

November 10, 2018 Wyoming Quarter Horse Association General Membership Meeting Minutes Little America Hotel-Teton Room

Meeting was called to order by President Keith Thomas at 12:05 pm.

Lisa Young read the minutes from the 2017 general membership meeting. John Sedgwick moved and Adair Walker seconded to accept the minutes as read. Motion carried.

Anne Marie Johnson presented her 2018 awards report. She amended the amount she said she saved at the director's meeting to \$220 under budget.

Chris Jensen and Krystal Peterson will be WQHA's 2019 Region 2 representatives.

WQHA will be keep The Wrangler as its official publication and will try to utilize it more in 2019 especially for the adult side. Jill Stucky already did an excellent job with the youth side and will continue that job.

Stuart Thompson will be applying for a National Director's position. He felt he would be a good asset with his background showing as an amateur and previously as a show dad to his kids showing AQHA. Vote was taken by the membership and he was approved as WQHA's candidate for the position. John Sedgwick moved and Terry McDowell seconded. Motion carried.

WQHA decided to lower the amount to donate to the Regional 2 Championship to \$250 due to finances. If the finances improve by the time it is actually donated it could go up to the \$500 donated last year. Linda Henderson moved and Terry McDowell seconded. Motion carried.

WQHA will continue to donate \$50 to the 4H Horse Council. John Sedgwick moved and Stacy Thomas seconded.

It was decided for 2019 to add one more day of shows for both Woolly and Energy Capital and make both shows split combined over four days. We were also informed by Stuart Thompson the Sweetwater Classic is also looking at doing the same thing.

WQHA is looking to move Woolly to May 23-26 due to a new open show put on HorseShowJudges.com with high dollar awards. John Sedgwick will contact the Wyoming State Fairgrounds to see if that is feasible.

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Anne Marie Johnson informed WQHA that Black Hills Summer Circuit has moved their show to June. 2018's show didn't work well with being right after a big roping event. And showing after the 4th hasn't seemed to help numbers either.

The tentative dates for the WQHA approved shows currently for 2019 are:

Wooly Horse Show- Douglas, WY-May 16-19, 2019

Sweetwater Classic- Rock Springs, WY-June 13-15, 2019

Black Hills Summer Circuit-Rapid City, SD-June 27-30, 2019

Energy Capital Show Circuit-Torrington, WY-July 18-21, 2019

Central States Fair-Rapid City, SD-August 17-18, 2019 (not WQHA approved yet)

It was brought up by Keith Thomas that Terry Scott needs more help at the shows, most specifically at the gate. That will be addressed more in the show committees that were formed for Wooly Horse Show and Energy Capital Show Circuit. John Sedgwick moved and Julie Campain seconded that we keep Terry Scott as show manager for both shows. Motion carried.

Show committees were set up for both shows put on by WQHA. The Wooly Horse Show committee members are Adair Walker, Linda Henderson, Krystal Jackson and Lisa Young. The Energy Capital Show Circuit committee members are Terry McDowell, Jo Jones and Krystal Peterson.

WQHA also will be looking at increasing the day fees at both shows and possibly stall fees.

Keith Thomas reported that Kelly Simonsen graciously donated the fees for the Sweetwater Classic to be RMQHA approved.

It was discussed and approved at the board meeting to split the secretary and treasurer positions to make them easier to manage. Lisa Young will be secretary and will take the minutes and calculate the points for year end awards. Kristen Lyons will take care of the finances.

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WQHA amended some award rules. The association will now recognize leases like AQHA does and only the person leasing the horse has to be a member. And all halter points within a division will be counted towards the ten points needed to earn an all around. The third rule change will be if a person shows every WQHA show for their class and it is worth less than ten points a championship award will still be given. John Sedgwick moved, Linda Henderson seconded. Motion carried.

It was suggested that dues go up to \$40 a year from \$35 effective March 1, 2019. John Sedgwick moved and Adair Walker seconded. Motion carried.

Bylaws were tabled for another year to concentrate on shoring up the finances of the association first. The new members of the committee to work on the bylaws in 2019 are Debbie Unrein, Adair Walker, Jo Jones and Lisa Young.

Marie Nida shared with WQHA that a new Wyoming Equine Extravaganza will be put on in April 2019 in Douglas, Wyoming. It was moved by John Sedgwick to pay up to \$150 for an ad in the program and Krystal Peterson seconded. Motion carried.

Jill Stucky shared what the WQHA youth did in 2018. They had six youths that went to World including two that had shipped in from Nebraska. Wyoming brought home three globes. A bronze in Showmanship by Sydnee Gemar. Both a gold and silver in Jumping by Samantha Taylor and she even had a jump off against herself with both horses. Also Alexis Stucky was a finalist in level 2 Showmanship. The youth's horses were stalled in the Super Barn. Jill also wrote a thank you note to AQHA. Also at the horse shows the youth had swimming parties.

WQHA members that generously donated to the convention were Jo Jones, Adair Walker, Anne Marie Johnson and John Sedgwick.

Keith Thomas moved on to election of Board Members. There were five positions to be filled. There were seven nominations, Kristen Lyons, Jo Jones, Terry McDowell, Linda Henderson, Lisa Young, Stuart Thompson and Krystal Jackson. Kristen Lyons, Jo Jones, Terry McDowell, Linda Henderson and Lisa Young were voted in. John Sedgwick moved and Debbie Unrein seconded to accept the board members. Motion carried.

John Sedgwick moved that the meeting adjourn. Adair Walker seconded. Motion carried.

