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BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING

January 25, 2009 10:00 a.m.

Gene Allen opened the meeting by welcoming the attendees and commending Mark Neibrugge for the wonderful convention. He also mentioned that the Race Assn. had some t-shirts for sale for those who were interested. He then introduced the new IQHA board members and the new IQHRA board members. Cheryl LaMaster passed around a sheet with each director's address and phone numbers asking people to indicate any changes or incorrect information. Directors were also asked to provide the name of an alternate. Roll call was taken. Those present were: Gene Allen, Joe Glassford, Cheryl LaMaster, Brian Jallas, Randy Smith, Ken Freeman, Connie McLaughlin, Kandi Lane, Jeff Greaves, LeaAnn Koch-Bingham, Ed Lawrence for Brad Kearns, Nancy Allen, Barb Gibson, Lori Jallas, Pam Sigler for John Boxell, Chris Arentsen, Jake Lane, Francine Barnes for Nicole Barnes, Lowell Osterbur, Doug Ronk, Mark Neibrugge, Paul Rogers, Tammy Rogers, Pat Fewell, Deb Smith. There were no minutes to approve.

Race report: The House bills are up in the air. There are races at Hawthorne in April. Racing in Illinois is growing and the association will keep working towards increasing the Quarter Horse racing presence in Illinois.

Financial report: Brian Jallas indicated there were no changes from our Friday meeting. He will get the 1099 forms out this week. Joe Glassford made a motion to add Brian as a signature on all association accounts. Lowell Osterbur seconded the motion, which passed. The association will move some accounts to other banks to accommodate changes in personnel. Brian commented that he would like to meet with people who have accounts so he can get the financial paperwork in order. Gene Allen reminded people to send financial paperwork to Brian each month.

Show Committee: Our shows in Sterling and Springfield in the spring of 2008 made some money. The Clay City shows, the southern novice shows, and the northern novice shows lost money. The fall shows made about \$8000. Joe has moved some money from the checking account into a CD. Pat Fewell is going to be a secretary of the show committee to help Joe with the paperwork, computer, etc. LeaAnn Bingham mentioned that the team penners are requesting added money as they did last year.

Yearling: Connie McLaughlin reported that the front cover of the directory issue has been sold. The next issue will go to the printer on March 10th. Marcy 1st is the deadline for information, etc. Pictures can be sent directly to the printer for printing clarity.

New futurity & stallion auction: There were 86 weanling entries last year. The 3 SSA auctions sold 30 stallions, with an income of a little over \$25000. The 2009 weanling entry forms will be going out in the next few weeks.

Division 1 futurity: Division 1 will have 2 & 3 year olds only this year. The first payments are due March 15th.

Amateurs: The amateurs are having a sweatshirt sale and brought in money from the silent auction and the lottery tree. The amateurs would like to keep the silent auction for 2010. A motion to that affect came from Doug Ronk, with a second from Lori Jallas. Ed Lawrence commented that the recreational riding group has an interest in running the silent auction also. Possibly the auction could rotate around from youth, amateur, recreational riding. Mark Neibrugge thanked the recreational riders for hosting the reception at the convention and putting money into the convention, which provided visibility at the convention to the group. Joe Glassford mentioned that the recreational riding group could do silent auctions at other activities if they would like, including at the shows. Ed commented that he did not want to set up competition against the divisions, just provide visibility and bring attention to the group. Barb Gibson added that who ever is running the auction needs time to organize it. The motion to have the amateurs run the 2010 silent auction passed with one dissenting vote. Gene asked the amateurs to work with the convention chair to organize the auction for next year.

Youth: Paul & Tammy Rogers reported that they are working with the recreational riding group to come up with a reduction in sign-up costs for new members. They are emphasizing trying to bring in recreational riding youth members, which is also a big emphasis with AQHA. Some directors expressed concern about any possible dues reduction. The youth established an ambassador program yesterday. The ambassadors will speak to groups, promote membership, and promote recreational riding. Paul thanked LeaAnn Koch-Bingham for pledging a \$500 scholarship annually.

Convention: The banquet seated 186. Mark Neibrugge will help Kandi Lane, the convention chair for next year. A goal would be to increase the numbers for next year. Mark said he had called people to get more people to attend due to lower attendance numbers early on. Mark will get the contracts for next year. If we would plan to change the date, the convention would have to move 2 weeks forward due to availability of the facility. The stallion auction will be just before the banquet next year. Scheduling meetings may be a challenge. Some meetings may have to move to Friday night or Sunday morning. A room will be needed for the stallion information to be presented.

Awards: Financial information was not available yet. Many positive comments were heard.

Public relations/AQHA director: Brad Kearns & Mary Hannagan are both candidates for AQHA director. AQHA wants each affiliate to recommend only one person. After some discussion, Board members voted on their preference by secret ballot. When the votes were counted, it was determined Mary Hannagan had won the vote. LeaAnn Bingham made a motion that the affiliate recommend Mary Hannagan for AQHA director. Nancy Allen seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Recreational riding: The recreational riding group raised some money (\$403) in the silent auction and sponsored the president's reception. Ed also sold a Junior Master Horseman and a Fundamentals of horsemanship CD. They are pursuing cooperation with the youth on gaining more youth members in the recreational riding program. Lori Jallas & Pam Sigler are working on trail ride for Sept. 2009. The recreational riding award recipients seemed pleased with their awards. Gene encouraged people to

participate in the 2009 ride. Ed mentioned he had started a social network of trail riders, which will be linked to the IQHA website.

Joe Glassford made a motion to approve the committee reports. The motion was seconded by LeaAnn. The motion passed.

Old business:

-- **2009 AIM plan:** Cheryl submitted the report for the 2008 AIM plan as well as the 2009 plan. Copies will be sent to Board members.

New business:

- a. **Committee changes:** A list of committee chairs for 2009 was passed out by Gene. He would like the committee information put on the website.
- b. **Meetings for 2009:** We will aim for one per quarter. The show & futurity committees may have extra meetings but will have their meetings together. Location of the meetings will probably be Bloomington or Springfield. The next meeting will be in Springfield some time in April.
- c. **Area 12 director:** Joe Glassford made a motion to amend the agenda & bring forth the idea of filling the vacancy in Area 12 at this point. Ken Freeman seconded the motion, which carried. Joe further motioned to appoint Nicole Barnes as Region 12 director. The motion was seconded by Ed Lawrence. The motion passed. Nicole will appoint Francine as her alternate. This action took place prior to the vote on the AQHA director.