

## NYSQHA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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### APPROVED

Heather DeLucia called the January 9, 2010 meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

Roll call showed the following members present: Heather Delucia, Sandra Wilkes, Amy Bubniak, Mary Anne Dronchi, Sandi Emanuel, Dee Hartman, Skip Hartman, Bruce Cater, Beckie Thomas, Ron Bubniak, Kim LaFlair and Nicole Thomas. Absent Diane Tetlak.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Amy Bubniak read the minutes from the November 21, 2009 meeting.

Corrections: Heather DeLucia asked that the secretary, list members that are absent along with the members that are present. Mary Anne Dronchi questioned why there wasn't a Treasurer's Report. No one received one from November. MaryAnne Dronchi also question what journal ad, it should read the Quarter Horse journal ad that was placed in error. MaryAnne Dronchi reported it was all taken care of. Dee Hartman noted it should be the Carlos' not Carlson's. Sandra Wilkes suggested the time meetings get called to order and when they're adjourned be documented.

MaryAnn Dronchi stated that the sponsor money that Barbara raised last year was for sponsoring classes not futurities. The people were notified and they would like the money put towards the same classes this year.

In addition, Mary Anne Dronchi questioned our compensation of seasonal stalls for the secretary, treasurer, point keeper and newsletter editor. Heather DeLucia explained it balances out to sixteen shows. A discussion followed. MaryAnne Dronchi also asked about our drug fee being raised to \$5, it was an increase from AQHA. Bruce Cater motioned to accept the Secretary's Report with corrections. Nicole Thomas seconded the motion, vote taken, all in favor, motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Mary Anne **Dronchi** read the treasurer's report.

Corrections: Stallion Auction Worksheet should read 2006 \$1777.20, 2008 \$1611.70, 2009 \$1710.00, the 2007 auction is completed. Money for the Quarter Horse Journal ad should be paid from the mother club's account not the Stallion Auction Fund.

The Sarah Roberts Award (\$40.35) should come out of the Youth Fund. Kim LaFlair made a motion that the Amateur's pay back the money (568.14) they owe the mother club. Bruce Cater seconded the motion, vote taken, all in favor, motion carried. MaryAnne Dronchi

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asked if the Carol Hicks Award should come out of amateur Fund. Yes but there's not enough in the fund to pay right now.

Heather DeLucia had some questions on the Treasurers report. For barrels at the July 5 day and July 2 day there is no total payouts. MaryAnne Dronchi will check into it. Heather DeLucia went over cost of Awards totaling \$7789.12. Also, Heather DeLucia asked what the office charge of \$188.83 was for. MaryAnne Dronchi explained it was for stamps for mailing of the ballots and she ordered membership cards. MaryAnne Dronchi asked if she should send Nadine Felter a check and thank you note. Sandi Emanuel made a motion for Mary Anne Dronchi to send Nadine Felter a check for \$100 and thank you note, for all her hard work on our website. Skip Hartman was the second to the motion, vote taken, all in favor, motion carried. Skip Hartman made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Beckie Thomas was the second to the motion. Vote taken, all in favor, carried. Heather DeLucia has leftover throw blankets if anyone is interested.

**COMMUNICATIONS** Heather Delucia reported Country Folks requested an updated list of our members and our 2010 show dates. Deadline is January 13<sup>th</sup>. Sandi Emanuel suggested we send them last year's list. MaryAnne Dronchi will send them the list.

Also, Empire sent us there list of show dates and meeting dates.

Heather DeLucia passed around a copy of the article that was in the local paper, on the covered arena. Sandi Emanuel reported it will also be in Country Folks, Mane Stream and Horse Bits. Sandi Emanuel gave a progress report on the covered arena – they are working on the corners and pouring concrete next week.

MaryAnne Dronchi brought up FFA contacted her, and would like a donation; we have in the past, something for the board to think about doing again. Also Mathew Smith had one or two dinners and didn't pay; MaryAnne Dronchi billed him and has not heard back from him.

**COMMITTEES** Diane Tetlak assigned who she would like as chairpersons, if anyone would not or cannot be a chairperson, let Diane Tetlak know.

**Amateurs** Heather DeLucia asked Kim LaFlair if she would like to continue as chair person for amateurs. Kim LeFlair accepted, and reported nothing new right now.

**Banquet** Heather Delucia asked Sandi Emanuel if she would continue as chairperson for our banquets. Sandi accepted. Sandi Emanuel reported that she spoke to quite a few people, and they were not happy with our banquet accommodations. Sandi Emanuel will contact the

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Best Western in Cobleskill and the Holiday Inn in Saratoga, where she will be attending a banquet and report at on how it was.

### **FUTURITIES:**

**CLOSED** Heather DeLucia reported Diane Tetlak received 4 more stallions bringing the total to 23.

**OPEN** Heather DeLucia asked if Dee Hartman would be chairperson, she accepted and Dee reported she updated the rules (just the dates) and sent them to Sue Winters and Nadine Felter.

**GOODWILL** Heather DeLucia asked MaryAnne Dronchi if she would still be our chairperson, she accepted. MaryAnne will send Carol Russell a get well card.

**MEMBERSHIP** MaryAnn Dronchi reported we have 58 adults and 13 youth members.

**NEWSLETTER** Sue Winters will continue to be newsletter editor. Heather DeLucia asked what the board wanted to pay Sue Winters for being our Newsletter Editor. A discussion followed.

Mary Anne Dronchi would like it noted that she disagrees with the rule the club made at the November meeting regarding how Secretary, Treasurer, Point Keeper and Newsletter Editor get compensated for their position and objects to how it was handled.

Heather DeLucia asked the board whether Sue Winters can or cannot have 2 stalls for the July 5 day show and September show, which correlates to 16 stalls. Sandi Emanuel made a motion we give Sue Winters 2 stalls for (the July 5 day and the September show) 16 days, the same as anybody else is getting 16 days of stalls. Dee Hartman was the second to the motion. Vote taken, 1 (MaryAnne Dronchi) opposed, 1(Sandra Wilkes) abstained, motion carried.

**POINTS** Heather DeLucia brought up the cost of the Carol Hicks Award (\$136.60). A discussion followed. It was decided, we will keep the Carol Hicks trophy for our Amateur Select Division for 2010 MaryAnne Dronchi made a motion for the Carol Hicks award we do smaller trophy or bowl for Amateur Select All Around and still have an Amateur All Around and Reserve Amateur All Around, Skip Hartman was the second to the motion, vote taken, all in favor, motion carried.

Heather DeLucia expressed her feelings on the awards given. A discussion followed. Heather stated we have to settle MaryAnne Dronchi's cash reimbursement. MaryAnne didn't feel it was fair that we didn't award cash as an option and stated we should give our exhibitors that

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option. Beckie Thomas stated we voted on not giving cash as an option due to tax purposes. Sandi Emanuel feels all awards should be the same across the board.

Skip Hartman made a motion MaryAnne Dronchi pay the club back \$125 that she took out to for her reimbursement. Ron Bubniak was the second to the motion, vote taken, Sandra Wilkes opposed, motion carried. Sandra Wilkes feels people shouldn't be given a choice. Dee Hartman suggests limiting choices.

Heather DeLucia will update the rules for the Carol Hicks award and send to Nadine Felter and Sue Winters. Heather DeLucia would like to see for 2010 the Amateurs pay for the Caro Hicks Award. Kim LaFlair expressed her feelings on Amateur participation. Beckie Thomas made a motion for 2010 Amateurs will pay for Carol Hicks Award, providing money is available in Amateur fund. Kim LaFlair was the second to the motion, vote taken, all in favor, carried.

**QUEEN** Heather DeLucia asked if Nicole Thomas will be chairperson. Nicole accepted. Heather needs requirements and applications sent to Nadine Felter and Sue Winters to publish. Heather DeLucia reported that Nicole Kersetter would like to run for Queen again.

**RULES AND BYLAWS** Heather DeLucia asked if Sandra Wilkes would be chairperson, Sandra accepted. Her first suggestion is since the bylaws state we are an Albany based club, that we hold the meetings in Albany and other places other than Cobleskill. She will check into other places.

**SCHOLORSHIP** Heather DeLucia raised the point that Youths and Amateurs can both qualify for scholarships. Beckie Thomas reported she made up a new scholarship form and will email it to everyone. Also youth would like to take full responsibility for application's approval, since it comes out of there fund. Beckie Thomas read the revised qualifications for scholarships.

**PROMOTIONS & SPONSORSHIPS** Heather DeLucia asked Amy and Ron Bubniak to co chair. Heather DeLucia read the sponsorship letter. Sandi Emanuel suggested adding, their name will be announced at our shows. Saratoga Horseworks will do awards for May show like last year. We still have Dover gift certificates left from last year.

**STABLING** Bruce Cater and Ron Bubniak will co chair. Bruce Cater reported he has received a little interest in seasonal stalls.

**SHOWS** Bruce Cater will be chairperson. Bruce reported he has more judges. Fred Chandler (Sat of 5 day,) David Poe, Robert St.Clair, KY, David Terrell, TN, Scott Buckwalter and Benny Sergeants, KY

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Sandi Emanuel reported on the May show bill, and asked, is there still \$50 added for green western pleasure. Heather DeLucia asked if AQHA needed to know what classes had added money, they do not. Beckie Thomas made a motion that the Amateur Select All Around be the same as the other All Around. Skip Hartman was the second to the motion, vote taken all in favor, motion carried.

Bruce Cater asked how many small fry entries we had. He suggested we drop our entry fee and take out small fry trail, and eliminate the all day fee. Bruce Cater motioned we charge \$5 for small fry classes per weekend, with no office fee like lead line. Nicole Thomas seconded the motion. Vote taken, all in favor, motion carried.

Bruce Cater made a motion the club pay open barrels \$100 added one day per circuit. Skip Hartman seconded the motion. Vote taken, all in favored, motion carried.

The board went over this year's show bills with the following changes:

May show;

Added money for barrels will be on Saturday.

Heather DeLucia would like to donate \$25 to tenth place in open aged geldings and mares at each show.

Clarify combined fee is one horse /one rider for \$75.

Take out \$50 added in green western pleasure.

Liberty Circuit;

Beckie Thomas made a motion we eliminate the circuit all around. Sandi Emanuel was the second to the motion, vote taken all in favor motion carried.

The board set a limit of \$25 for circuit awards.

Cross off Motel 88 in Richmondville.

Camper fee \$25 per day (with minimum of 2 nights for \$50) for \$125 for the circuit, with no one day fee.

Sandi Emanuel cannot stress enough the importance of having someone patrol and check stickers in camper windows.

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Added money barrels will be on Saturday.

July 3 day;

Added money barrels on Saturday.

Add Amateur and amateur trainer blankets.

24<sup>th</sup> Robert StClair, KY

August 20-22;

Added money barrels on Saturday,

Saturday- David Terrell, TN and Sunday- Scott Buckwalter

September Futurity Show;

Friday- Benny Sargents, KY.

Added money barrels on Saturday.

Heather Emanuel read a letter from Equine Valley Association requesting we point their shows and the fair show. Sandra Wilkes made a motion we point the EVA Shows and the fair show. Skip Hartman seconded the motion, vote taken, all in favor, motion carried.

Heather DeLucia asked if we wanted to keep the price range for circuit awards at \$25. Bruce Cater made a motion we keep our price range for circuit awards to \$25. Nicole Thomas was the second to the motion, vote taken, all in favor, motion carried.

Heather DeLucia will patrol our electrical hook ups, and will find a replacement if she can't be at the show.

**Youth** Heather DeLucia asked if Beckie Thomas will be chairperson for the Youth with Nicole Thomas as co chairperson, they both accepted. Beckie Thomas reported the youth is doing the Little Caesar's pizza kit fundraiser now and the Gertrude Hawk candy fundraiser will be in February. Nicole Thomas gave MaryAnne Dronchi a check for \$555.65 that the Youth collected in Nutrena tags. Their auction collected \$903.00 and their candy sales \$413.00. They also voted on scholarship and a new letter of intent. Nicole Thomas read the new letter. Bruce Cater asked if the youth will be doing the shavings at all the shows, futurity show is questionable. Beckie Thomas reported the youth still would like to do the Chicken BBQ and looking into

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options. Heather DeLucia asked about the Chamber of Commerce having a coupon booklet. Sandi Emanuel reported that the Cobleskill partnership and want to try to set something up.

Heather DeLucia will update new list of officers and board members for web and newsletter.

Heather DeLucia asked about an annual treasures report. Showing a breakdown of what was paid; to fair grounds, judges, secretary, ring stewards, ribbon people and ribbons in total. What overall shows cost, and what our profit was and send it to Nadine Felter.

**NEW BUSINESS** Heather DeLucia asked that the date and time be put on the minutes. Skip Hartman brought up last month's discussion on our trailer. Sandi Emanuel reported it will be alright to use an empty stall for storage. MaryAnn Dronchi reported she researched and found jumps cost \$5,262.00 and trail obstacles listed at \$3,069.00. We paid \$1500.00 for the trailer.

Bruce Cater suggested the youth do a hospitality booth for the Friday before the May show. Beckie Thomas said the youth had too much going on, Sandra Wilkes offered to do so with Breanne, starting at 4:00 or so.

Heather DeLucia asked about the article that was in Country Folks as far as layout for covered arena.

Sandi Emanuel reported on the layout of the covered building.

Next meeting: February 6, 2010, 6:00 p.m. at the Cooperative Extension Office, Cobleskill.

Bruce Cater made a motion to adjourn. Skip Hartman seconded the motion. Vote taken, all in favor, meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Bubniak, Sec

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