

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MINUTES**

Sept. 29, 2009

The meeting was called to order a little after 7 p.m. at Richland Ranch. Roll call was taken. The following people were present: Gene Allen, Joe Glassford, Cheryl LaMaster, Brian Jallas, Connie McLaughlin, Kandi Lane, LeaAnn Koch, Barb Gibson, Lori Jallas, Pam Sigler for John Boxell, Chris Arentsen, Jake Lane, and Paul Rogers. The following people were present by phone: Ken Freeman, Mindy Riden, Jeff Greaves, Francine Barnes for Nicole Barnes, Lowell Osterbur, John Dobbs, Doug Ronk & Tammy Rogers.

Minutes from the July 7th and Aug. 9th meetings, included in the Board packet, were approved by a motion to accept made by Brian Jallas. Lori Jallas seconded the motion, which passed. Gene Allen asked Cheryl LaMaster to read aloud an article about IQHA being written for the Midwest Thoroughbred Magazine. With their permission, the article will be published in the next Yearling.

Race report: Gene Allen presented a report that was included in the packet detailing updates on current racing legislation as well as races at Fairmount. He also talked about the upcoming Illini Futurity trials and finals. Currently just under \$7000 has been received for Illini Futurity payments with one more payment yet to come. The racing general fund has just over \$2000 in it.

Nominations for 2010: Joe Glassford had not been able to contact Mindy Riden, but she replied on the phone that she would run again. Bill Ford is running for vice president. In Dist. 3 Ed Lawrence will be running for director. In Dist. 11 Greg Simmons will also be running for director. Oct. 1st is the deadline for nominations to be into Joe Glassford or email. For the race association, there is an opening for central vice president. They need 9 directors. We will need a nomination meeting to be held after Oct. 1st to decide ballot placements in areas where there is more than one person running. Joe Glassford made a motion to hold a phone conference meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 6th at 7 p.m. Ken Freeman seconded the motion. LeaAnn Koch expressed concern about people on the board that don't participate, don't call in and don't come to meetings. It was suggested that Gene send a letter to people who are running for Board positions to tell them we have expectations for being on the Board. People running for positions should realize they are making a commitment by running. John Dobbs mentioned that AQHA is developing an application for committee members. A motion to send the letter passed.

Financial report: Brian Jallas did not have a complete report but did have a running total for the general fund. A motion to accept the report and approve expenditures was made by LeaAnn Koch and seconded by Joe Glassford. The motion passed.

Show committee: The fall show at DuQuoin had 171 horses at the show which was a smaller number than in the past at Springfield. About 200 stalls were sold. There were not as many AQHA entries as have been in the past. The show lost \$1800. Next year the show will be back in Springfield. That facility will more expensive than DuQuoin and state has increased rental costs. The stalls will be more expensive in Springfield than the stalls in DuQuoin. Cheryl LaMaster is already hiring judges for shows in 2010.

Yearling: The Yearling will go to print on Dec. 10. The deadline for ads is Dec. 1st.

New futurity & stallion auction: Pictures of winners will be sent to stallion owners. The stallion service auction will be at the convention on Saturday night. Connie is accepting stallion contracts. The big money classes have not been doing well, but the new futurity horses will be two year olds in 2010 so we won't need those classes.

D1 futurity: Cheryl has the checks ready to go. The futurity will pay out a little over \$50,000 this year. Joe Glassford made a motion to promote the futurities in the upcoming Dec. issue of the Yearling. Brian Jallas seconded the motion. Administrative monies (split between the D1 and the New futurity) will pay for the page in the Yearling.

Amateurs: Doug Ronk & Barb Gibson attended the trail ride. The amateurs are selling t-shirts sweatshirts & wind shirts. They are planning to raise money from the silent auction at the convention. They will put money into the shows and sponsor meals at the shows. They will also be donating t-shirts to the trail ride and donating prizes at the Turkey Run shows. The Amateur Committee will be establishing a new award at the end of the year. Each

district director will have an opportunity to nominate an amateur from his/her district for this award. The recipient will be announced at the convention. Items are needed for the silent auction. Doug thanked Barb Gibson for her work this selling items. They do need more people to become involved. Anyone interested in helping the amateur group should contact Doug or Barb. They are working on a new design for the new year for the t-shirts and sweatshirts. Chris Arentsen thanked Doug & Barb for their help this year. Joe Glassford made a motion to establish the amateur of the year award nominated by the district directors. Kandi Lane seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Youth: Tammy and Paul reported on the youth world show. They should have the Parade of States photo soon. They have 7 members for the upcoming Congress NYATT competition. They have speech contest and judging team participants. Doug Ronk reported that he is still working on the computer donation from his company for the youth. We also have a queen contestant for Congress, Samantha Ginger.

Public relations & AQHA: John Dobbs reported that Don Treadway sends AQHA news every Friday so people can remain informed about AQHA happenings.

Convention: Kandi Lane asked about the budget for the convention. Use of the facility will be \$6300 in 2010. Last year we charged \$28 for the banquet and that included lunch for the attendees. However, there were people who came during the day and had lunch but didn't stay for the dinner. We did not collect any money from those people in 2009 but Kandi wanted to know if that would remain the same for 2010. Pam Sigler reported that she has had \$900-1200 in the past to pay for table decorations & entertainment. After discussion about the banquet price it was decided to leave the price the same. Youth tickets will again be half price, under a certain age. Kandi Lane was given \$7000 as a budget to work with for expenses. The show committee will again donate to the convention. Banquet attendees will be given a welcome packet when they check in at convention which will include a lunch ticket in that packet. Lunch will be \$12 for those who just attend lunch during Saturday. A motion made by Joe Glassford and seconded by LeaAnn Koch to that effect was passed. Kandi is working on getting vendors in for the weekend. She is planning a Professional Horseman panel again since it was well received last year. A location for the 2011 convention was discussed. It could be moved to central Illinois (Bloomington, Champaign, Springfield) but locations farther north seem to increase the costs considerably. LeaAnn Koch made a motion for the convention to remain in Effingham for 2011. Ken Freeman seconded the motion. The motion passed. There will be Board meetings on Friday and Sunday at the convention. Gene Allen asked all directors and officers to attend.

A motion to accept all committee reports passed.

Recreational riding: Pam Sigler reported that the horseback riding program has over 60 members. Currently 30 members have reported 8700 hours ridden. Sixty four mileage achievement awards have been given out so far. For the trail ride last weekend there were 79 paid riders. Pam Sigler & Bob Chatterton were in charge of the ride. They don't have the financials ready yet, but it was an outstanding weekend with outstanding meals done by Brian & Lori Jallas. They had all different breeds represented, not just Quarter Horses. Next year the ride is planned to be in the south, probably in the Shawnee area.

Old business: A question was asked about the idea of a museum and hall of fame building to see if progress had been made. Pam reported that not much progress had been made but the idea was still being worked upon. Cheryl LaMaster reported that she is working on the district re-apportionment. She will have a report for January.

New business: The Chicagoland Expo will be Nov. 21 & 22. This is the exposition that was held at Arlington last year. Ed Lawrence and Cheryl LaMaster are working on the booth for IQHA. Assistance from other people will be needed. Connie McLaughlin had a question about sending photos of the winning foals to stallion owners as we had done in the past. We have sent weanling winners in the past—should we also send the yearling winners? We will get the pictures from Jennifer Horton at no charge as a sponsorship. We need to keep this concept in mind when hiring a future photographer for the Futurity. Chris Arentsen moved to send weanling & yearling photos to the stallion owners. Joe Glassford seconded the motion, which passed.

Ken Freeman moved to adjourn at 9:02 p.m. Joe Glassford seconded the motion. The motion carried.