

Minutes
NMQHA General Membership Meeting
12/11/2021

Called to order at 9:15 am

Introduction of board members by Deann Atchley, president
Bridgette Honea, Vice President
Phil Baca, Secretary
Beth Ullenberg, Treasurer
Directors: Evelyn Huff, Marcus McClain, Brenda Schlote and Johanna Dralle, absent (excused)
Youth Advisor, Megan Schuller

Committee Meetings and Reports

Bylaws Committee: Deann Atchley, Marcus McClain, Ed Adler
Marcus read the recommended changes to the Bylaws. Ed described the reasoning behind each recommended change. All those present had a printed copy to refer to with the recommended changes and all active members had received an emailed copy of the current Bylaws with the recommended changes 30 days prior to this meeting. Anything with red strike through is suggested for deletion, green is suggested for addition. All changes need to be voted on in order to be made an official change to the NMQHA Bylaws.

Marcus: The Bylaws Committee will discuss each point with those present and then make a recommendation to the General Membership this afternoon.

Article III

Section 1. Recommendation was to strike the non-voting member language as it is addressed elsewhere and removes redundancy.

Section 2. Change language from convention to General Membership Meeting. This creates consistency throughout the document.

Section 3. Classification of members. Change to memberships.
Paragraph C. and F. Clarifies that no member has an interest in NMQHA property. As a 501(c)(5) corporation, if dissolution occurs the assets must be transferred to another non-profit corporation. By the same rule, we could accept the assets of another non-profit undergoing dissolution.

Article IV.

Section I. Change language to General Membership Meeting for consistency.

Article VI

Section 2 a. Aims to give the president flexibility in terms of creating a nominating committee for board candidates. Phil Baca recommends requiring nominating committee be made up of 3-5 members in good standing. The committee accepted that recommendation with approval of all those present.

Section 2b. Change to address current communication modes and provide flexibility. Also modify language to create consistency with General Membership Meeting.

Section 6c. Change is due to redundancy and address technological options available for meetings. Consent language should be changed to "business" and the rest of that line kept. The committee accepted that recommendation with approval of all those present.

Article VII

Section 1. Change made for consistency.

Section 3. Selection Process. Changes recommended for consistency and clarification.

Article VIII.

Section 1. President. Change language to make reference to "The President" gender neutral.

Section 3. Treasurer. Consistency of language. Add a 30-day limit for the audit responsibility of the outgoing treasurer.

Article IX Committees

Section C. Consistency of language regarding Annual Membership Meeting.

Article XII Amendments

Consistency of language regarding Annual Membership Meeting.

All recommended changes were accepted by the committee and those members present with two additional minor modifications as noted above.

It was noted that these bylaw changes are part of a progression that has been going on for several years and will likely continue to do so in the future as the needs of NMQHA change with the times.

After acceptance and proofing, the bylaws will post to the website.

Planning Committee

Beth Ullenberg: The Pandemic derailed most of our planning activities. The plan is for offering some clinics and other events and activities should push forward into the future.

Thoughts about adding a clinic in conjunction with the Annual General Membership Meeting were discussed.

Cal Brandt suggested that the World Show should be a little shorter next year without the Level 1 Championships, which will be held separately.

Memberships

Brenda Schlote: We have 38 lifetime, 15 individual and 12 family (15 youth and 21 adults) active members. The total was 121. The 2020 memberships were rolled over into 2021 because of the Pandemic and essentially no activity in 2020. Membership may grow if we have a year-end awards program.

What is the value of membership? Deann Atchley informed us that AQHA is talking about tiered memberships. Is there any value added we can extend to folks who may not be interested in showing, but may be interested in memberships with value outside of showing?

There was no recommendation to change membership fees at this point.

Phil Baca volunteered to run Constant Contact lists for the NMQHA at no cost. We will check with Natalie Baca about creating an e-blast template.

The next board will need to do some cleanup on the membership list.

Office and Operations

Beth Ullenberg: Treasurer Report -- See Annual Report through 10/31/2021

US Bank Checking Account

Statement Ending October 31, 2021: \$21,074.62

US Bank Savings Account

Statement Ending October 26, 2021: \$495.01

Amarillo National Bank Money Market Account

Statement Ending October 29, 2021: \$20,139.42

Amarillo National Bank CD

Balance (10/31/21): \$20,522.92

A savings account at US Bank was opened as a precaution and linked to PayPal so an account with a low balance would create a security buffer for the assets of NMQHA.

Also, please see the P&L statement from the Accountant.

General Expenses ongoing

AQHA Show Fee for Land Of Enchantment Circuit \$750

Advertising \$843

Insurance \$2364

Corporate Reporting Fee \$13.90

New website \$1062.29

Office/Accounting Fees: \$299.97

Youth show sponsorship \$500

Income

Memberships \$1400

Interest \$112.04

Expo has our \$1650 deposit for 2020 and will be carried forward and used toward the cost for the 2022 LOEC [Land Of Enchantment Circuit].

The plan is to move forward to accept credit cards for payment. Cal Brandt suggested charging a convenience fee for anyone using a credit card.

Bridgette: Youth Meeting

Treasurer's report Beginning balance \$6640.14. Ending balance \$8675.66

Youth expenses were \$4917. Team fees and sponsorships received totaled \$5675

Total income for the fiscal year \$6953.

Some Youth members may do the YES conference July 12-14 in Amarillo. If several youth attend, the Association could help with hotel rooms. There are activities for the youth and for the chaperones.

This could be a great opportunity to move up in the ranks in the AQHYA for ages 10-18. AQHYA gets two directors from each region of the country.

Monies could be used for youth sponsored events, as well, like horse shows or clinics.

Level 1 Youth Championships will be held May 18-22 at Scottsdale in conjunction with the Pinnacle Circuit. There will be no qualifying for the Level 1 Youth Championships this coming year.

Youth World is 7/28 to 8/7/2022 in OKC. There will be no Level 1 at the Youth World.

There is qualifying for the Youth World Show. The yellow and red team system will be used for the first time. Yellow is 8 NM shows. Red is top 10 AQHA shows anywhere you go.

Cal Brandt informed that AQHA offers youth scholarships. The application deadline is January 15th. Go to AQHA website for application information.

Election of NMQHHA officers

Nominations for President: Dakota Honea and Eva Johnson

Nominations for Vice President: Peyton Berretta, Mariah Jennings and Eva Johnson

Nominations for Secretary: Eva Johnson

Nominations for Treasurer: Mariah Jennings and Audrey Jessen

Nominations for Sentinel: Audrey Jessen

NMQHYA Election results

President: Dakota Honea

Vice President: Peyton Berretta

Secretary: Eva Johnson

Treasurer: Mariah Jennings

Sentinel: Audrey Jessen

Eva Johnson proposes a participation requirement for youth to remain involved. Eva will propose a motion for the General Membership Meeting requiring 50% participation to go to the Youth World.

Kathy O'Neal responded re: Article V section 6

If a director is absent for 3 meetings and the board deems the reason insufficient, then the director is deemed to have resigned. Her proposal is to apply and expand that participation requirement for the whole show team.

This requirement is already a World Show qualifying rule. The Youth consensus recommended a change to the frequency requirement which would affect 2023 team, since the 2022 qualifying year is already well underway. The change recommended was changing the participation requirement from one meeting to 75% of the youth meetings.

Classes for petition must be in by May 15 and be made by the youth, not the parent or trainer. See NMQHA rules for class list.

Show and Contest

Evelyn 2021

We had two shows in partnership with Southwest Quarter Horse Association: Border Circuit at HIPICO in Santa Fe and Fall Futurity in Las Cruces.

Border Circuit \$48607.09

Expense \$50164.37

Total combined Loss \$5557.28

Each club took a \$2778.64 loss

SWQHA bought back unused Border Circuit awards.

Fall Futurity income \$30,239.03

Fall Futurity Expense \$34, 207.33

Total combined loss \$3978.30

Loss for each club \$1989.15

All have been reconciled and the clubs are at Net Zero.

Left over awards from Fall Futurity will be sorted with NMQHA.

Land Of Enchantment Circuit, April 21-24, 2022 at EXPO New Mexico - Bridgette

The show is not during the Gathering of Nations Pow Wow in 2022.

Livestock pens will be left on one side of the dairy barn permanently.

Bridgette is trying to negotiate the entire horse facility, so we don't have to deal with other events during our show.

Will revisit the usual problems with footing, lighting and PA system.

Consideration of cattle at the Land Of Enchantment Circuit (LOEC). We would have to run cattle outside. That would be the same arena we used for the jumping. We would need to figure out the arenas and those classes would need to be sponsored in order to avoid a loss on those classes.

The show is actually the same weekend as the Sagebrush show in Colorado. We will not draw Colorado people to the show.

We would want to keep the Cattle fee under \$100.

We are usually asking for about 25 head and all one type of cattle. That usually drives up our price.

We'd need pre-entry and prepayment for all the cattle.

There is considerable discussion about the possibility of a Classical and Western Dressage show in conjunction with LOEC on a single day. They want us to cover arena costs and ribbons with. One day dressage. AQHA and all-breed. 40 rides maximum. WDAA and AQHA approved judge. Julie Wilson would cover office help, arena, arena rental, show secretary, costs. Essentially, she would cover all costs.

From Julie Wilson: I would also be able to help [with dressage sponsorship].

My [Julie Wilson's] opinion on jumping:

The only local jumps we found in 2020 were the Arab [club] jumps. They aren't the best and need work. They wanted us to do the work. Without a \$2000 sponsorship for the jumping the show would be losing money on the jumping show.

Please read over Julie's proposal below. She is willing to sponsor the dressage event at LOEC.

Julie Wilson's Proposal for dressage classes at LOEC 2022

1. This would be a one-day show held during LOEC
2. This show would offer classical and western dressage tests
3. This show would be WDAA and AQHA approved
4. It will have all breed offered as well
5. A maximum of 40 ride times will be offered
6. Will require an AQHA, WDAA approved judge

7. I will provide sponsorship for the judge, scribe, court rental, approval fees and to Sec as necessary
8. The Secretary will have to take electronic entries and report results to WDAA and AQHA
9. Help for the office will be provided to set up ride times
10. Fees will likely be \$25-35/test NMQHA will get entry fees and stall fees with expectation that those fees will cover arena cost and ribbons. Any special awards will be sponsored. Ribbons will only be awarded in classes with more than 3 entries and scores over 60.
11. If possible the judge would also be available for other days at LOEC so travel/stay expenses will be shared by me and NMQHA, but I will pay for dressage day judge fee.

We need to clarify on the judge's travel costs.

Need all informatioin before January 1. Don't need a special event if we add it to our show numbers.

We will need a bit check for 30% of each level of rides.

We need to table it until the show and contest committee can review all the proposed class additions and the available facilities for these classes.

Santa Fe Show – Summer Enchantment Circuit – at HIPICO Santa Fe - Bridgette

Hold another horse show in June in Santa Fe over Father's Day weekend.

4 day show with 4 judges. June 16-19, 2022. Hipico has jumps to rent and the dates are available. We could pull jumpers. We would add all-breed to that show. We already have a significant sponsor.

Budget—No report

Publications—New website and advertising

Awards—Will implement Year End Awards if we add a second show.

Lunch Break 12:45

Youth Fundraisers:

Stick Horse Auction

Dessert Auction

General Membership Meeting

Call to order 2:00 PM

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AQHA National Directors

Cal Brandt, Ana Riggs-Eader, and Deann Atchley, present
Dirk Jones and Ruth Dismuke-Blakely, directors-at-large, not present

Recognition of outgoing Board Members: Deann, Beth, Phil and Evelyn

2020 General Membership Meeting Minutes

Bridgette Honea moved to accept 2020 minutes. Toni Miller seconded. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Toni Miller moved to accept all committee reports. Marcus seconded. Motion Carried.

2022 NMQHA BOARD NOMINEES:

SUE BRAGG, DR. JASON TURNER, TORY QUARY, DR. ED ATLER, KATHY O’NEAL, KRISTINE BOWKER and AMY SHIELDS (self-nominated from the floor)
The available Bios were read aloud.

Election of 2022 Board of Directors

Youth Advisor election:

Marcus moves to approve Megan Schuller as Youth Advisor for 2022 by acclamation. Amy seconds. Motion carries.

2022 Board election results

New Board members are:

- Ed Atler
- Kathy O’Neal
- Sue Bragg
- Jason Turner

Toni Miller moves to Adjourn, Bridgette Honea seconded. Motion carried.

2:50 PM