

IaAHA Board of Directors Meeting
Sunday, January 23, 2011
Best Western Regency, 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: Jessica Maldonado, Kathleen Jordan, Bonnie Matthias. Cheryl Dahms, Tom Walter. Kate Greif,

Lori Ross – Proxy to Earleen Walters, Rick Ackerson – Proxy to Marcia Treinen, Linda Nieman – Proxy to Dan Coy, Susan Skow – Proxy to Ingrid Coy

Mary Kinsel - Resigned

Not Excused:

Other people present: Kim Matthias, Sean Thurm, Heidi Rasko, Barb Sink

Minutes: Deb Brass

Motion made by Patty Sutter to approve the October minutes. Passes

Treasurer's Report: Sue Bigler

Report as of 12/31/10: General Fund: \$24,373.36 Trust Fund \$3,166.06, Gold Star Futurity: \$73,932.89 , Gold Star Money Fund: \$116,501.23. Sue B. made a separate Profit and Loss report for every 2010 horseshow and horse clinics along with 2009 Profit and Loss report for comparison.

Discuss the high expense of the 2010 Queen contest compared to past years. Some of the reasons mentioned were the dinner, flowers and extra activities provided to the contestants. Some of the items purchased will be used in following years. It was noted, money for the Queen program comes from the restricted fund and not the General fund. Although it was very well done and was well liked, the feeling was we need to keep a better control on the expenses in the future.

Motion made by Sharon Greif to keep the Queen Contest budget to \$600, any higher budget must be approved by the Board of Directors.

Kathy J. stated that in the future the BOD should vote to open any further money accounts. Patty S mentioned that this is how it was always done in the past. The GSF account that was discussed was opened without approval or knowledge of the BOD.

Sharon G. asked in the future to have the current Bank Statements for all IaAHA money accounts available at the BOD meeting along with the Treasure's Report.

Motion made by Earleen Walters to approve the Treasurer's report with the understanding of the Gold Star reconciliation budget will change. Passes

Newsletter Editor: Sean Thurm says he tries to get a Communiqué to Laura P. to get on the website every two months. It was discussed that sending an e-mail to all members stating that a new Communiqué has been posted to the website would remind members to check the website for current postings. The e-mail addresses come from AHA and sometimes are incorrect. BOD discussed the idea of posting on the Website asking for new e-mail address.

Iowa Gold Star Futurity Show: Jill Rittmer & Kim Matthias

A task force committee was formed: MD I., Bark S., Tom W., Earleen W. (Gold Star Treasurer), Jessica W., along with Jill R. and Kim M. (GSF co-chairmen). The task force is working as an oversee committee to help resolve problems that Jill R. and Kim M. is facing along with working through the GSF financial difficulties. They have been working together every Sunday since December focusing on the following two problems to start with. First they have been looking and working through the 2008 and 2009 outstanding revenue owed to the GSF. The big problem is determining who has paid and who has not due to incomplete record keeping and our lack of access to one of the GSF accounts. Invoices have been sent to any that are questionable. Attaining all bank accounts to follow all the deposits is extremely important to complete the invoice process. MD announced that January 24, 2011 was the dead line for all bank records to be handed over to the IaAHA. If records are not produced by Russ and Kelly Reynolds and their lawyer by the January 24th date, a Judge can then subpoena the records from the Bank. Second, the task force have been concentrating on the breakdown of all 2010 expenses and developing a monthly timeline of everything that must be done. They presented a two page list of functions and duties broken down by month that Jill and Kim will follow. This was a task asked for by the board at the last meeting. Time line and list of duties will be refined over the coming year.

The committee announced that the GSF auction will be Friday night at the Marriott (due to past GSF management signing a three year agreement)

The Fall Classic "A" classes and the GSF classes will be intermixed Saturday and Sunday. Thursday and Friday classes will be only be GSF classes and Monday classes will be only be Fall Classic "A" classes.

Discuss items for the GFS task force to address: Continued research and review actual 2010 GSF Auction Costs, concerns with the splitting of the Part Arabians into Saddle/Stock type, review of payout percentages, and the consideration of decreasing the Champion & Res. Champion payouts to increase payout to the remaining top10, and improving the flow of information to concerned GS owners.

Record: Dawn Ackerson – Dawn will be sending e-mails to the membership for advertising in the Record. She will study the cost of publishing/ mailing the Record before proceeding to make sure the club does not lose money.

Website: Laura Poore – No report – BOD discussed the need to hold on to the five Domain Names that are registered to the IaAHA.

Motion made by Patter Sutter to pay for the five Domain Names Iowa AHA, IaAHA, Iowa Arabian Horse Association and the 2 Gold Star Futurity websites. Passes.

Membership Development: Patty Sutter

139 –1 year, 24 – 3 year, 3 – Life, voting Adult Members, a total of 166; 34 Youth members, 2 Affiliates. Membership numbers at this time in 2010: 149 voting Adults, 31 Youth, 8 Affiliates, 2009 comparative numbers: 177 voting Adults, 40 youth, and 9 Affiliates.

Public Relations: Kathy Jordan – Horse Fair needs volunteers to ride their horses to demonstrate different style of riding for the Arabian horse segment of the horse fair. Kim Matthias volunteered her riders to represent the club. Dan C. stated that he will get the Horse Fair information to Kathy J.

High Point: Patty Sutter

Patty announced that Rick and Dawn Ackerson have agreed to take over as chairman of the high point. Patty will stay on as recording secretary and will compile the points. Discussion of possible class changes to the program.

Motion made by Patty Sutter to combine the walk trot classes (English/hunter and Western) and drop the adult walk trot class high point and the game class unless someone comes forward as a sponsor for these high point classes. Passes

Scholarship: Jessica Maldonado

Due to limit finances, discussion to cut back on Scholarship payout.
2011 essay theme will be the same as Region XI's scholarship essay.

Motion made by Patty Sutter to decrease payout to \$750 for each first place Senior and Continuing Education applicants. Passes.

Youth: Jessica Maldonado

The youth made \$277.50 from their chili supper put on at the Spookatular Horse Show Friday night.

Bylaws/ Redistricting Special Committee: Patty Sutter, Dan Coy, and Rick Ackerson

No strong recommendation at this time for redistricting of Iowa districts. The Committee stated the complete Bylaws need to be reviewed and updated.

Show Committee:

Motion made by Patty Sutter to approve the actions of the Show Commission Committee:

1. To separate the AHA and USEF fee from the \$25 office charge at all shows.
2. Approve the Spring Show class list and budget with the following changes: switch all AOTR championship classes to ATR; change Arabian English AOTR to Junior Horse; change Show Hack classes from AOTR to ATR; add camping fee to expense side of budget; break out AHA and USEF from office charge; increase stall fee to \$70/stall; decrease prize list to 200 copies; send out postcards; change National Show Horse classes to open.
3. Approve the Memorial Show class list and budget; with the following changes: add 8 championship classes, add UPHA walk trot, increase stall fee to \$70/stall; office fee charge \$25 with the USEF & AHA fee broken out; change 4-H donation to \$100/day worked.

Passes.

Sean Thurm will be the show manager for the Waterloo and Iowa Falls fun show. He presented class list and budgets for both shows for discussion and approval.

Motion made by Patty Sutter to approve the NW and NE show budget and class list. Passes.

Northwest District Directors: Linda Nieman and Susan Skow

NW is planning on having a trial ride this fall, and will support Sean Thurm with his horseshow at the Iowa Falls Equestrian Center.

Northeast District Directors: Kathleen Jordan

It was announced Mary Kinsel has resigned as NE director. A meeting will have to be called to elect a replacement.

Announcement – Lindsey Niesen is having a seminar at Bonnie Matthias farm February 5 with Dr. Phil Edler and Jim Mallon.

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

Southeast District Directors – Cheryl Dahms and Kate Greif

Reported 95 horses at the Spooktacular horse show. 63 adults and 6 kids at the Christmas Awards Banquet. Announced March 19 & 20 will be Jody Strands Clinic. Next fall, SE will host a trail ride.

Old Business

Auditors are waiting for access to accounts to finish the financial audit of the club's accounting books.

New Business

Patty S. announced that she filed the By Annual Report for the state of Iowa to keep our non profit status.

Next Meeting: April 10, 2011, Best Western Regency Inn, Marshalltown, IA

10:30 a.m. Show Commission Meeting, 12:30 p.m. Board of Directors Meeting

August 7th Meeting will be located in Waterloo, October meeting in Des Moines.

Motion made by Patty Sutter to adjourn the meeting. Passes

Respectfully submitted: Deb Brass

Addition: Show Commission meeting at 11:00 a.m. December 5, 2010 just prior to the IaAHA Christmas Party

Motion made by Patty Sutter to make the Memorial Show a Double judge show. Passes