

Board of Directors Meeting

Meeting July 5, 2016 Drusilla's Restaurant, Baton Rouge

The meeting was called to order by President Sally Blackwell. Roll was called and missing were Andrea Mitchell, Gay Jourdan, Heidi Webb and Red Benoit.

Lance & Carl asked that we get agenda, minutes and any other pertinent information a week before the meeting. Secretary said that she would send as close to that as possible.

Larry Findley, the chairman of the finance committee asked that we have an itemized report on the silent auction held at the Crawfish Classic. He also made a motion to accept the minutes and the finance report. Second by Rawhide. Motion carried.

Sally introduced the new executive committee members – Gilbert Arevalo as 1st Vice President and Lance Vidrine as 2nd Vice President. Sally also appointed T.E. Vinci as a board member. There is still one position to fill.

Sally filled out proposed positions on our committees and asked if there was anyone who thought that they could not work on that committee. Sue brought up that the Show Committee was filled with only people that usually did not work or were not able to work because of showing. Sally appointed T.E. Vinci and the new chairman of the Show Committee and added Bill Mayfield. Red Benoit was also accidentally left off of the list; he was added to the Scholarship committee. Carl made a motion to accept the committee appointments. 2nd by Larry Findley.

Sally said that she had spoken with Heidi Webb and that she would not be able to fulfill her duties as Youth Advisor and that we should expect her resignation from the board shortly.

Carl gave a brief update on the youth. Heidi failed to handle the entries, so Jackie Collins stepped up to get them to AQHA on time.

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He also presented us with past budgets and a proposed budget for this year. That budget is \$4707.00. We need someone to be available for Thursday August 4th, for a mandatory meeting with AQHA. Between Gerri Lege' and Kate Vidrine someone will be there. Sally also said that she had spoken to Greg Wheat and there was the possibility that he or Kelly could be there. Sue Schneider said she could go if no one was available, but LQHA would have to pay for her airline ticket. Gilbert said if someone was needed toward the end of the show he would be available.

Avery suggested that all participating youth send in a baby picture and a current picture to hang on the stall curtains. (Greg has the stall curtains) We could go to Sam's and have them made poster size. That would come out of the decoration budget. The youth need to email the photos to Sally to get this done. The board thought this was a great idea. Thanks Avery!

We went over the budget and decided that we could cut the decoration budget by \$300 and cut the hospitality budget completely and that would bring our budget to \$3507. Sue made a motion to accept that budget. 2nd by Eileen. Motion carried.

YES Conference – we had previously voted on a \$2000 budget. Sally has made all the arrangements are the La. team is traveling with the Ms. Team. They will share some of the cost.

Spooktacular – because of circumstances we missed the deadline to put on this show without incurring a penalty. We also did not have a location for the show. Sally checked with Deridder, LSU, Folsom and New Roads. Sally made the decision to put this show on hold for now. We will address at a later date. Sue brought up that we should check with BREC since they have made some changes there.

The La. Stock Horse Assoc. would like to have a combined event with us. The show committee will get together and discuss it and bring it back to the board. Maybe we could have a Special Event in conjunction with their show.

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Sugar Bowl Extravaganza – Sally called the facility and put the dates on hold. Dec 28, 29 & 30th. She discussed having 4 judges over 3 day period. We only had 2 responses to our letter, one was overpriced and the other declined. Sally was at a show and spoke to Andrew McBeath who is fairly new as a show manager, but he has managed the Dixie Nation and Region 9 this year. He would manage our show for \$350 per day and a helper for \$150 per day. We would use Pat Kress again as our secretary. We would need some volunteers to handle stalls, RV, shavings, etc.

Rawhide made a motion to hire Andrew McBeath. 2nd by T.E. Motion carried.

Eileen mad a motion to let the show committee set the budget and then let the board vote on it by email. 2nd by Bill. Motion carried.

Sally went to the 4-H show this year and said how bad it was handled and that maybe some of board and members would like to get involved. Carlton will get in touch with Clint Depew and see who we would need to contact.

Rawhide made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Larry Findley. Motion carried.