



BOARD MEETING AGENDA
March 10, 2016
8:00 AM
Hilton Garden Inn
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Regular Business

President's Message – Meeting called to order by Allen Mitchels. Mitchels introduces the newest board member, Charles Cannizzaro. He notes the positive impact of the new board and points out that the success of the association relies on the board of directors and staff.

Roll Call: Shane Pope, Kelly McDowall, Chris Darnell, Scott Myers, Bill Kaven, Carla McMullen, Allen Mitchels, Clay McCleod, Doug Huls, Justin Billings, Charles Cannizzaro, Bill Cosentino, Scott Neuman, Susie Johns, Dianne Eppers (staff), Nicole Barnes (staff) Absent: Jeff Allen, Carly Parks, Randy Wilson

Minutes from December meeting – Motion to approve, motion carries.

Report of the Association – Presented by Dianne Eppers. Trainers Sale discussion, Kelly McDowall offers to contact enrolled trainers assist in sale. No action.

Financial report – Presented by Scott Myers, motion to approve, motion carries.

Foundation financial report - Presented by Scott Myers, motion to approve, motion carries.

Budget - Motion to approve, motion carries.

Old Business

World Show update – Presented by Eppers, discussion included information and pricing of adding the Pavilion to the show schedule. Warm up riding will be available for exhibitors and showing will occur on two days Thursday and Friday (trail classes) for 2016.

Riders Cup update - Presented by Eppers. NSBA will move the Riders Cup to Perry, GA on Dec 1-4, 2016. The Georgia Quarter Horse Association will host the event. NSBA will meet with GA secretary and Rob Meneely to work out the details. NSBA will advertise the AQHA show venue when promoting Riders Cup. There will be 6 AQHA shows /points in conjunction with the event over 4 days.

Year End Awards review - Presented by Nicole Barnes. Discussion of the current year end award classes. Clarify what constitutes a year end award. Discussion to only give a year end award if the class is offered x number of times. Discussion of removing the Reserve Year End trophy. Tabled to next meeting.

Certificate Of Eligibility – Presented by Dianne Eppers. Update on number of certificates issued at this date. Noted that approximately 80% of the horses showing in the futurities are currently eligible for the certificate of eligibility. Most need an owner transfer for updated ownership. If the horse is already enrolled in the SIF and/or the BCF, they will automatically get a COE, even if they have aged out of the BCF for no fee. There will be a fee for a transfer / change of ownership.

Code of conduct for all members – Tabled for May meeting.

Mission statement- Tabled for May meeting. Consider Survey Monkey.

Boot Camp – update presented by Nicole Barnes. Stephanie Lynn is the lead on this project. The schedule is presented and the dates and locations announced; June 21-23 Gifford, IL, June 28-30 Laurinburg, NC, July 12-13 Loveland, CO. Clinicians are being finalized.

New Business

Office report – Presented by Dianne Eppers. Review agenda items from EC conference calls. Discuss the findings of the recent disciplinary actions.

By Laws review-

Article V Section 2. Motion to delete strike out area and add underscored area.

The Board of Directors of this Association shall consist of the current officers, all Past Presidents, and twelve (12) additional members appointed by the President and confirmed by a majority of the current officers. The twelve (12) additional members will have revolving terms rotating in 3 sets of 3 year cycles. All past presidents are ex-officio members of the Board of Directors without voting privileges; except as described herein. Any and all past presidents will retain voting privileges provided he or she has fulfilled the attendance requirements in the previous calendar year. The magazine editor, sponsorship coordinator and the webmaster of the NSBA are non-voting members of the board of directors. Motion carries.

Article V, Section 4. Motion to delete strike out area and add underscored area.

~~Four (4) members shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Board of Directors. A majority of such quorum may decide any business that comes before this meeting.~~
Seven (7) members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any and all business which may come before it. Voting past presidents shall be included in the count when determining if a quorum is present. Motion carries.

Article V, Section 5. Motion to delete strike out area and add underscored area.

Each member of the Board of Directors shall accept the responsibility of attending all meetings. ~~In the event that a member fails to attend two (2) consecutive meetings, such member shall be removed from the Board Of Directors. If a director is absent from fifty percent (50%) of the meetings held during each year of their term, reasons notwithstanding, his/her resignation shall be deemed to have been tendered. The Board of Directors at a duly constituted regular or special meeting of the Board where a quorum exists to conduct business, in their sole discretion, shall either accept or reject said tendered resignations.~~ Motion carries.

Stallion Incentive Fund payout – Presented by Dianne Eppers. Discussion of purse for 2015, nomination percentage payout and structure. The purse was \$116,979. Payout for 2015 is \$40.38 per point.

Smart Points payout – Presented by Dianne Eppers. Announced there are a total of 497 youth participating in the Smart Points program. 59 youth enrolled in 2015. The payout for 2015 was

\$37,399 to graduating youth members. The smart points value for 2015 is \$39.66 per point. Smart Points pays in Small Fry classes (walk trot division for youth) all youth class, NYATT youth classes held at the Congress, and novice youth classes.

Horse Of The Year – Presented by Dianne Eppers. Top Ten horses, points and earnings reviewed. The 2015 Horse Of The Year is For One Night Only, owned by Capital Quarter Horses, based on the information presented. Suggestion to add to the agenda for the May meeting to review tabulations and criteria used for the selection of the award.

Hall Of Fame nominations- Presented by Susie Johns. Nomination are tabled and will go back to the HOF committee for a full slate of nominations. Ballots to be sent out by the office following the meeting.

Jack Benson nominations from the floor. Nominations are Steve and Susan Thompson, Larry Little and Gil Galyean. Present board members submitted ballots.

Judges Committee report – Presented by Allen Mitchels, no action.

Youth report – Presented by Bill Cosentino. Update includes information to send youth officers to AQHA YES conference, youth are making a scrapbook to have on display at the NSBA world show, and they are also doing a campaign for Operation Gratitude to send care packages with snacks, personal items, and letters to service men and women and wounded warriors.

Foundation report – Presented by Dianne Eppers. Focus for 2016 is assistance to veterans through Heroes On Horses Program and Equestrians With Disabilities. A fund raiser titled “90 Riders 90 Days”, outreach to membership and social media to generate financial support by sponsoring a Rider. Revenue generated will allow veterans and EWD riders the ability to apply for a Grant for financial assistance for the NSBA world show competition. Assistance includes cost of stalls, entry fees and bedding for the show.

Riders List – Presented for information only for board members.

New Business – Bill Cosentino recommends that we discuss adding Performance Halter to the NSBA approved class list. This will be discussed further at the May meeting.

Upcoming Meetings - May 10, 2016, Chicago, IL
September 13, 2016, Chicago, IL
General Membership meeting TBA