

**Synopsis of the
IaAHA Board of Directors Meeting
& General Membership
Sunday, April 10, 2011
Best Western Regency, Marshalltown, IA
12:30 pm**

The meeting was called to order by M.D. Isley

Officers Present: MD Isley, Sharon Grief, Deb Brass, Jill Rittmer,

Directors Present: Jessica Maldonado, , Bonnie Matthias. Cheryl Dahms, Tom Walter. Kate Greif, Rick Ackerson, Linda Nieman, Susan Skow,

Excused: Patty Sutter, Sue Bigler (resigned), Kathleen Jordan (resigned), Lori Ross – Proxy to Earleen Walters

Not Excused:

Other people present: Marcia Treinen, Sean Thurm, Mike Jacobs, Dawn Ackerson, Barb Sink, Sherri Clayton

The January minutes were approved as read.

Sue Bigler resigned as Treasurer so no report was given at this time. Tim Walz was appointed by the President to be the new Treasurer and was approved by the board.

It was suggested that a short meeting at the Memorial Horse Show to get a Treasurer's report for the Board approval.

Dawn A. reported on the record. Still working on the project, waiting for all the ads to come in.

Sean Thurm reported on the Communique. Sean is planning to resign his duty at the end of the year due to commitments. Looking for a volunteer to take over this duty.

Iowa Gold Star Futurity & Fall Classic Show: Jill Rittmer & Kim Matthias gave a report on the GFS summary of promotions, class list, and budget and policy suggestions were given.

Motion by Jessica M. to drop the costume class from the Gold Star class list until there is a demand for the class in the future. Approved

Motion by Jill R. to approve the GSF & IFC class list. Approved

Motion by Jessica M to approve the GSF & IFC budget. Approved

Motion by Tom W. to approve the 5-year "GSF Financial Plan". Approved

Membership Development: Patty Sutter reported the following:

132 –1 year, 22 – 3 year, 3 – Life, voting Adult Members, a total 157; 32 Youth members, 5 Affiliates.

Public Relations: Need a volunteer

High Point: Dawn Ackerson – No Report

Scholarship: Jessica Maldonado reports she is waiting for Region XI to announce the scholarship topic

Youth: Jessica Maldonado reports the youth will be playing Twister at the April Horse Show.

Show Committee: April Horse Show and Memorial Weekend Show gave their report.

April Horse Show reported 95 horses along with 151 stalls rented so far.

Sean T. recommends moving the Iowa Fall horse show to the Mason City Fairgrounds next year.

Memorial Horse Show will be an “A” Arabian and National Show Horse show

Northwest District Directors: Linda Nieman and Susan Skow reports:

NW is planning to have a trial ride at Brushy creek, no date set at this time. Members from their area stated they wanted cheaper horses shows and more seminars. They would like Gold Star be easier accessible with more information.

Jill R. stated she would look into the Liability of the association sponsoring trail rides.

Northeast District Directors: No report

-Two volunteers for District Directors are needed.

Southwest District Directors – Tom Walters and Rick Ackerson - No report

Southeast District Directors – Cheryl Dahms and Kate Greif are planning on an August trail ride tentative date August 6th.

Old Business

- Still waiting for a subpoena to access the financial records to finish the audit MD. I. handed out a report by Erik Bonstrom of LWBJ Financial reviewing our internal financial controls currently and made recommendation of tighter controls to help eliminate misappropriation of assets.

New Business

- Rick A. asked for \$150 sponsorship from the IaAHA for the Arabian classes held at the Iowa State Fair in August. Rick suggested that a link from the IaAHA website to the Iowa State Fair entry form be made.

Motions by Jill R to sponsor the Iowa State Fair Arabian classes and to have these classes qualify for the non-rated high point awards. Approved

Next Meeting: August 7, Best Western Regency Inn, Marshalltown, IA, unless there is a Region XI meeting in Iowa.

No Show Commission Meeting, 12:30 p.m. Board of Directors Meeting

Respectfully submitted: Deb Brass

