

UPQHA Annual Meeting
July 2, 2015
Escanaba, MI

President Kari Harder called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm.

Secretary's report was passed out for members to read. Kim Kuehne made a motion to approve the minutes. Second by Anika Capelle.

Treasurer's report was passed out and Gayle Lampinen asked if anyone had any questions. She explained that we made a profit of \$613 on our show in 2014, which was \$100 more profit than we made off our show in 2013. Larry Lemke stated that we did better on our 2014 show than WQHA did on theirs. Kristin Flater made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Second by Kim Kuehne.

Old Business. Kari Harder gave a summary of last years meeting explaining how the officers asked for more help with the show. The fund raising committee gave a report on their efforts. Kim Kuehne said she didn't mind doing the fund raising. She got circuit awards that are \$25 gas cards & UPQHA T-shirts. She got an exhibitor to sponsor the Papa Murphy's pizza party. She said parties are part of the show and we need to continue the social aspect and keep having parties. She & Kristin got some random prizes donated that are being given out. Donna Sundstrom was not present at this time but she did report later in the meeting that she didn't have much luck getting sponsors in the local Escanaba area and said this was maybe due to the economically depressed area. Kim will still be looking for volunteers & people to help out next year with fundraising and putting on the exhibitors party.

Larry Lemke gave a big thank you to the show committee for all their hard work. Kim Kuehne said thank you to Larry Lemke for going around with coffee & donut holes for exhibitors in his golf cart on non-halter mornings.

Larry Lemke said he talked to fair grounds manager, John, and that they put \$30,000 into the outdoor arena and want this to be the premier equine facility in the area. Gayle Lampinen said that John told her they are in the final stages of applying for a \$400,000 grant to do repairs, speaker system, indoor arena footing and renovations on the race barn. Janelle Rymer said that the local chamber has never given a grant for equine activities but they are looking at doing that now and asked that everyone fill out a survey for the chamber at the office.

Gayle Lampinen said the fair board needs another \$3000 to have enough funds to finish the new announcers booth and that UPQHA should look into making a donation if we have a good show. Lots of local businesses have been helping out with fairgrounds upgrades. Tractor Supply donated all the new panels for both of the outdoor arenas & Silver Spur Saddle Club donated labor in putting the panels up. Hilltop RV is excited to be a sponsor of our show and rent campers to exhibitors.

Gayle asked if anyone has any ideas for 2016 shows.

Janelle says that our shows this year are perfect and it is nice to see so many new faces.

Gayle said that we don't want, or need, this show to become another Cap Gun or Red Bud show. With so many shows going so late at night people enjoy that our shows get done by 5.

Kim Kuehne said it is nice to see the rookie classes growing each year.

Larry Lemke said that we have 100 more entries here that the Gordyville shows, that are going on right now, have. Gayle said having 300+ entries is a 'good sized' horse show. Janelle said our first weekend had 409 and 395 entries. Gayle said that we pay a fee to AQHA based on number of entries. Larry said that 500 entries is the break point for increased fee to AQHA so we want to stay under that.

Larry Lemke said that we should strive to have our shows done by 5pm. He also told exhibitors to be sure to mention at restaurants and local businesses that you are here for the horse show. If businesses realize how much business they get from the show they will be more likely to be a show sponsor.

Gayle said that we try to keep \$20,000 in the checking account, and that all the sponsor money that is collected is given back to the exhibitors in awards and parties.

Kim Kuehne said that in speaking of giving back, she wants to thank Larry Lemke for judging and Calcutta-ing the versatility class and that the team that won first place donated their winnings back to the club as did the person who won the Calcutta. A BIG THANK YOU to them!!
Kristin Flater said that Taco Bell donated coupons as did Hereford & Hops. She said 4 Imprint, which is a WI based company has donated boxes of prizes to us for the past few years.
Larry said that Tractor Supply is an official AQHA sponsor and that they will do something for a sponsor if we contact them.

New Business. Gayle Lampinen gave an AQHA update. As of 2016 there will be no lip chains allowed on show grounds. Stricter animal cruelty rules will be enforced due to PETA. Stewards will be able to hand out colored cards for fines ranging from \$3,000 up to \$50,000. At the Novice Champ show a youth exhibitor was given a conduct card with a \$5,000 fine for not leaving a pen when it was time to drag. Larry said that animal abuse is the #1 thing AQHA is going after. Due to modern technology such as the public taking photos/videos, & then calling the humane society, all sorts of trouble is created.

Kari Harder asked that exhibitors fill out an AQHA survey, which can be found in the office. She also asked for volunteers for help with 2016 shows. Kim Kuehne said she will do circuit awards and plan the exhibitor party. She has talked to someone in Escanaba about doing a pig roast, maybe the first weekend. Jo St. Claire said he would help Kim in getting sponsors. Larry Lemke suggested Hooters does a good party...

Zoe Miller said she would work on getting sponsors in the Escanaba area. Kari Harder said she would help Zoe.

Election of officers: Kari Harder said that our 2014 Vice President, Christa McCarty resigned this spring.

Treasurer: Deb DeBlaey nominated Gayle Lampinen, Zoe Miller seconded. Gayle accepts.

Larry Lemke makes a motion to keep all officers the same. Lisa Prinsen seconded.

Lisa Prinsen nominated Kim Kuehne for Vice President. Gayle Lampinen seconds. Kim accepts and is our new VP.

2016 tentative show dates are, June 25-28 and June 30- July 3.

Kristin Flater read the 2014 All Around winners for our year end awards. She had print outs of all the award winners for anyone who wanted them.

Zoe Miller stated that we have more members now than we had in 2014.

Kari Harder asked how members feel about holding a banquet in the winter or do we want to have our annual meeting during the show as we are doing now. It was suggested to hold a summer meeting again in 2016 & then revisit if a majority of members wanted to go back to a winter banquet. Kristin Flater and Kim Kuehne asked what members wanted to do for member year end awards.

Kim suggested we do member All Arouns for just Summerfest Shows. Kristin said we usually spend around \$1200-\$1800 on awards. Zoe said our club has about \$500 in sanction fees that come in from other shows. Lexi Zunker said she would be happy either way. Josie Miller said she thinks we need to continue doing year end awards. Janelle Rymer said we are finally branching out and drawing in some new people and we don't want it to be viewed as an exclusive award. Kari Harder said we should continue doing year-end awards so we don't alienate anyone. Janelle Rymer said we should keep awards the same for this year and we can always re-evaluate another year.

Kari Harder asked for a vote on having a winter banquet and meeting or doing it during our show. A vote was taken and the annual meeting will be at our show again next summer.

Josie Miller made a motion to adjourn. Kim Kuehne seconded.