

IaAHA Board of Directors Meeting
Sunday, August 8, 2010
Best Western Hotel Marshalltown, IA
12:30 pm

CALL TO ORDER: M.D. Isley

Verbal Roll Call of Officers and Directors

Officers Present: MD Isley, Sharon Grief, Deb Brass, Patty Sutter, Jill Rittmer, and Sue Bigler

Directors Present: Lori Ross, Jessica Maldonado, Kathleen Jordan, Mary Kinsel,
Tom Walter voting for Marcia Treinen, Tim Walz voting for Laura Poore.

Not Excused:

Other people present: Tom Walter Tim Walz, Bonnie Matthias, Dawn Ackerson, Rick Ackerson, Dan Coy, Bradley Button, Shelly Button, Linda Chapman, Mike Jacobs, Patty Moulton, Kim Matthias, Jill Rittmer, Paige Ross

Minutes: Deb Brass

Motion made by Patty Sutter to approve both the May 13th and the April 25th minutes with the correction made noted by Jessica M., changing the wording from “Separate Identity” to Iowa code 504. Passes.

Election of Director at Large:

Motion made by Patty Sutter to move the election of Director at Large to the beginning of the meeting. Passes

This position is to fill the remainder of the term vacated by Kim Matthias resignation. It will run from today until the next general membership meeting where it will be filled permanently by the association members.

Tim Walz and Bonnie Matthias were both nominated: Bonnie Matthias received the highest number of votes from the Board of Directors and will fill the seat till the next election.

Treasurer’s Report: Sue Bigler

General Fund: \$41,784.51 Losses so far this year are \$12,507.42. Sue noted that \$7,500 was due to the retainer fee of the auditors. The Gold Star Futurity fund \$436,048.92.

Motion made by Patty Sutter to approve the Treasurer’s report. With a few corrections, \$525.00 of the farrier fee listed under the Spring show will be moved to the Memorial day show. Sue will review the AHA and USEF fees listed for the Memorial Day show to confirm accuracy. One half of the cost of ribbons will be moved from the NE to NW fun show. Clarification, the \$600 all ready listed as being paid under convention was for the 2009 Youth convention. Passes

MD stated both Jill Rittmer & Kim Matthias will each be paid \$1000/month for their time and efforts running the Gold Star Futurity program and show. This fee will continue through the running of the show and will come out of the GS account.

Iowa Gold Star Futurity Show: Jill Rittmer & Kim Matthias

Jill R gave a detailed explanation of the Gold Star Auction Allocations for 2007, 2008, & 2009. In addition, a 2010 Gold Star Budget was presented along with the 2009 Gold Star Income & Expense report to compare costs.

Jill & Kim announced the amnesty program with new stallions entering the Gold Star. 2010 there will be no post entry fee for any new horses paying the \$300 original entry to show at the 2010GS show.

Issues need to be addressed by the Board of Directors

- How to handle the collection and management of outstanding debts in a timely manner.
- How to insure the full payment of auction stud fee is made before the mare is bred.
- Some stallion owners and participants would like the committee to address reallocation of payouts. Decreasing the Champion and Res. Champion amounts to increase the other places payouts more in line with other futurity programs.
- Eliminate the past tradition of giving out alcohol tickets due to lack of coverage by the club's liability insurance.

Motion made by Patty Sutter to approve the 2010 Gold Star Budget and to thank Jill and Kim for all their hard work. Passes

Newsletter Editor: Sean Thurm is interested in doing the newsletter. Patty S. will send him a sample of a news letter and see if there is anything she can do to help him.

Record: Jill Rittmer – No report

Website: Laura Poore – No report Laura was not present to report but several members mentioned the nice job she is doing.

Membership Development: Patty Sutter

138 One year members; 23 Three-year members; 3 Life members for 164 voting members.

36 Youth memberships

14 non-GS affiliate memberships; 117 paid GS Affiliate memberships for an income of \$2,925.00.

High Point: Patty Sutter

Lost one sponsorship due to the problems with GS. Leaves me with 21 class sponsorships and 1 overall sponsorship for a total of \$575.00. Still have 18 class sponsorships open and 7 overalls.

Still looking for trophy ideas if anyone has any. Several members present suggested clothes bags again. They would like to see clear ones this time or ones with a view window so you can see what's inside. Another suggestion was for Breyer horses for the regular classes. Someone else mentioned they would like to see the grey Arabians again that were used for the over-alls

Scholarship: Jessica Maldonado

There were 2 entries in each scholarship section and the essays are being judged.

Youth: Jessica Maldonado

The youth budget shows a loss due to the 2009 Delegates being paid in 2010. The youth are planning a silent auction at the Gold Star show. Paige Ross gave a delegate report from the 2010 Youth Convention she attended.

Northwest District Directors: No Directors at this time

Northeast District Directors: Kathleen Jordan and Mary Kinsel

Deb Brass read the report made by Sean Thurm of the results of the June horse show and Sean asked to have a show next year.

Motion by Patty Sutter to approve to hold the Blackhawk Show in 2011. Passes

Southwest District Directors – no report

Southeast District Directors – Jill Rittmer stated that Spooktacular show needs management for November 6 & 7. Sharon Grief, Deb Brass and Marcia Trienen have offered to help Jill R to put on the show.

2010 Christmas Party – December 5th at the Amana Colonies Clarion & Wasserbahn Waterpark, I80 Exit 225. Will be hosted by the SE district.

Election of Delegates for the 2010 Annual AHA Convention:

The club could send 4 delegates to the annual convention. The nominations for delegates were; Jill Rittmer, Lori Ross, Bonnie Matthias, Tim Walz, MD Isley, & Patty Sutter. The four nominees with the highest number of votes are: Lori Ross, Patty Sutter, Bonnie Matthias, & MD Isley. Alternates will be; Tim Walz, Jill Rittmer, Sue Bigler & Rick Ackerson.

The Executive Board will determine, at a later date if the Club can financially afford to send any delegates to the Convention this year

New Business: Lorie R. mentioned that she was asked by Angela O’Neal why IaAHA had stopped attending the regional meetings. Angela offered to have us host the January meeting after Lori mentioned one reasons was meetings are no longer rotated between states but kept in Illinois. Lori has agreed to organize this event. Patty S. suggested having the IaAHA meeting in the afternoon and the Region 11 meeting in the morning at the same location to help increase Iowa attendance at the regional meeting.

Jill R and Kim M. handed out a proposal for the Gold Star to break off from the IaAHA club and Discussions followed.

Motion by Tim Walz to table the proposal of the split between the Gold Star and the IaAHA until the financial audit is complete. Passes

Next Meeting: October 10, 2010 - Stoney Creek Inn, 5291 Stoney Creek Ct., Johnston, IA 50131
Patty S. got the Inn to agree to allow the kids use of the pool if there is an adult supervisor. It will be up to the youth committee to organize the pool party.

Motion by: Mary Kinsel to adjourn the meeting. Passes

Respectfully submitted: Deb Brass

