

Minutes of the UPQHA Annual Meeting Feb. 1, 2014

Meeting called to order by President Kari Harder.

Minutes from last years meeting were passed out to those present. Gayle Lampinen made a motion to accept the minutes. Second by Kate Gauthier.

Treasurers Report was given by Gayle Lampinen. Gayle explained that some of the differences in costs of the show from year to year was that in 2013 we had 8 shows instead of the 5 of the previous year. \$2770 of the income from the show was sponsor money. Kari Harder stated that we only made a profit of \$424 from the 8 shows. Shavings were more due to ordering a full load as the show was longer. We have \$12,270 in the savings account. We have \$20,511 total funds available. Zoe Miller made a motion to accept the report. Ken Cady second.

Old Business. The fairgrounds received a \$10,000 grant to improve the footing in the show pen. Paul Brandenburg asked what \$10,000 could buy. Zoe Miller said another grant had been applied for and the fair board was waiting to hear if they would get it. A meeting will be held this spring to discuss how best to spend the grant money.

New Business. Gayle Lampinen gave a report on AQHA news. Leveling will only be happening at the big shows this year. Check your level on AQHA website. Judges score sheets are now mandatory. Judges are now required to do a walk around in one class at each show in addition to dropping bridles in one class.

Linda Berg was the winner of the free stall drawing of all the sponsors.

The 2014 shows will be June 28 through July 6. There will be a showmanship/horsemanship/equitation clinic on Tue. July 1. It will be free to UPQHA members and will be \$25 per session or \$60 for all 3 sessions for non-members.

Aliesha Crowe asked about a barrel class. Kari Harder said AQHA forms have already been submitted. Pam Cavadeas said there is only one show in Escanaba that will have barrels in 2014, but a jackpot open barrel class on the off day would probably be a good money-maker at \$5 entry and 50% payback. Ken Cady asked if it would be better on the off day or on an evening or the weekend? Christa McCarty said the arena lighting isn't good for night classes, but she thought a weekday would be good. Pam Cavadeas said they made \$5,000 on their club's open show mostly due to the entries in the speed classes. Ken Cady asked if Pam's club would be willing to man/run/organize such an event at our show. Kari Harder suggested that Pam take the thought back to her club's meeting and get back to us on their interest level in that. Larry Lemke asked Pam if they drag after every 5 horses run, Pam said the only drag after every few classes. Aliesha Crowe commented that there seems to be an interest in barrels so maybe its something to pursue for the 2015 shows. Gayle Lampinen said barrels could be added to the 2015 shows. She also said that AQHA requires shows to drag after every 7 entries, and approved barrels must be used. Zoe Miller said that if people want barrels to happen that someone needs to step up and pursue it. Christa McCarty will ask her club about it. Gayle Lampinen said that insurances would have to be looked at before getting serious about an open barrel class.

Kari Harder presented the UPQHA scholarship to Josie Miller. Josie received a check for \$250.

Election of officers. Kristin Flater made a motion that officers remain the same. There were no other nominations.

Larry Lemke 2nd the motion. Kari Harder stated that the board had been the same for a long time and that for the past couple years the officers had expressed interest in having new people step up and no one has. She said she would stay on as president until after our show this year and then another needs to step in, she would be happy to mentor and help the new president and other new board members but just doesn't want to continue to have the work load the board has had. Zoe Miller said that with the few people present at the meeting we should have another election at the show where more members would be present and that she would still be willing to help with the club. Ken Cady asked how members would be notified of the meeting and Zoe said she could send out a letter to 2013 & 2014 members. She said as of this time we only have 7 paid members for 2014 & a lot of members pay their membership at the first show. She said in 2013 we had less than 30 member units. Gayle Lampinen stated how time consuming the paperwork for the shows are. Larry Lemke said that it is asking a lot of the organization to do a total changeover of officers. Kari Harder stated that the board has been trying for a few years to get people to 'shadow' or work with officers. Kristin Flater said that there are some members who don't mind helping with the work but don't wish to hold an office. Aliesha Crowe said that people don't want a general asking for questions but want to be told what to do. Tim Miller said people are being asked to do something now and nobody wants to step up & be officers. Christa McCarty asked if it was a one year term and said that she would be willing to step and be Vice President. She said she has recently seen this happen in 3 other equine organizations recently. Larry Lemke suggested that rather than ask people to be officers perhaps delegate duties of running the show. Kristin Flater nominated Christa McCartney for Vice President. Zoe Miller 2^{nds} it. Aliesha Crowe makes a motion to stay the rest of the elections until July in hopes of rallying more people with the hopes of the current board staying on as past president, VP, etc. to guide the new board. Ken Cady seconds and makes a motion to develop a show committee that wouldn't necessarily be board members. Aliesha Crowe seconds. Pam Cavadeas suggests making a list of jobs that need doing for the show. Kari Harder said that was done last year and not one person signed up other than an officer and it was posted on our facebook page and on the website. Larry Lemke said that our club needs committee people like a points person etc. Aliesha Crowe said how much they enjoyed our shows and thanked those that put on the show and that she hoped our club members can work together to make the upcoming shows a success. Aliesha made a motion to adjourn, second by Kate Gauthier.

