

QCABHA BOD/Officers Meeting

October 6, 2021 ~ 6:00 p.m.

Cindy's office (Bettendorf, IA)

Present: Gail Stevens, Cindy Meldrum, Lowes Schmidt, Kathy Brenneman, Annette Johnston, Sue Larkin

- Meeting minutes were read by Cindy from the September 1, 2021 meeting. Motion to approve by Lowes; 2nd by Kathy.
- Treasurer's report was read by Lowes. We currently have \$16,960.87 in the various accounts. No outstanding bills at this time. Motion to approve by Sue; 2nd by Annette. Currently have \$1250 available in scholarship fund. Currently have \$490 available for year-end high-point.
- Year-end High Point has nine categories. There are nine grands and six reserve grands eligible this year. Sue reminded us that Theisen's donated a \$100 gift card as their sponsorship for 2021. Discussion was held to use that \$100 for the Leadline, Walk/Whoa and PeeWee high point winners. Kreyton Heider is the winner of Leadline and Walk/Whoa; Kenlee Heider is the winner of the PeeWee division; Madi Berberich is the Reserve Grand in PeeWee. Trophies for the "littles" will be done by Kathy.
- Thanksgiving banquet. To cut down on potential spread of disease, the BOD discussed providing the meal and having specific servers to dish out food. There would not be a potluck. The BOD has generously agreed to purchase/cook the meal for November 19. Cindy will cook the turkey, gravy and dressing; Kathy will bring a green bean casserole; Sue will bring a dessert; Lowes will make mashed potatoes; Grail will bring cranberry sauce, rolls and butter; Annette will bring corn casserole and dessert. Utensils/table service and water will be provided by the club. We will put out a donation box for folks to donate towards the expense of the meal so the BOD does not have to pay for everything out of their own pocket.
- Christmas banquet. Gail has items to donate to the auction. Please bring new/gently used items to donate. Money will go to the scholarship fund. The BOD agreed to do Olive Garden again for the meals. Cindy will get things ordered, picked up and send out invitations and what it will cost for members to join us for the meal.
- Scholarship were received from Abby Kaska and Maureen Campbell. Both were extremely well qualified candidates. Cindy moved to award both girls \$500. Kathy 2nd. Motion passed.
- Gail and Cindy were invited to the MVF superintendents meeting. We met with Dr. Jim Berger DVM who is on the Fair board. We gave them a list of compliments that we liked about the fair then moved on to the things we would like to see changed: 1. Pre-entry deadlines for mail in entries still set for 1 week in advance of the fair; but have an on-line entry only being paid by credit card available up to 48 hours prior to the show. 2. Have the parking gate near the arena open for trucks/trailers open so that we don't have to weave in/out of parked cars. 3. Entry cards made with participant number, class name, horse name and rider larger print (we gave them one of cards that we would like them to use). 4. Participant numbers should be in large font so that the judge and office staff can see them at a safe distance. All of our requests were met with interest and we felt they would take our suggestions seriously. Other board members, Shawn and Kelly eventually joined us.
- Insurance covers our club through the end of the year 2021. Will need to be renewed January 2022.
- 2022 Show Dates: Will be similar to 2021 for Black Spur. MVF dates will be available after the 1st of the year.
- Gail gave us a list of club materials and where to find them, as well as who to contact (name only).
- Cindy brought up ideas on how to cut some costs/expenses, ie., judges fees, ribbon costs could be cut back if we go to a smaller ribbon, arena fees could be brought down if we can have shows at other arenas that don't charge \$600 like the fairgrounds. She handed everyone a spreadsheet/graph of what our bank account looked like in 2015 to current status. At the current rate, if we don't cut expenses and raise more money to keep our accounts up, we could be broke within 6-7 years. The accounts have continuously been trending down. We cannot stop the bleeding, but hopefully can slow it down.
- Annette and Sue want to get started on the 2022 Sponsorships.
- Sue brought up that we could look at different arenas in the area that may be cheaper to rent for our shows. We will discuss this at the next meeting. Possible make Black Spur our permanent home to cut costs? Go to Lost Grove?
- Next BOD meeting scheduled for November 3; 6:00 p.m. at Cindy's office - Bettendorf, IA.
- No further business, motion to adjourn by Annette; 2nd by Cindy. Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Cindy Meldrum
2021 QCABHA Secretary