

## General Membership Meeting

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**March 19, 2016**

**Clarion Hotel, Covington, La.**

**The meeting was called to order by President Rawhide Blackwell.**

**He introduced the new Youth Officers and the Amateur Officers. He also introduced the incoming President Greg Wheat. Heidi Webb was also introduced as the new Youth Advisor.**

**Members were given information about the silent auction to be held at the Crawfish Classic and were told if they had anything new or gently used to please bring it or contact Eileen Hebert or Susan Schneider.**

**Members were told that we are working on a new concept for the coming Sugar Bowl Extravagant. Members asked if we were having the Spooktacular this year and Rawhide said that at this time we did not know due to the fact we had lost so much money on that show.**

**We will again sharing points with MQHA at their Region 9 show, June 3, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>.**

**We are asking for class sponsors for the Crawfish Classic. The cost is \$100 but we'll be happy to take any amount.**

**Andrea Mitchell told members about the plight of member Chele McGauley, due to her place flooding. There is a Go-Fund set up if anyone wants to make a donation. If anyone wanted to make a donation they could give it to her or send it to Sue Schneider at LQHA.**

**Sally told the audience that AQHA has approved all shows for youth for the coming year, meaning that they can show any day of the week. Our By-Laws state that a Youth can only show on a**

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These minutes were approved by the Executive Committee

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weekday if the whole state is out of school. Sally made a motion to change our By-Laws to allow for this change stating that *LQHA points count on any day of the week that LQHA approves a show.* 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vicky Kinsey. Motion carried. As a By-Law change this will go into effect in 2017.

**Elections:** Up for election this year for Board Member is Susan Schneider. There is also one position available. JoAnn Graphia nominated Heidi Webb. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sally and Bill. Bill made a motion to close the floor to nominations. Motion carried.

Both Susan and Heidi were elected to a 3 year term.

Jeri Harmon asked that maybe Mississippi and Louisiana could share a website link. Susan told her that it was no problem.

New member Britt Mixon said that we should have a 1 day show at LSU arena as it was an inexpensive place to rent. Maybe we could have a Novice Show there. Shawn Magee also said that some people are now having “No Bling” shows. Vicky Kinsey said that she had a one day show and was able to keep her expenses down. It might be something we should look into. Bill Mayfield also said that Covington has redone the old arena and that it is a very nice facility. Sue mentioned that BREC has also done some renovations.

Members gave many suggestions about one or two day shows and also listened when we explained about the cost of putting on a show. The audience was told that we are trying to put on our next show with volunteers and asked for any help available.

One gentleman from the audience asked why we were in such a difficult money situation and asked why we had no finance report available. Our financials are available to be seen by anyone who asks. Rawhide explained about our expenses from

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**2015 including our purchase of trail items, a new trailer and our loss at the Spooktacular and the Sugar Bowl. The person was happy with that explanation.**

**Cathy Craig made a motion to adjourn the meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Heidi Webb. Motion carried.**