

NYSQHA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The March 6, 2010 meeting of the NYSQHA was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by President Diane Tetlak.

Roll called showed the following members present: Diane Tetlak, Sandra Wilkes, MaryAnne Dronchi, Amy Bubniak, Dee Hartmann, Skip Hartmann, Bruce Cater, Sandi Emanuel, Ron Bubniak, Kim LaFlair, Beckie Thomas and Nicole Thomas. Absent Heather DeLucia.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Amy Bubniak read the minutes from the February 6, 2010 meeting with the following spelling corrections: Nancy Wheeler, Gilly Soloway, Nicole Kerstetter, Dee and Skip Hartmann. Other corrections; Sandra Wilkes pointed out that everyone doesn't have email to receive notices before meetings. Diane Tetlak will call board members not having email, informing them of any notices received before meetings. Skip Hartmann made a motion to accept the secretary's report with corrections. Kim LaFlair was the second to the motion. Vote taken, all in favor, motion carried.

TREASURER REPORT: MaryAnne Dronchi read the Treasurers report. Diane Tetlak asked to have the stallion auction money that comes in for 2010 put on the bottom of the stallion report. Beckie Thomas asked if Maryanne Dronchi received her check and it was received. Diane Tetlak went over corrections from last month's agenda. Maryanne Dronchi will check into money shown taken out of the amateur's account (\$568.14) and not shown being put into the mother club's account. Diane Tetlak also pointed out the report reads 2010 show sponsor held for next year, it should read 2009 show sponsor held for next year. Bruce Cater made a motion to accept the treasurer's report with corrections. Beckie Thomas seconded the motion. Vote taken, all in favor, motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: MaryAnne Dronchi reported she received a letter from the FFA Leadership Foundation for a donation. After a discussion. Skip Hartmann made a motion that we donate \$100 to the FFA Leadership Foundation. Beckie Thomas was the second to the motion. Vote taken, all in favor, motion carried.

Maryanne Dronchi read a thank you note sent by Nadine Felter thanking the club and expressing how much she enjoys doing our website.

Diane Tetlak reported she received an email from Troy Jorgensen, of "My Kettle Corn", asking if he could sell his popcorn at our shows. Sandra Wilkes motioned to allow Troy Jorgensen to sell his popcorn at our shows if he chooses to. Beckie Thomas was the second to the motion. Vote taken, all in favor, motion carried.

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Also, Diane Tetlak received an email from ESQHA; it was a form for pointing our shows and they needed our show dates. Empire will not be pointing our 3 day show in July because of Regional's running the same time.

Sandi Emanuel received an email from Bryan Nigro on what shows he is available for. Amy Bubniak will contact Mystical Photography to see what their availability is.

AMATEUR COMMITTEE: Kim LaFlair report things are quiet.

Diane Tetlak asked if the amateurs were going to do an exhibitor's party at the five day show. Kim LaFlair stated she thought the Amateur's would let the Youth do the five day show and the Amateur's would do the September show (Futurity Show). Diane Tetlak suggested maybe the Amateur's do a silent auction at some of the shows to raise money.

BANQUET COMMITTEE: Sandi Emanuel reported she has the contracts for the Best Western and needs \$200 for the deposit. The meal will cost \$23.77w/tax and gratuity. Sandi Emanuel stated the club needed to decide on a dessert. After a short discussion. Skip Hartmann motioned we have cheese cake w/strawberries. Ron Bubniak was the second to the motion. Vote taken, all in favor, motion carried.

FUTURITIES:

CLOSED: Diane Tetlak reported there are three stallions sold, and she was contacted by Jeff Elthorp about one of his clients purchasing "Artful Irishman". However, she hasn't received anything yet.

Also, the Big Apple Futurity nomination form is posted on the website. Heather DeLucia is just about done with the closed nomination form and will email it to Diane Tetlak for her to proof read, before sending it to Nadine Felter to post on the website and to Sue Winters to put in our April/May newsletter.

Maryanne Dronchi had questions concerning the stallion auction. After a short discussion the rules were clarified.

OPEN: Dee Hartmann reported she made up a sponsorship letter that she sent out and passed around for the board to review. Dee asks if anyone knows anybody she can send a letter to or any ideas are appreciated. She is also posting the rules on the website and in the next newsletter.

GOOD WILL: Pam Gregory lost her mare "Go Kara Go" and Jean Haltalski lost her mare "Precious Zora".

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MEMBERSHIP: Maryanne Dronchi reported we have 86 adults and 18 youth members.

Diane Tetlak asked to have our lifetime member's information updated. Maryanne Dronchi will look into the list.

Sandra Wilkes stated we need promote more members. Beckie Thomas reported on how ESQHA started an incentive program for new members. A discussion followed. Sandra Wilkes made a motion that we have a booth at the Expo in Fonda again this year. Skip Hartmann was the second to the motion. Vote taken, all in favor, motion carried. Beckie Thomas would like have whoever our chairperson is going to be, contact our Queen, Nicole Kertsetter and our Jr Queen so they can attend this year if possible.

NEWSLETTER: Maryanne Dronchi reported that Sue Winters contacted her about 2 ads that were not paid for. Maryanne Dronchi will follow up with Sue Winters as to what ads they are and look into acquiring payment.

POINTS: no points-- no show. Heather DeLucia is looking into pricing box fans for circuit awards. Beckie Thomas will look into the cost of getting a decal with our logo made up to put on the fans.

QUEEN: Nicole Thomas reported she interviewed Nicole Kerstetter, and being our only applicant, she will be our Queen for 2010. Nicole Kerstetter expressed she is excited about being our Queen for 2010. Sandra Wilkes asked if Nicole Kerstetter will be available for our bigger shows. Bruce Cater asked Nicole Kerstetter if she will be available for the August 20 – 23 show. There was no response.

Nicole Kerstetter brought up for the board's approval to do a fundraiser, by having a trainer auction, selling lessons and running it in July. Also, Nicole asked if the club would pay her Congress entry fee. Deadline for her entry fee is August 15th. Diane Tetlak asked that Nicole Kerstetter get her queen application and what her entry fee is to her beforehand.

RULES AND BYLAWS: Sandra Wilkes stated her feelings on last months' motion to change our bylaws, and doesn't think we can change them that easy because we are a corporation. A discussion followed. Bruce Cater made a motion to have Maryanne Dronchi check into what we would have to do legally, if we were to change our place of business, being we are incorporated. Sandra Wilkes was the second to the motion. Vote taken, all in favor, motion carried

SCHOLARSHIPS: none

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PROMOTIONS AND SPONSORSHIPS: Ron Bubniak reported we received two checks, one from Sterling Insurance for \$250 AND Jack's Turf Goods for \$25.

Diane Tetlak asked if we received a check from Triple Crown. Maryanne Dronchi said she didn't receive anything and will check with Barbara Sullivan.

Amy Bubniak presented an idea to give stall front bags for awards, as something different. A discussion followed. Amy will get prices on the bags.

STABLING: Bruce Cater reported he received payment for 10 season stalls and inquiries on stalls. Diane Tetlak asked Bruce Cater if he had a list of people getting seasonal stalls.

A REMINDER TO GET SEASONAL STALL FORMS TO BRUCE CATER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

SHOWS: Bruce Cater reported all judges are hired. Gilly Soloway will be our announcer for all shows except the five day. Amy Bubniak will contact Anne Brusoe to see if she is available for the five day.

Diane Tetlak contacted Mark Hubert and Leslie will be our Ring Stewards.

Maryanne Dronchi reported we have an account with the Comfort Inn.

Sandi Emanuel reported she made reservations at Super8 in Cobleskill for our judges. A discussion followed. The board agreed to let Sandi Emanuel and Bruce Cater decide on what motel to use for three judges at the five day show. Also, Sandi Emanuel will set up a corporate account.

YOUTH: Beckie Thomas reported 10 members were present and 2 new members Hannah and Courtney. Also, the youth delivered the Little Caesar's. Pizza kits and grossed \$1466.00.

Nicole Kerstetter spoke to the youth about what it takes to become a Queen. The youth decided they were going to have a Jr Queen or Princess this year. There were five members interested

OLD BUSINESS: Maryanne Dronchi asked about writing checks without the board's approval and how the board wants to handle bills from people like Kim Emanuel, Sue Winters and the website (1 in 1 internet,) also the contracts to the fairgrounds. A discussion followed. Maryanne Dronchi made a motion that she has permission to go to the post office to buy postage, to mail out the treasurer's report, on a monthly basis. Sandra Wilkes was the second to the motion. Vote taken, all in favor, motion carried.

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Sandi Emanuel made a motion for Maryanne Dronchi to buy a roll of stamps and that she pays the fairgrounds and the Best Western. Maryanne was the second to the motion. Vote taken, all in favor, motion carried.

Diane Tetlak asked about an annual treasurer's report. A discussion followed and was decided that Maryanne Dronchi will bring bank statements to meetings.

NEW BUSINESS: Sandi Emanuel asked about advertising in Country Folks in their calendar of events and also in Horse Bits. Horse Bits rates are \$75 for ½ page ad and \$125 for full page, and their deadline is the 24th of March. Dee Hartmann made a motion to run a half page ad in Horse Bits. Skip Hartmann was the second to the motion. Vote taken, all in favor, motion carried. Sandi Emanuel will take care of the ads.

Diane Tetlak asked how the covered arena was coming. Sandi Emanuel reported it was coming along slow as it was under about three feet of snow.

NEXT MEETING: April 3, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. Cooperative Ext Office, Cobleskill

Sandra Wilkes made a motion to adjourn. Skip Hartmann was the second.

Motion adjourned 7:55p.m.