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Board Meeting
JANUARY 23, 2009

The meeting was called to order a little after 7 p.m. It was determined that a quorum was present. The following people were present: Gene Allen, Joe Glassford, Cheryl LaMaster, Francine Barnes, Ken Freeman, Connie McLaughlin, Cherylann Easley, LeaAnn Koch-OBingham, Nancy Allen, Julie Ehler, Brian Jallas, Chris Arentsen, Jake Lane, John Dobbs, Mark Neibrugge, Doug Ronk, Lori Jallas, Heidi Coop, Ed Lawrence, Paul & Tammy Rogers, Lowell Osterbur, Pam Sigler, Kandi Lane.

Slight modifications were made to the minutes of the previous December meeting. The minutes were approved as corrected.

A summary financial report from 2008, compared to 2007, was presented and discussed. Various changes, positive and negative, were noted.

IQHRA Report: Gene Allen summarized the various races at Fairmount, Hawthorne and several county fairs held during 2008 in his report. He included information on the purses of the various races giving the purse average for all the races as \$5500. The purses at the county fairs were lower than those at Fairmount and Hawthorne. In order to accommodate the change in race officers for 2009, the accounts will be moved from the Central Illinois Bank to a bank more convenient to the new officers and directors.

Youth: A written summary of 2008 was presented listing the new officers and directors. Membership in the youth group increased 8% over the previous year. Tammy and Paul Rogers will take over as the new youth directors. Kandy Waldie will continue to oversee the Youth World show for 2009. In the performance division at the Youth World, Illinois almost doubled their number of participants. Eleven of our youth competed in the contest division, bringing home several awards for their efforts. A series of email communications with the Youth membership was implemented in 2008, receiving a significant amount of positive feedback from the membership.

Shows: Joe Glassford presented a summary of the shows in 2008, with some losing money and others making a profit. Plans for 2009 are already underway. Cheryl LaMaster will be the show manager for the spring shows and the Clay City shows. Management for the fall futurity is being sought.

Awards: LeaAnn Koch-Bingham and Cheryl LaMaster organized the awards and have them ready for the banquet. Awards were purchased for all divisions, including race and recreational riding, and will be presented at the banquet.

Amateurs: The Amateurs will be running a silent auction on Saturday and will have sweatshirts and t-shirts available for purchase, and order. Doug Ronk briefly mentioned some of their ideas for 2009.

Convention: Mark Neibrugge presented his report outlining plans for the weekend and thanking people for their help in planning the convention. A judging clinic and a Professional Horsemen round table are planned for Saturday. A cocktail hour to recognize world champion exhibitors/placers (from Ill. and/or IQHA members) is scheduled for Saturday late afternoon. Hall of Fame inductees will be presented. There will be awards, fun and games. Mark reminded people to thank the convention and hotel staff members for their help also.

Division I futurity: Cheryl LaMaster submitted a report for 2008 showing 54 horses entered futurity classes, with a total of 69 entries. The total purse payout was \$38,149. As of January 2009, there are 29 two year olds and 16 three years old eligible.

New futurity: Connie McLaughlin reported 86 weanling entries with a total purse payout of \$14,059 for 2008.

Stallion Service Auction: Connie reported a total of 56 breedings sold last year in the previous auction. For this year's auction, Connie reported 5 breedings sold last September at the first auction. Fifteen breedings have sold with telephone bidding. Changes for this year's auction were discussed. Chris Arentsen will co-chair the stallion auction. Plans are to move the auction to earlier in weekend—right before the banquet—were discussed. Stallion owners could have tables as in the past to advertize their stallions. The changes to the distribution of the purse money were discussed. The closed purse would be higher. The premise is to raise the purse for those who actually sell in the auction and for those people who purchase the stallion services. The changes will be effective with the 2009 show. The non pro purse would remain at 40%. The open purse will be 10%.

Website: The website has been redesigned using grant money from AQHA. Cheryl LaMaster will be updating the website. We are trying to put more information up on the website. If there is an area that needs to be changed or added to, let Cheryl LaMaster know.

Yearling: Gene thinks new edition looking very nice – Kandi Lane and Connie M. working on – changed printer – little delay for first issue with that printer 5700 printing expenses this year – total 8164 expenses – operating at a loss – next issue trainer issue – auction off directory issue at banquet – put Hall of Fame information in Yearling – minutes back in Yearling – futurity rules in Yearling – suggestions to Connie & Kandi – Gene say everyone is reporter for the Yearling – go out and get ads – put information of activities in there

Recreational Riding: Ed Lawrence reported an increase in riders by 200% over the previous year. The committee had revised horseback riding program. The trail ride was better attended this year and made a profit. He thanked Pam Sigler for her work on the trail ride. The committee hosted the President's Reception this year and an exhibitor party at the fall show. A brochure about the program was created and mailed to AQHA members in Illinois. A system for awarding prizes for riding hour increments was developed. A trail riding social network was started. We received a thank you letter from the Central Illinois Riding Therapy program for the \$1000 donation after the trail ride.

Membership: IQHA membership in 2008 rose to 655 members, an increase of 25%. Our 2008 AIM plan indicated we would work towards a 5% increase, but we exceeded that goal.

AQHA update: Johne Dobbs mentioned the upcoming convention in March in San Antonio. She mentioned that the hot topic for this year is cloning.

Old Business: The grievance issue from the fall futurity has not yet been settled. We are still waiting for a decision by AQHA.

New Business: IQHA will again have a booth at the upcoming Horse Fair in Springfield. Cheryl, LeaAnn, Pam, and Ed will work on the details. Gene mentioned that our bylaws call for us to periodically look at our districts and our membership. He instituted a membership drive, proposing \$50 to the member who could recruit the most new members. Twenty five dollars would go to the member who came in second. The drive would go until the end of March.