

Board Meeting October 28, 2014

Meeting Minutes – Drusilla’s Restaurant, Baton Rouge, LA.

Absent. Andrea Mitchell, Gay Jourdan, Chele McGauley, Carl Lege’, Carlton Lege & Harry Knight.

Sally made a motion to accept the minutes. 2nd by Gilbert. Motion carried.

Eileen Hebert made a motion to accept the financials. 2nd by Gay Jourdan. Motion passed.

Nita Thomas reported on the Financial Committee’s findings of the in house audit that took place on Saturday October 25, 2014. The committee determined that all was in order but that we could change the way we utilize Quickbooks to make our reports easier to read. The committee also would like to purchase a Neat Scanner to keep records & receipts. The Financial Committee will also meet before our regular Board Meetings.

Sue made a motion to purchase a Neat Scanner for under \$200. 2nd by Sally. Motion carried.

Update from the Show Committee – the board had voted at a previous meeting to include running events at the Sugar Bowl. The Show committee has determined that because the entries were so small at the last show it cost us money and is not worth having. Sue made a motion to NOT have the running events at this years show and to revisit for the next show. 2nd by Greg. Motion carried.

Update from the Awards Committee – Eileen stated that everything was coming together and we were on track.

Andrea called in the update from the Banquet Committee – The Clarion Hotel in Covington is set for January 31, 2015. There are rooms under our name for \$70.00 per night.

Approval of shows between Louisiana and Mississippi. Rob Seal, MQHA president has approached Rawhide for “swap” dated for 2015. LQHA would approve their June shows and MQHA would approve our May shows. Greg made a motion to accept. 2nd by JoAnn.

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Sue brought forth to the board what Carl Lege' said is a problem. That LQHA members could win a year round award and not have to show in the state because we are approving so many out of state shows. (MQHA & NWFQHA) He thinks that we should change our by-laws to state that *to win a year end award you should have to show at least two shows within the state.*

The board discussed the pros & cons on this but we think that would affect the number of people that show from other states especially Mississippi. It was felt that it would keep people from attending. Eileen made a motion not to change that rule. 2nd by Stacey. Motion carried.

The show committee asked to purchase 12 small cones for use at the shows, since we will be running more classes simultaneously. Red made a motion to buy the cones. 2nd by Larry.

There was a discussion on how the points are presented on the website. We will table this discussion until the next meeting.

Stacey said that our present rules for eligibility for the Novice World show were hard to understand. Also that the Novice Exhibitors were not notified. The board asked if after AQHA sends our their list if the office could send out a "Post Card" or some type of notification to our members. Also Stacey and Sue would re-word our Novice Eligibility requirement to make them more reader friendly. Greg also said that there was a similar problem with the Novice Youth and he and Stacey will work on that.

We were also asked to make more use of our website and social media to keep both Novice Youth and Novice Amateurs more aware of what's going on for their respective shows.

We would like to be able to take credit card payments at our shows and to do that we need some type of Smart device. Bill made a motion to spend \$300-\$500 in an I-Pad.; 2nd by Larry. Motion carried.

Eileen made a motion to adjourn. 2nd by Red.; Motion carried.

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