

# NYSQHA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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The April 3, 2010 board of directors meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Diane Tetlak.

Roll call showed all board members present.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT** Amy Bubniak read the secretary's report. Corrections ; spelling of Nicole Kerstetter. Bruce Cater asked if Nicole Kerstetter gave an answer on doing the show on the 23<sup>rd</sup> or not. Nicole Thomas said Nicole Kerstetter didn't give her an answer on that show yet. Bruce also reminded the board to stay up to date on the legalities of changing our bylaws. Heather DeLucia will keep adding it into old business in next month's agenda. Heather DeLucia 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'S REPORT:** Maryanne Dronchi read the treasurer's report. Bruce Cater asked if the seasonal stall money was divided for the sixteen days, Maryanne said that she will do so .Diane Tetlak asked if the \$568.14 was added to the totals. Maryanne explained it was in her balance but she didn't carry it over. She made the deposit on January 21st. Sandra Wilkes made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Bruce Cater was the second to the motion. Vote taken, all in favor, motion carried.

Maryanne Dronchi submitted bills that needed board's approval for payment. Maryanne reported she received an email from Beckie Thomas stating a refund was needed on pizza to Jane Gaskke and Heather DeLucia. A bill from Susan Winters for the newsletter \$103.83,along with a note saying any member that has not renewed their membership for 2010 was cut off and did not receive a newsletter for April and May. A bill from Gertrude Hawk Candy for \$512.37 and our insurance bill for \$935.00 for the year. Kim LaFlair made a motion to have Maryanne Dronchi pay bills. Nicole Thomas was the second to the motion. Vote taken, all in favor, motion carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Amy Bubniak received confirmation from Bryan Nigro as our photographer for shows he did last year. Amy Bubniak will contact Unique Photography to see if they're available for the remainder of shows.

Diane Tetlak received an email from Sue Winters informing us that ESQHA changed their show date from July 28<sup>th</sup> thru the 31<sup>st</sup> to July 1<sup>st</sup> thru the 4th because of the Youth World Show.

Beckie Thomas received an email from Lisa Martin from the Congress letting us know the NYATT competition has been moved from Monday, October 18 to Sunday, October 17 because it conflicts with school.

**AMATUER COMMITTEE** Kim LaFlair reported nothing new.

**BANQUET COMMITTEE** Sandi Emanuel reported nothing new.

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## **FUTURITIES**

**CLOSED** Diane Tetlak read an email from Jessica Meech asking if the paint babies will be able to show in the non-pro open class or not. Our open futurities are for quarter horses only. Also, Jessica Meech asked how NYSQHA handles a situation when the stallion owner doesn't get a mare bred. A discussion followed, and the board voted in agreement on how to handle the situation.

Diane Tetlak received an email on March 27th from Brent Reader explaining TQ Kid was put down due to a broken leg. A discussion followed. The board decided to give Diane Tetlak a refund on her stallion service. Sandi Emanuel made a motion to refund Diane Tetlak her stallion service money. Skip Hartmann was the second to the motion. Vote taken, all in favor, motion carried.

A question was brought up concerning the lack of interest in our stallion service auction and maybe consider ending the sale. Sandra Wilkes made a motion that we dispense of the 2010 stallion service sale and refund any monies that has been collected to people that have bought services. Also contact stallion owners and say due to the fact no stallions sold, we cancelled the sale. It was decided to table this until next month. Heather Delucia will write a letter for the board to approve and mail out to stallion owners.

Diane Tetlak mentioned the closed futurity nomination form is on the website under shows and the Big Apple futurity form is under futurities, Diane Tetlak will contact Nadine Felter to make the necessary corrections.

Diane Tetlak also reported she still hasn't heard from Jeff Elthrop's client.

**OPEN** Dee Hartmann reported she received two sponsorships, and asked what should be done with the sponsorship money. A separate account will be set up for futurity sponsorships and have it announced that these people helped sponsored these futurities. Also Dee Hartmann reported the updated rules are on the website.

**GOODWILL:** Maryanne Dronchi sent cards to Pam Gregory and Jean Haltalski and will send a card to Ken Ross because he broke his elbow.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Maryanne Dronchi reported we have 93 adult and 21 youth members. Maryanne received a membership using last year's form and fee and wanted to know how the board wanted to handle it. It was decided Maryanne would email the people explaining our fees went up and they would have to pay the balance first before she would send out their cards.

**NEWSLETTER:** Diane Tetlak reported Sue Winters didn't put the closed futurity form in last month's newsletter. Diane Tetlak will check with Sue Winters to make sure she puts the futurity form in the next newsletter.

**POINTS** nothing

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**QUEEN** Nicole Thomas read email letter from Nicole Kerstetter explaining her agenda for the year. Her first appearance will be on April 10th at the Lazy H Horse Sale. Skip Hartmann suggested Nicole Kerstetter hand out membership forms at the functions she plans to attend.

**RULES AND BYLAWS:** Tabled until next month.

**SCHOLARSHIPS:** none

**PROMOTIONS AND SPONSORSHIPS:** Ron Bubniak reported he received two more donations. Maryanne Dronchi will email Amy Bubniak the club's ID#. Diane Tetlak asked that Ron Bubniak get a business card from NBT so she can post it. Skip Hartmann suggested Ron Bubniak contact the Finger lakes construction Company for a donation. Ron Bubniak will look into doing so.

Diane Tetlak reported that Barbara Sullivan contacted her stating that she donated the money she collected from the Triple Crown proof of purchase tags to Columbia/Green Humane Society so those funds are no longer available for our club.

Heather DeLucia expressed her concern with this situation. And read the ad that's on our website and in our newsletters. Heather DeLucia explained she has a problem with how Barbara Sullivan took it upon herself to donate the money from the Triple Crown tags that was thought to be donated to NYSQHA to a humane society but feels it was the club's money. It was promoted and obtained as club money and should have been the club's decision on what to do with the money. Barbara Sullivan just volunteered to collect the tags. After a short discussion, Diane Tetlak contacted Nadine Felter to have her change the address on the website. Heather DeLucia will check the website and make sure it gets changed. Heather DeLucia made a motion that Barbara Sullivan is no longer is a member in good standing. Skip Hartmann was the second to the motion. Vote taken, Maryanne Dronchi opposed, Sandra Wilkes abstained. Motion carried.

**STABLING:** Bruce Cater reported he has 22 stalls sold taking in about \$7700. Heather DeLucia asked if the board would extend the deadline for seasonal stalls until May 1<sup>st</sup>. Heather DeLucia made a motion to extend the cut off for seasonal stalls until April 30,2010. Maryanne Dronchi was the second to the motion. Vote taken, all in favor, motion carried. Heather DeLucia will notify Nadine Felter.

**SHOWS:** Bruce Cater reported the fairgrounds refurbished some of the barns.

Amy Bubniak reported Anne Brusoe will be our announcer for the five day show, for the same price as last year. It was suggested to add a note to her contract that she doesn't leave until the show is over. A discussion followed on rates for announcers and ring stewards. Skip Hartmann made a motion that we pay the announcers and ring stewards \$200 per day. Sandy Emanuel was the second to the motion. Vote taken, all in favor, motion carried. Sandy Emanuel motioned to send Gilly Soloway, Anne Brusoe, Mark Hulbert and Leslie McGraw a contract. Heather DeLucia was the second. Vote taken, all in favor, motion carried. (Heather will draw up the contract and Amy will send contracts out).

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Heather DeLucia read a letter from Unique Horse Show Photography. Diane Tetlak showed the board the ad for horse bits. Heather DeLucia made a motion to pay \$75 for the Horse Bits ad Skip Hartmann was the second to the motion. Vote taken, all in favor, motion carried.

Diane asked if anyone had any other ideas for circuit awards other than: the stall front bags for our Amateur show (Hi point Amateur and Hi point Amateur Trainer) and the coolers for the youth show (hi point youth and hi point youth trainer) from Saratoga Horseworks ,and box fans(\$12.plus cost of decals aprox .\$20) Sandy Emanuel suggested bridle bags for the liberty circuit(121 classes/awards) Amy Bubniak will check with Saratoga Horseworks and Shupperds, and let Diane Tetlak know the cost. Dee Hartmann asked if Shupperds would be coming to all our shows. Diane Tetlak talked to Jerry Shupperd and she wanted to know if the arena was up.

**YOUTH:** Beckie Thomas reported five youth attended the meeting. They picked up Gertrude Hawk candy, and discussed some fundraisers.

Also, the youth would like to try a dancing with the stars showmanship at the 5 day show , it will be like a freestyle showmanship class put to music and have Bruce Emanuel judge it. They want to put posters up around town advertising the horse show.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Bruce Cater suggested we add an all stock breed futurity class on futurity weekend. Two classes for weanlings; colts, geldings and fillies. Dee Hartmann suggested we add it to the letter going out to the stallion owners and our website. Heather DeLucia asked what the pot would be. Bruce Cater suggests one shot entry fee of \$50. \$75 late fee, entries close day of show. \$300 to start. Heather DeLucia will be chairperson and make a up sheet for all breed stock futurity. Bruce Cater made a motion we ad an All breed stock futurity class to be held on our futurity weekend. Entry fee \$50, \$75 late fee, and entries close day of the show. \$300 pot each for colts, geldings and fillies. Skip Hartmann was the second to the motion. Vote taken, all in favor, motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Sandi Emanuel reminded everyone about the trailer that we have. Doug Cater will let us use 2 stalls. Ron Bubniak and Skip Hartmann will see about getting rid of the trailer.

**NEXT MEETING:** May 8, 2010 Cooperative Extension Office, Cobleskill, NY

Skip Hartmann made a motion to adjourn. Sandra Wilkes was the second to the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Bubniak