

## Board of Directors Meeting

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October 9, 2018 – Lavonia, La.

*ABSENT: Jacob Magee(excused), Neely Walker (excused), Lisa Baker, Carlton Leger and Harry Knight.*

Minutes were sent out by email and were approved by email vote.

The Finance Committee met before the meeting and went over the financials. There were no questions and committee chair Larry Findley made a motion to accept the financials. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill. Motion carried.

Rene Free, the mother of 2 of our former youth is running for Secretary of State and would like our endorsement. Gilbert said that we would be better not to publicly endorse a candidate. Bill did hand out some information.

Gilbert reported on our state money – after much back and forth we should have our contract soon. This is for our Crawfish Classis Series. If we don't have a signed contract for 2019 before the banquet, we shouldn't advertise it. It would be a burden if we had to come up with the money ourselves. If we don't get the contract, maybe we could ask for a sponsorship.

As part of our state requirements we need a resolution authorizing Susan Schneider to sign the contract when it come in. Sue made this resolution, 2<sup>nd</sup> by JoAnn. Motion carried. Gilbert & Sue will sign and send by email tomorrow.

Proposed dates for 2019

- Convention & introductory show February 23 & 24
- Crawfish Classic show May 4 & 5
- Spooktacular Show October 26 & 27
- Sugar Bowl Extravaganza December 27, 28 & 29

We should also consider having a 2<sup>nd</sup> introductory show in April. We may be able to do it as a one day.

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Larry W. has spoken to Kelly at Florida Parishes arena and they have a committee to work on their stalls. They are also adding more fans and RV spots.

Eileen made a motion to keep the April date with AQHA and come back to this at the next meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by JoAnn. Motion carried.

Sally will check with AQHA and see if we can split a one-day show.

Sugar Bowl update – we will have interns working as ring stewards. Larry W. and Sally both spoke to announcers for this show. If we offer to Peter, we may lose Cleve Weisgerber for the Spooktacular. Gilbert will speak to Peter. If we have a problem with Cleve we will ask Peter, even though it cost more.

Just a reminder we received a \$6000. Grant from W. Monroe office of Tourism.

The host hotel will be the Holiday Inn Express at \$85 per night.

The WCH may have money available for a halter futurity a part of the Sugar Bowl 2019. This is in discussion. Gilbert has a committee and asked for volunteers. They are

- Virginia Pelegrin
- Brandon Miller
- Lisa Baker
- Ed Lawrence
- Gay Jourdan

Year End Awards & Sugar Bowl are on track.

Carl stated that we need to find a better place to have our meetings and everyone agreed.

Red made a motion to adjourn. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carl.