

SDQHA
SOUTH DAKOTA QUARTER
HORSE ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
January 13, 2024, 8 am CDT
Ramkota Pierre, SD

Call to order by SDQHA President Bob Quickstad at 7:32 pm CDT

Roll Call by Shelby Holmes

Jodie Svennes
Bob Quickstad
Shelby Holmes
Dean Johnson
Sheila Prins
Beth Price
Kirsten Gonsoir
Mindy Hubert
Bob Carr
Sheila Schelske
Adeila Cuka
Becky Johnson
BeyInn Johner
Debbi Holmes-Stockstill
Janet Hansen

Secretary's Report from 1/14/2023 by Shelby Holmes

There was an amendment to the minutes on 1/14/23 by Becky Johnson. Kimberly Johnson did not resign from the American Quarter Horse Youth Association office, she was appointed as a AQHYA High School Rodeo Ambassador.

Jodie Svennes made a motion to approve the minutes. Kirsten Gonsoir seconded. Carried.

Treasurer's Report by Jodie Svennes

There is a balance of \$42,178.48 total from the general and Brookings show accounts. The 2022 taxes are complete. An income of \$3270.00 in memberships and weblinks. 98 members in 2023 so far, which is the highest member total since 2018. Jodie Svennes and Sheila Prins will have the 2022 audit done soon. Jodie Svennes will have the 1099 tax forms done soon.

Jodie Svennes mentioned the possibility of making a reserve with the Banquet money from this year with sponsorships that were already paid and tickets sold. The money will be held

in a CD or reserve until the 2025 banquet. Comments were made stating that isn't a possibility because it isn't the association's money to invest. All of the money will be held in the SDQHA checking account until the 2025 banquet.

Debbi Holmes-Stockstill made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Kristen Gonsoir seconded. Carried.

Committee Reports:

1.) Audit - Jodie Svenes

Sheila and Jodie will work on the 2022 Audit.

2.) Grievance - Bob Quickstad

No grievances to report.

3.) Nominating - Sheila Schelske

a. Expiring Terms:

- i. Troy Crowser
- ii. Jodie Svenes
- iii. Beth Price

New Nominees

- i. Sheila Schelske nominates Sammy Ryan.

Sammy Ryan is a competitor and trainer from West River and is excited to have the opportunity to join our Board of Directors.

- ii. Sheila Schelske nominates Jolynn Jacobson.

Jolynn Jacobson is a well-known and active competitor who is excited about the chance to join the board.

- iii. Bob Quickstad nominates LeAnn Bender from Mobridge, South Dakota.

LeAnn is a horse breeder and rancher who is very active in the Quarter Horse industry and is interested in becoming a member of the board.

Debbi Holmes-Stockstill made a motion to accept Sammy Ryan, Jolynn Jacobson, and LeAnn Bender as appointed by President Bob Quickstad to serve on the SDQHA Board of Directors until the next General Membership meeting, and as appointed Directors of the Board, this interim term will not count toward their term limits due to the emergency situation caused by meetings postponed due to weather. Jodie Svenes seconded. Carried.

b. Board Members completing their first year

- i. Belynn Johner
- ii. Bob Carr
- iii. Mindy Hubert
- iv. Sheila Prins (returning board member)

4.) Awards - Jodie Svennes

The 2023 SDQHA sportsmanship award recipient is Sheila Prins.

Sheila Prins took over the awards this year. Anne Marie Johnson is taking a break from awards for a couple of years. Sheila used a company based out of Watertown for the five all-around award winner's prizes. Everyone else will be getting cash sent to them in the mail. Sheila is open to ideas for awards for the coming years.

5.) Youth - Becky Johnson

8 members total in the youth association. The association sent 3 kids to the world show this year and they all did well and set up their booth. One \$500 senior scholarship to Piper Johner. Will discuss the \$300 sponsorship at the annual membership meeting that will take place later in January or in February. Becky Johnson mentioned that they did an online auction for their auction items. It was a success and well-received. Traffic on Facebook pages grew exponentially. Becky is grateful for the traffic and help from parents and youth.

6.) By-Laws - Marsha Henrickson

Marcia Henrickson wasn't present.

7.) Shows/Clinics - Kristin Gonsoir

Be sure to note the change of dates for Brookings. Otherwise, it has been a good response on the new weekend. The novice show is set. Ranch events are still up in the air due to growth. Still trying to find a date for the ranch events due to arena conflicts.

8.) Review of Member Survey - Kristin Gonsoir

Many members responded with the want for more events such as shows or clinics. More shows would mean a need for more personnel to help as Jodie is only one person. Janet Hansen mentioned maybe adding more clinics. The board suggests an increase in social media presence. Need to get more AQHA news releases and share them. Shelby will look into making an Instagram account. Looking into hashtags and tags on Facebook and Instagram to boost follower interaction.

Old Business

No old business.

New Business

Bob Quickstad mentioned dealing with the election of officers and the election of directors. Bob asked if we could appoint our directors and then have the election next January. Must be present to vote on directors.

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this interim term will not count toward their term limits due to the emergency caused by meetings postponed due to weather. Jodie Svennes seconded. Carried.

President Bob Quickstad suggests modernizing our logo with a contest through state designers. However, our Affiliate agreement does require that we use the logo given to us by AQHA.

President Bob Quickstad mentioned making merchandise available on the website. Items suggested were caps, jackets, shirts, and coats. Jodie Svennes does have a box of shirts available for people to purchase. The board will investigate the possibility of making merchandise available for purchase soon.

A. Election of officers:

Janet Hansen nominated Bob Quickstad for President. Beth Price seconded. Carried

Jodie Svennes nominated Kirsten Gonsoir for Vice President. Beth Price seconded. Carried.

Kirsten Gonsoir nominated Jodie Svennes for Treasurer under the same contract. Belynn Johner seconded. Carried.

Becky Johnson made a motion to reaffirm National Directors. Sheila Schelske seconded. Carried.

Janet Hansen made a motion to reaffirm the affiliate. Debbi Holmes- Stockstill seconded. Carried.

Jodie Svennes will meet with someone at the AQHA convention to discuss a new software for making counting points easier. However, there is a possibility that things will still need to be done manually.

Region 2 Board Member - Alyssa Nix is looking into the position and she will send a letter to Jodie or Bob about her interest in the position.

Belynn Johner asked about forming committees here soon. Nothing is in the works right now and it needs to be in the works soon.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Sheila Schelskae made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Beth Price seconded. Carried.