

NYSQHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

The October meeting was called to order by President Diane Tetlak at 7:05 p.m.

Roll called showed the following members present; Diane Tetlak, Sandra Wilkes, Maryanne Dronchi, Amy Bubniak, Dee Hartman, Bruce Cater, Beckie Thomas, Kim LaFlair, Nicole Thomas, and Barbara Sullivan.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Amy Bubniak read the minutes of the September 26 meeting. Sandra Wilkes made a motion to accept secretary's report with corrections. Corrections: (Heather worked at the Expo on Saturday and Sue Fienman was contacted to stuff and mail ballots.) Kim Laflair seconded the motion, vote taken, all in favor carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Maryanne Dronchi read the treasurer's report. Maryanne reported she researched where the money from the stallion auction (\$3,285) went finding it went towards awards. A discussion followed and will be brought to the table later in the meeting. Diane had a question concerning our extra helper for doing shavings at the September show, (the money should go to the mother club) Maryann reported it was put back in entry money. (\$171. Plus \$250). Motion to accept Treasures' report was made by Beckie Thomas. Nicole Thomas was the second, vote taken, all in favor, carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: Sandi Emanuel had knee surgery; she is home and doing well. Diane received a phone call from Steve Hatch, President of Empire, stating Winning Weekends wants to hold an introductory show and AQHA is after them to approve it. To be held on May 2nd and 3rd at

Fonda. They can have 9 or 12 classes, Novice Youth and Novice Amateur. AQHA points will count. Mr. Hatch explained that Empire will approve Winning Weekends request but points for yearend will not count, and advised us to do the same. A discussion followed. Beckie motioned that we agree, Winning Weekends can have their show but points for yearend will not count. Sandra was the second to the motion, vote taken, all in favor, motion carried.

Diane contacted Nadine Felter as to what her fee was for doing our website. Nadine said there was no fee. Sandra Wilkes motioned we invite Nadine to our banquet and pay for her dinner. Bruce was the second to the motion, vote taken, all in favor, motion carried. Amy will send Nadine an invitation.

Diane also received information from Country Folks on their deadline dates for 2010, and guidelines for associations for sending their calendars ECT as to what format to use. It was suggested our new membership form gets forwarded to them. Bruce asked if our dates were given to them to publish, we do but haven't been sent in yet.

Also, several of our members did well at congress. Jim and Rose Fritz won yearling stud/Gelding masters class, Isabelle Scooby won Trail with their three year old, and Carlos's got 4th in Amateur and 6th or 7th in Open Geldings. The Cartwright's and Groff's also did well. Beckie reported the youth team did well, but no one made the finals. But everything went well.

AMATUER: Kim Laflair reported she is getting baskets of cheer together for the banquet. She also reminded everyone to remember to bring a bottle like they did last year.

Diane reported Heather sent the list of awards to recipients. Heather relayed she was in contact with Vern Packard, and he is doing well and looking forward to coming to the banquet.

CLOSED FUTURITIES: Maryanne reported we are short for awards. Dee asked how short we were (\$3,285.32) for 2006, 2007, 2008. Bruce asked what was needed for 2010. We need \$1777.20 for 2010, \$1611.70 for 2011 and \$1710.00 for 2012, plus awards. The question was asked if an award was needed. If a ribbon with their check was enough? A discussion followed. Maryanne motioned we reimburse what was needed for stallion auction, Dee was the second to the motion, vote taken, all in favor, motion carried.

Diane reported we have 18 stallions donated for this year's auction and she placed a half page ad in Horse Bits like last year. Sandra asked about having a collage of stallions for the banquet, Diane will work on it.

OPEN FUTURITIES: Dee reported that she received the invoice from Maryann, and found that the discrepancy was in the charge for engraving and shipping.

GOOD WILL: Maryanne will send Sandi Emanuel a card.

MEMBERSHIPS: Maryanne reported we have 27 adults, and 3 youth's for 2010. We picked up about 16 new memberships at the expo.

NEWSLETTER: Everyone got theirs.

POINTS: Heather got everyone's requests back. There are 65 championships, 35 reserves, and 25 third place awards and 5 Hi Point & All around Awards, and 3 reserves, with no third place.

The Carol Hicks award will go to Hi point Amateur Select (Deanna Ross) and the Sarah Roberts Award will go to Hi point youth (Kirstin Staley).

MaryAnn will call for trophies for these awards.

Dee asked how much money was needed for awards. (Approximately \$8,000.) Bruce had a question on points, clarifying the printout.

Diane showed what the awards and trophies would look like.

QUEEN: Beckie will contact Nicole Kersetter for our banquet. Beckie also reported that some of the youth members had questions on what it takes to become Queen. A discussion followed and Nicole Thomas will contact Crystal Nalley to see if she would come and speak to the youth about becoming Queen. Sandra Wilkes suggested we offer a Princess, along with a Queen, so our younger youth can kind of get their feet wet to becoming Queen, by helping at the shows, handing out ribbons and so forth.

RULES & BYLAWS: Heather is working on incorporating our membership information and form into our bylaws.

SCHOLORSHIP: Maryanne reported she received an email concerning a scholarship, and wanted to know who was responsible. Maryanne researched it and found what was paid in the past. Beckie reported in 2007, 6 youths received scholarships. The payout was split between the mother club and the youth. (\$900.00 from each) Maryann has nothing on record. Diane mentioned as a food for thought, that we want to encourage youth to partake in the club, and there is nothing stating previously what a youth needed to do before applying for a scholarship, other than being a member and filing out the application. The youth will make the final decision on whether to grant scholarship

applications. A decision will be made via email and Beckie will report back to the club as to what the outcome for this application. Diane added she would like to see the club get more involved with area colleges (Cobleskill, Morrisville and Cazenovia) and give a scholarship to someone the college chooses from their Equine program. A discussion followed and was suggested the board come up with ideas for scholarships for next year. Bruce motioned we table more discussion until January meeting, Sandra was the second to the motion, vote taken, all in favor, motion carried.

STABLEING: Diane reported on an email she sent to Sandi, proposing price increases for 2010 for the board to review. A discussion followed on the pros and cons of having seasonal stalls, and going to one flat rate and other expenses. Diane feels a decision should be made soon. Diane read an email from Sandi Emanuel from the October fairboard meeting on the fees for fairgrounds going up. Diane suggested putting something in the newsletter about reserving stalls early and save. Sandra Wilkes made a motion to have stall fee a flat rate per day and offer a seasonal stall for \$350 until April 1, and must be paid for when reserved. Kim was the second to the motion, vote taken, all in favor, motion carried.

Barbara Sullivan asked what was wrong with our timer. Diane said it wouldn't line up and we had to use Carol Rapp's. Barbara asked Diane to bring it to the banquet. Vern may possibly no what's wrong with it.

JUDGES: Bruce reported he has 5 judges; May - Butch Coarse, Fla. and Mike Bednarek, July 8&9- Bill Springer, GA and John Boxell, IL. and July 23 Mike Hawkins, Fla.

Maryanne asked if our September show was staying single day or split/combined. It will cost more about \$2000 more if we go back to split/combined. It was suggested we change our program and start earlier (7:00a.m.) or hold classes the night before. Beckie suggested we make it more rider friendly. A discussion followed. It was determined for our September show; we will start at 8:00 a.m. on Fri and 7:00 a.m. on Sat and Sun. Barrels will run twice on Saturday, between Hunters and Western, and at the end of the program on Sunday.

TRAIL: no update

YOUTH: Beckie reported 5 youth showed at Congress. Approximately 435 youth that competed during the NYAT competition. Our riders had a few very nice goes, but didn't make the finals. They represented the club very well. The stall decorations were gorgeous this year with a fall theme. There was a little bit of a mix up on the entry form for NYAT stalls, the price was wrong and they shorted us on stalls. But everything was worked out. They did a great job representing us and hopefully got some good pictures. Diane asked if they could get some pictures to Sue Winters for the Newsletter, they also got a Team picture taken. They wore the same outfits that did the year before accept they added black hats and pink Wrangler scarves. A few members got sick and one member, Machala Harris, was too sick to make it for the walk in ceremony, so didn't receive her belt buckle. She's doing fine now.

Beckie has the youth's September meeting minutes and will be sending out the ballots so they can have their elections.

Upcoming fundraisers for Dec/Jan, Little Caesars' Pizza kits, and Gertrude Hawk candy will be at Easter time. She would also like to remind everyone to get donations for the silent auction at the banquet.

OLD BUSINESS: none

SPONSORSHIPS: Barbara Sullivan reported on Triple Crown coupons, on 9/27 she turned in 380 coupons for \$133 we now have a total of \$351.40. Diane asked if there were a number of times we could draw on the account. Barb reported as long as we keep sending in coupons we can take out as much as we want of the \$351.40, she will call and check to make sure. Also, Barb asked the board if they wanted her to start sending letters out for sponsorships, yes, to start now. Nicole Thomas still has Dover gift certificates (10-\$10).

Diane also suggested, another option for sponsorships is, if we don't use sponsorship money for a certain class, to offer the sponsor people the opportunity to sponsor a futurity class and advertise them as the sponsor for that futurity. We have about \$200 from last year.

NEW BUSINESS: Steve Harris reported on covered building. Steve presented the board with a letter proposing a challenge to members to donate \$25 or more and he and his wife will match up to \$2500. He is hoping to get an additional \$5,000 in the next 30 days. He is looking for the club's support, and permission for the mailing list. Bruce motioned to give Steve permission to send the letter to all members, Kim was the second to the motion, vote taken, all in favor, motion carried. Diane asked Maryann for annual treasurer's report.

After having a discussion to determine if we needed to have a November meeting and a date everyone could agree on.

The next meeting: November 22, 1:00p.m.

Bruce made a motion to adjourn, Beckie was the second to the motion, vote taken, all in favor, motion carried

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Bubniak