEETINGS:**

Jan 9	May 8	Sept 18
Feb 6	June 5	Oct 9
March 6	July 3 call it at show if needed	Nov 6
April 3	Aug 14	Dec 4

All in Cobleskill

Skip motioned to adjourn, Bruce was the second, vote taken, all in favor, carried.

Respectfully submitted

Amy Bubniak, Sec