

WYOMING QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION  
GENERAL MEETING  
NOVEMBER 5, 2016

Meeting was called to order by President Keith Thomas at 12:45 pm..

John Sedgwick read the minutes from the 2015 General Meeting. Chris Jensen moved and Terry McDowell seconded, to accept the minutes as read. Motion carried.

John Sedgwick then presented the treasurer's report for 2016. Anne Marie Johnson moved and Stacy Thomas seconded to approve the report as presented. Motion carried.

Anne Marie Johnson presented her yearend award financial report. Anne Marie was \$136.00 under the total awards budget but explained there maybe some postage or award errors that might still be charged to the budget.

Jill Stucky, WQHA youth adviser, gave the membership a report on her plans for the youth association for the upcoming year. She reported that she would hold a youth meeting later in the day and hoped to try and have the older youth members assume officer positions and become more active in the youth group's affairs. Jill also reported that she wanted to emphasize AQHA's scholarship program to the youth membership. The youth were also planning to organize meetings/activities at each of the shows in 2017. Jill reported that she and John Sedgwick would work at updating the rules for the youth group to better reflect the actual activities of the group.

Keith Thomas reported that the Board was recommending WQHA discontinue offering an individual youth membership rate of \$15 and only offer an individual/family membership rate of \$35 per year. Stacy Thomas moved and Jill Stucky seconded that WQHA nolonger offer the the \$15 individual membership rate. Motion carried.

Keith Thomas reported that the board was recommending the membership approve WQHA's continuation of purchasing advertising in the 2017 Horse Expo program. Anne Marie Johnson moved to approve payment for a WQHA advertisement in the 2017 Horse Expo program. Stuart Thompson seconded. Motion carried.

Keith Thomas brought up for discussion Wyoming's representative to the Region 2 Championship show governing committee. After some discussion by the membership, Chris and Jennifer Jensen volunteered to be the WQHA representatives.

Keith Thomas reported that the Board was recommending the annual payment of \$500 be made to the secretary/treasurer position. Stuart Thompson moved to accept the Board's recommendation and make the \$500 payment. Stacy Thomas seconded. Motion carried.

Keith Thomas reported the Board's recommendation that WQHA donate \$600 to the Region 2 Championship show for 2017 as well as a \$50 donation to the 4-H Council. Terry McDowell moved and Jennifer Jensen seconded to approve payments. Motion carried.

John Sedgwick announced the tentative schedule for the WQHA shows in 2017:  
Woolly Horse Show - May 19, 20, 21, 2017 – Douglas, WY  
Colorful Colorado Show – June 8-11, 2017 – Loveland, CO  
Black Hills Summer Circuit – July 6-9, 2017 – Rapid City, SD  
Energy Capitol Show – July 14-16 2017 or July 21-23, 2017 – Torrington, WY

John reported that the Hurry, Wait and Wine show would not be held in 2017 and currently the status of the Wyoming State Fair show as well as the Central States Fair show was unknown. John also reported that

although the Board had approved moving the Energy Capitol show from its usual dates of July 14-16 to the new dates of July 21-23 for 2017 the Board felt the general membership should be allowed input concerning this change. The membership then discussed the date change. Jill Stucky said that if the show changed dates that would allow her to take interested youth members to the YES conference put on by AQHA in Amarillo, Texas. Keith Thomas did report that changing the date would then have the show in conflict with the Summer Slide reining event in Colorado but since reining was not that well attended in Torrington it shouldn't be that big of a problem. Chris Jensen then spoke about conversations he had had with James Goodrich the State Fair Director. James was still proposing that WQHA take over the running of the State Fair shows and that the shows be held the last week end of July. Chris was concerned if we moved the Torrington show to the week end before the new date for the State Fair shows that would impact attendance. Keith Thomas then noted that updates for the State Fair shows was later on the agenda and perhaps it would be better to discuss those options then.

Brent Knotts moved and Diane Pilant seconded that the Energy Capitol Shows be moved to the new dates of July 21-23, 2017. Motion carried.

Keith Thomas reported that the Board was recommending continuing the use of Terry Scott as show manager for the 2017 shows as well as hiring an additional person to serve as gate person at the shows. Anne Marie Johnson Moved and Stuart Thompson seconded to approve the Board's recommendation. Motion passed.

Keith Thomas reported that the Board planned to create committees to assist in the management of each WQHA owned show and that a Board member would serve as chairman and volunteers would be solicited from the general membership. Krystal Jackson would be chairman of the Woolly Horse Show. Keith then asked for volunteers. John Sedgwick reported that Hanah Cunningham had sent him an email conveying her interest in helping so he placed her name in contention. Brent Knotts volunteered to coordinate shavings. Stuart Thompson volunteered as did John Sedgwick.

Keith Thomas reported that George and Nancy Pfeiffer had requested WQHA consider partnering with the Cowboy States Reining Horse Association at the Woolly Horse show and add NRHA classes. In addition they were proposing that WQHA rent a larger indoor arena that was located at the northwest corner of the fairgrounds for the event. They had reported the cost of the building would be \$700 per day and that Debbie and Bill Russell had volunteered to donate one day's rental fee. The Board was recommending that the membership vote to incorporate the NRHA classes but to not agree to rent the additional arena. Nancy Pfeiffer then addressed the membership and verified the information the Board had been given. Discussion from the membership proceeded and the concern about the cost and logistics of trying to hold the reining so far from the stalling barn were brought up. It was also mentioned that since no one had used the facility there was no guarantee how the dirt would be for the event. Stacy Thomas moved and Nancy Pfeiffer seconded that the membership pass the Board's recommendation. Motion passed.

John Sedgwick and Keith Thomas reported on the Board's recommended proposed format changes to the Woolly Horse Show schedule. The format would be one judge to judge all classes with the exception of reining and ranch riding in the indoor on Friday. A separate judge would be hired to judge just the reining and ranch riding in the outdoor arena on Friday. Saturday and Sunday would stay split combined and the two judges hired would judge all classes between the two days. Trail classes would be moved to first thing on Sunday, followed by the western classes and the English classes. The trail course could be set up Saturday night and be available to practice on that night and Sunday morning and a flat rate of \$10 would be charged to each trail participant. A \$10 course fee will be charged to each over fence participant each day for the ability to practice on the jumping courses. The fee would then be given to the Carrells to help defray their costs associated with transporting the jumps to Douglas. The discussion that followed was all favorable to the changes. Brent Knotts moved and Krystal Peterson seconded to approve the Board's recommendations. Motion passed.

Keith Thomas announced that a show committee would be set up for the Energy Capitol Show and he would serve as chairman. Terry McDowell, John Sedgwick, Jo Jones and Stacy Thomas volunteered to serve on the committee.

Keith Thomas noted that the next two items on the agenda concerning the energy Capitol Show had been handled previously so he moved on to the next agenda item, Wyoming State Fair update. After a brief discussion Chris Jensen moved that WQHA assume management of the 2017 Wyoming State Fair Shows to be held August 5 and 6, 2017 in Douglas, Wyoming. Krystal Peterson seconded. A show of hands vote was taken and the motion failed.

Nancy Pfeiffer addressed the membership concerning the possibility of WQHA partnering with the Cowboy State Reining Association on a quarter horse show in Sheridan, Wyoming in early June. After some discussion it was determined that a committee be formed to explore this option. Nancy Pfeiffer volunteered to be chairman and Krystal Jackson, Jo Jones, Stuart Thompson and John Sedgwick volunteered to be on the committee.

Keith Thomas then reported that unless there were any negative comments concerning the web site WQHA would continue using GoDaddy.com as the host. There were none from the membership.

John Sedgwick reported that he planned on relinquishing his duties as Secretary/Treasurer January 1, 2017. He would remain doing the points for one more year to give his replacement a break. John reported that Krystal Jackson had agreed to assume the duties providing no one else was interested in being considered. No names were brought up for consideration by the membership.

Keith Thomas then had John Sedgwick read the Board's recommended year end award rule change for the membership's consideration. The proposed rule change reads: To qualify for a year end award, a member and the horse must show at a minimum of six (6) WQHA approved shows in Wyoming providing there are a minimum of nine (9) WQHA approved shows held in the state. In the event there are fewer than nine (9) WQHA approved shows held in the state, the member and horse must show at three (3) WQHA shows held in the State of Wyoming. Jennifer Jensen moved to approve the rule change and Mary Rice seconded. Motion carried.

Keith Thomas requested comments concerning a date change for the annual meeting and banquet. After some discussion Anne Marie moved and Stacy Thomas seconded that the date remain the first Saturday of November. Motion carried.

Keith Thomas moved on to election of Board Members. John Sedgwick reported that the terms of the following board members, Hanah Cunningham, Brent Knotts and Debbie Unrein, were expiring on December 31, 2016. Keith Thomas then asked the floor for nominations. Anne Marie Johnson nominated Brent Knotts, Terry McDowell nominated Debbie Unrein and Stuart Thompson nominated Hanah Cunningham. Stacy Thomas moved nominations cease and Stuart Thompson seconded. Motion carried and the individuals nominated will serve another three years.

Stuart Thompson moved that the meeting adjourn. Jennifer Jensen seconded. Motion carried.

fore proceeding with the other items on the show agenda John Sedgwick did announce to the membership that he planned to retire from the Secretary/Treasurer position at the end of 2016. John told the membership that he had discussed with several individuals about possibly taking the position and encouraged the membership to also solicit other potential applicants. In addition, John discussed the need to form more committees made up of both Board members and regular members to help on various aspects of the shows and to relieve the show manager/gate person. Brent Knotts had informed the Board in 2014 that 2015 would be his last term as president so his involvement will significantly decrease in 2016. Since John and Brent had been the primary individuals working on organizing the shows the last several years, John felt it important that he stay involved one more year to both help set up and guide the committees.

Keith Thomas reported to the general membership that the Board had agreed to continue the use of Terry Scott as show manager for its show. Keith also reported that the Douglas show would continue the 2015 format for 2016. This format would be one judge to judge all classes with the exception of reining and ranch riding in the indoor on Friday. A separate judge would be hired to judge just the reining and ranch riding in the outdoor arena on Friday. Saturday and Sunday would stay split combined and the two judges hired would judge all classes between the two days. No motion was received to change the format.

Keith Thomas did report that Adair Walker had requested the Board consider adding adult and youth walk/trot classes to both WQHA shows since AQHA has made them approved classes for 2016. The Board had decided to not add the classes for 2016. No discussion from the floor.

Jill Stucky moved and Jenifer Jensen seconded that WQHA add Pee-Wee Showmanship as a class to both the Douglas and Torrington shows. Motion carried.

Keith Thomas then reported that John Sedgwick had received a telephone call from Charles Carrel in Sheridan, Wyoming requesting WQHA add over the fence classes at both the Douglas and Torrington shows. Charlie and his wife Hilary would be responsible for furnishing all the fences and setting the courses in hopefully a separate arena from the main show arenas. Mr. Carrel also said that he could guarantee a minimum of ten horses from his barn to compete in the classes. If the courses could be set up in a separate arena the time associated with running these classes would be significantly shortened. Mr. Carrel was aware that if there was inclement weather at the show that the classes might need to be moved indoors at the end of the regular show. A discussion followed and the membership was enthusiastic about these additional classes. A question was raised on whether or not a separate arena would be available in Torrington. Terry McDowell from Torrington agreed to meet with the staff of the Goshen County Fairgrounds and see what could be worked out and will report back to the Board. John Sedgwick said he would contact Charles Carrel and finalize the details.

Keith Thomas reported that Dannica Percevich had expressed an interest in donating buckles for the circuit champions in the reining at the May Douglas show and that Stuart Thompson had volunteered to work with Dannica on securing the buckles.

Keith Thomas then had John Sedgwick report that he had investigated the possibility of moving the dates for the May Douglas show from May 6-8, 2016 to May 20-22, 2016. As everyone was aware the weather has been terrible in both 2013 and 2014 with a major snow event happening during the show. While everyone realizes

the weather may not be stellar in late May, the chance of road closures and blizzard conditions should not be as great. John reported that currently the Wyoming State Fair facility was available on the new dates. He also commented there was a show held in Columbus, Montana on that corresponding week end in 2014 and expressed concern that WQHA could lose some of the Montana exhibitors that have supported the WQHA show in previous years. John did report that he had contacted the president of the Montana Quarter Horse Association to see if he knew when Montana might hold the show in 2016. John was told that a decision had not been made but in the past the show had been tied to Memorial Day which would make it the last week end of May in 2015 rather than the week end we were looking to move to. John had also contacted AQHA who reported that Wyoming could request the date change.

Keith Thomas opened discussion about the potential date change with the general membership. Jill Stucky reported that moving the dates from the week end of May 6, 7 & 8, 2016 would alleviate many conflicts with several statewide sports activities planned for the same dates. Many people also said that surely the weather would not be as bad as previous year with the later date and that might attract more exhibitors. It was also mentioned that since the Hurry Wait and Wine show had moved to an earlier date that would make the Douglas show closer to it and perhaps more of the core membership would be encouraged to do both.

Since the membership was supportive, Keith Thomas instructed John Sedgwick to continue investigating the date change and if it appeared it could be accomplished the Board would vote on whether or not to request an official date change with AQHA.

Keith Thomas then reported that the Energy Capitol Show would be held in Torrington again in 2016.

Keith Thomas requested John Sedgwick to briefly summarize for the general membership information he had received from James Goodrich, the Wyoming State Director, concerning the 2016 Wyoming State Fair Show. John reported that currently State Fair staff is looking at making changes to the schedule for the 2016 State Fair and has considered making the quarter horse show a stand alone event, and holding it the week end of August 6 and 7, 2016 rather than August 13 and 14, 2016. Mr. Goodrich also wondered if WQHA would be interested in assuming management of the event. If WQHA would decide to manage the show circuit, it would pay the same costs to Wyoming State Fair that it does for the May show. Mr. Goodrich admitted that although much improved over the 2014 event there were still issues with camping, check in and general congestion and logistics from people moving in for the youth show.

Keith Thomas asked the general membership for feedback. Several members said they would not return if it was held on its current dates since they incurred great difficulty trying to leave their camping spots on Sunday and Wednesday morning. Other people complained about check in stations. Concern was expressed by the membership if WQHA was to assume management of the facility did it have the people/resources to handle a third circuit. The financial risk was also a concern. Several members were also concerned that if the quarter horse show was moved to the week end before State Fair starts, the show would lose most if not all of the youth entries that arrive early for the Youth Show and take advantage of the quarter horse show as practice.

Debbie Unrein then asked if it was possible to have the quarter horse show remain under State Fair management but move up a day and be held Friday and Saturday rather than Saturday and Sunday. This schedule change might remove the need for livestock check in, and would allow the quarter horse show people to move in and out before the major congestion associated with the Youth Horse Show started. She also thought we might also still have some of the Youth Horse Show qualifiers come in early to show at the quarter horse show.

George Pfeiffer moved and Stuart Thompson seconded that John Sedgwick be instructed to submit this idea to James Goodrich. John was also instructed to say that WQHA had no interest in assuming management of the show. Motion carried.

Keith Thomas then turned the floor over to Chris Jenson, WQHA member and a Wyoming National AQHA Director, to speak to the membership concerning his desire to donate a coming two year old mare to be

auctioned off with the proceeds being split 50/50 between WQHA and the CONQHA. Expenses incurred in conducting the raffle would be also split 50/50 between the two organizations. The two year old mare is out of his multiple World Champion stallion Playzorro. It was Chris's hope that raffle tickets would be ready to sell by the Black Hills Stock Show and to insure enough time be left in the spring and summer for the new owners to break and ride the mare Chris suggested we have the raffle drawing on Saturday, June 4, 2016 at the Hurry, Wait and Wine Show in Rapid City, SD. The offer was met enthusiastically by the membership and it was suggested that individuals make motions for the membership to vote on concerning some of the details associated with the raffle.

The discussion started with the price of the raffle tickets. After some debate, Vernon Schild moved and Stuart Thompson seconded that the price of each raffle ticket be set at \$10 each or six tickets for \$50.00. Motion carried.

It was then discussed that it would be beneficial to have the filly at the Hurry, Wait and Wine Show for people to view proceeding the raffle draw as well as for possible pick up by the new owner.

Mary Rice moved that the expenses associated with securing a health certificate, brand inspection, coggins test and stalling/bedding charges be the responsibility of WQHA and CONQHA and that the winner of the raffle must take possession by June 15, 2016. Susan Nelson seconded. Motion passed.

The discussion then turned to who should sell the tickets. It was brought up that some WQHA and CONQHA members that aren't very active in the organizations might not appreciate just receiving a book of raffle tickets to sell by mail. After more discussion, Debbie Unrein moved that twelve raffle tickets (1 book) will be sent to each WQHA and CONQHA member that either won or was reserve champion in a year end award category. Mary Rice seconded. Motion carried.

Keith Thomas then asked for volunteers to be on the raffle committee. The committee will be comprised of Susan Nelson, Jenifer Jensen and Krystal Peterson.

Keith Thomas then moved to the next agenda item, election of new board members. John Sedgwick reported that there were four openings. Karon Horn, Stuart Thompson, Lisa Young and John Sedgwick's terms were expiring. John also announced that it was not necessary for him to be on the board to serve as secretary/treasurer and encouraged new people be elected to the board. Keith Thomas then requested nominations.

Hanah Cunningham, Krystal Jackson, Lisa Young, Stuart Thompson, Jo Jones and Shannon Young were nominated before Jenifer Jensen moved that nominations cease. Susan Nelson seconded. Motion carried.

The membership was then told to vote for four candidates. Ballots were gathered and John Sedgwick and Susan Nelson left the room to count the ballots. After John and Susan counted the votes John returned and announced the board members elected were: Hanah Cunningham, Krystal Jackson, Lisa Young and Stuart Thompson.

Keith Thomas then asked that all the directors meet right after adjournment of this meeting to elect 2016 officers.

Vernon Schild moved that the meeting be adjourned. Chriss Jensen seconded. Motion carried.

