**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

7:30 am CST., Saturday, January 6, 2018

Ramkota Pierre, SD

**Call meeting to order** Kristen Gonsoir

**Roll Call** Vicky Cuka

Amy Krueger, Kristen Gonsoir, Vicky Cuka, Shirley Wetz, Becky Johnson, Dean Johnson, Jim Hunt, Larry Larson, Mike Clites, Janet Hansen, Debbi Holmes, Amanda Dikoff, Jim Hootman, Jodie Svennes, Penny Petersen, Hope Hall, Georga Sutton

**Board of Directors Affiliate Training** Kristen Gonsoir

* To be postponed until Spring Meeting

**Minutes of September 16, 2017** Vicky Cuka

* Motion to wave reading minutes: Jodie Svennes, second Jim Hootman – unanimous approval
* Motion to approve: Janet Hansen, second: Mike Clites – unanimous approval

**Financial Reports Vicky Cuka**

* Janet Hansen made a motion to accept financials as presented and Penny Petersen seconded – unanimous approval

**Heritage Challenge Dean Johnson**

* Purse: $21,000 – AQHA sets the payouts
* AQHA is sending $12,000 and SDQHA must match $5,000 for 2018 – Dean will try to get sponsors
* Looking to partner with another event to help with cost
* Show doubled in size – payouts are increasing so show will most likely continue to grow
* Moved show to May 26, 2018
* Discussed adding a confirmation class to heritage challenges
* Barrels & roping was added to the event
* Dean will forward itemization to board
* Lost $3000 due to growth – AQHA’s donation & sponsors will help level out the payouts
* SDQHA will continue to support the event as long as SDQHA doesn’t have any financial responsibility
* Dean made a motion to the Board to send a thank you to BHSS/CSF for donation – Shirley seconded – unanimous approval – letter will come from Kristen Gonsoir & Dean Johnson

**Correspondence**

* Jim Hootman: card received from Gene Carr’s family thanking us for what we did for his service

**Interim Votes**

* motion to provide a $500 sponsor in SDQHA branded product to the BHSS AQHA shows
  + Becky Johnson made a motion to amend wording to: SDQHA will distribute $500 worth of branded products to SDQHA members at the stock show as a one-time membership incentive – second: Dean Johnson – unanimous approval
* motion to provide a $100 sponsor to Miss Rodeo SD Horsemanship award for 2018

**Committee Reports**

** Audit Chair- Amanda Dikoff**

* Board recently did an in depth review of 2015 & 2016 itemizations
* Dean Johnson made a motion to audit SDQHA & SDQHYA 2017’s financials going forward & then we will go back if need – seconded by Debbi Holmes – unanimous approval

 **Grievance Chair- Kristen Gonsoir**

* Nothing to report

 **Nominating – Chair- Janet Hansen**

* Endorse state director nominations
* East: Amanda Coutler’s 1st term is up - Jodie Svennes is recommended
* West: Heather Sutton’s 2nd term is up
* Central – Sheila Prins 1st term is up – recommended to continue
* At-Large – Meghan Peterson 1st term is up but has moved to NE
* At-Large – Hope Hall was appointed to finish Jan Colton’s 2 year term & recommended to continue
* The following members were suggested for 2018 directors: East - Jodie Svennes, At-Large - April Zilverberg and At-Large: Joellen Miller & West: Hope Hall for 2018 director motion: Jim Hootman second: Penny Petersen - unanimous approval

** Awards Vicky Cuka**

o Sportsmanship Award:

* No Nominations Received
* Dean Johnson nominated Joni Hunt & Larry Larson nominated Hope Hall
* Dean moved nominations cease, Mike seconded – unanimous approval

 **Banquet Chair- Jim Hunt**

* Discussion that SDQHA needs to keep the momentum going to continue increasing membership
* What does being a member provide to them – a voice for the horse industry, awards, friendships, SD horse communications
* Recognize 50 year & hall of fame breeders every year
* Directors requested to help greet guests at the banquets

 **Ranch Breeder Development Co-Chairs- Jim Hunt and Amanda Dikoff**

* 2017 Producer of the Year information provided by Amanda Dikoff – many great nominations were received
* Ranch Breeder of the year committee is closed committee
* Dean Johnson made a motion to add this to the awards budget, more discussion at a later date– Binders ($160), Coats ($140) & Buckle ($150) - $450 total

** Youth Chair- Becky Johnson**

* Youth are reviewing their bylaws
* Need information on the vice president and presidential rule – bylaws read that vice president automatically move to president
  + SDQHA directors agree that the language should be removed from youth bylaws – each position should be independent & voted on yearly
  + Youth officers should be leaders & lead their organization with guidance from the adult association & SDQHYA advisor
  + Janet Hansen made a motion that the language for vice president move into the president position & any officer must have been an active youth member for at least 1 year (mirror the SDQHA bylaws)
* One youth member has a spot at BOD meetings, does not have to be the president that attends
* There is no information on scholarships, Becky requested guidelines and the board proposed the following language be added regarding scholarships
  + Fill out an application form –scholarship committee will use a ranking system of the applicants from each committee member to decide a winner
  + The application must show proof they are attending a college & scholarship monies will go directly to the college
  + The applicant must be an active member a year prior to receiving the scholarship
  + Up to 2 SDQHYA scholarships per year will be given
* Youth must have a letter of intent to attend the world show & receive youth monies
* Youth CD at Wells Fargo – Becky attempting to get access to the CD
* $2400 in raffle tickets for the scooter and football game sold in 2017
* 4 new youth members in 2017
* Cassandra Townsend requested a letter of recommendation to be sent to AQHYA from the AQHA board – Amanda made a motion to write the letter & Jim Hootman seconded – unanimous approval

** By-Laws and Policies Chair- Amy Krueger**

* Tabled for another meeting due to the number of changes required

** Fundraising Chair- Dean Johnson**

* 2018 Ideas for replacing fifty cent fees:
  + Ask for discount coupons from businesses – tires, etc to create a coupon book – national chains for discounts
    - There is a company that can be used to create coupon books, it looks for the discounts and take a percentage
    - Use as a value ad for members with coupon book fundraiser being a test run
  + Training classes - $10 per entrant – cadences announced & judges cannot watch
    - Use warmup classes as fundraiser at shows it is allowed at – send an email to the show managers
    - Trail pattern practice charges (set up night before)
* UTV Raffle Kristen Gonsoir/Vicky Cuka
  + Drawing will be at BHSS event center AQHA booth – draw by January 30 - file a one-time extension to draw by February 3, 2018
  + Can’t roam around to sell at the civic center, but can sell at a booth (AQHA or SDQHA)
  + Secondary membership sales prizes—
    - High Seller: $150 gift VISA gift card from Larry Larson
    - $500 selling ticket - Assorted items from AQHA- gear bag, cap, shirt, boot jack, charger
    - High seller – Gift bucket – Yeti mugs w/ handles, hoof picks, horse shampoo, Yeti can insulator, vetrolin spray
  + AQHA is at the civic center with a booth – can sell tickets at the booth only & if AQHA is ok with it
    - Should also help the AQHA rep run the booth while there
  + Review Ticket sales & discuss options after the banquet

** Show and Clinic Co-Chairs Jim Hootman and Dean Johnson**

* Discussion on raising approval fees or reinstating 50 cent fees
* Motion By Jim Hootman to appoint a committee to look specifically at the show approvals & 50 cent fees, seconded by Mike Clites
  + Jim Hootman made a motion to amend the original motion for show approval/50 cent fees options to be provided and implemented in 2019, seconded by Penny Petersen – unanimous approval
* Sheila asked if we can add walk/trot classes to our shows – discuss w/ show managers
  + Look at alternate show secretaries/show management to lower costs – 2016 Brookings charge – $11,167.64
  + Send a contract to the show secretary with expectations & charges & require that the management team/secretary sign the contract before the show

**o 2018 Brookings Summer Shootout Jim Hootman & 2018 Sioux Empire Fair Jim Hootman**

* Jim Hootman provided updates for the Brookings show
* Jim Hootman resigned from the Brookings and Sioux Falls show to spend more time with his granddaughter at shows in the next years

**o 2018 Brookings Summer Shootout**

* Kristen Gonsoir volunteered to lead it – Kristen asked for a discussion
* Dean Johnson volunteered to head the roping for the Brookings show – is the facility available to add roping during the AQHA approved time
* Rope all day on Wednesday & Thursday morning – start the show Thursday afternoon
  + Discussion to consider cost of having judges sit idle for a day
  + Ropers will want to be out in time to make it to the silver classic in Lincoln, NE – Dean will check on dates to see if they are conflicting at all – show isn’t set yet, June 2018
* Kristen Gonsoir brought up some surveying she did at the Brookings, exhibitors won’t go to Huron if the location is moved
* Jim Hootman made a motion for Kristen Gonsoir to lead the show if the show continues, seconded by Janet Hansen – unanimous approval
* Amy Krueger made a motion for SDQHA to continue the summer shootout – Georga Sutton seconded – unanimous approval

**o 2018 Sioux Empire Fair Jim Hootman**

* May change show management company – consider outside bids
* Can we drive in judges instead of flying in to save on expenses
* Need volunteer for stalling, judges & camping
* Jim Hootman or Kristen Gonsoir will talk to Tracy (show secretary) about options to keep show going
* 5 judges

**o 2018 Heritage Challenge Dean Johnson**

* May 26, 2018 (memorial weekend)
* Paid more in show secretary charges in 2016 – donated by Hope Hall in 2017
* Looking for events to combine it with – versatility event moved w/ the heritage challenge

**o Reports from any other non-SDQHA sponsored shows/**events

* Do an NBHA/SDQHA speed event at Fort Pierre, Janet Hansen volunteered to secretary & run it – discussion to finish later

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Region 2 Update Becky Johnson**

* 2017 Reflection:
  + Doubled in size
  + Largest in the nation
  + Only region that still upholds the intent of the regional shows – still provide awards from the original show covered by
  + Only 4 regional shows still operating
* 2018 SDQHA representatives for Region 2
* 2018 show dates: September 20-23, 2018
* A motion was made from Janet Hansen for Jo Waldner & Becky Johnson to continue being representatives – 17 yays – 1 nay – motion passed
* Ask Becky if you are willing to help at the region 2 show

SDQHA Official Publication Kristen Gonsoir/Vicky Cuka

* The official publication is currently The Wrangler at a cost of $8 a membership
* Discussion of what it will take to change this- by-laws/policy
* Official publication language in bylaws does not specify that it needs to be a hard copy
  + Policy sheets – pg 2 official publication –The official publication will be determined by the board of directors
  + Motion: Dean Johnson & seconded by Jim Hunt – unanimous approval
* President Kristen Gonsoir clarified that the website SDQHA.com will be official publications with communications sent to general membership

Website Vicky Cuka

* Add Youth page to website (Vicky will get w/ Becky on what to add to page)
* Monthly newsletter
* Delete off Novice worlds information
* Current Year – 12 month cycle – put up new year’s information & remove last years

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Youth Report Madelyn Siedel/Becky Johnson**

* Growing Youth members
* Thank you to the adult association for help
* Shelby went to Congress, Emily went to Novice championships – No Y.E.S. (Youth Excellence Seminar)
* Y.E.S. discussion for participation this year
* Current members 5-18 years old

**2017 Taxes Kristen Gonsoir/Vicky Cuka**

* All 1099s are received (edit since meeting: 1099s must be sent to Red Steagall, TNT Management & Victoria Cuka)
* 2017 SDQHA bank accounts closed out for tax purposes

**Approval of 2018 Affiliate Agreement Kristen Gonsoir**

* Dean Johnson moved to approve the affiliate agreement and Mike Clites seconded the motion – unanimous approval

**Point Secretary Kristen Gonsoir**

* 1 bid from Janet - $400 flat fee
* Motion to accept Janet Hansen’s bid made by Penny Petersen & Dean Johnson seconded – unanimous approval

**Secretary/Treasurer/Website Kristen Gonsoir**

* Bid from Victoria Cuka
* Motion to accept Victoria Cuka’s bid made by Janet Hansen & Sheila Prins seconded – unanimous approval

**2018 Directory Kristen Gonsoir**

* Vicky offered to get Youth sponsor pages print ready as long as information is sent to her
* Janet Hansen made a motion that SDQHA accept the bid from Today’s horse as long as SDQHA gets the front & back cover for 2017 – if SDQHA needs to, it will pay the going rate for the front inside and back inside cover – Seconded Dean Johnson

**Budget Kristen Gonsoir/Vicky Cuka**

* Motion to approve: Amy Krueger – Second: Penny Petersen – unanimous approval

**Release of Liability Waiver/Insurance Vicky Cuka**

* Janet Hansen made a motion for Debbi Holmes to draft a waiver for release of liability. Penny Petersen seconded – unanimous approval

**2018 SDQHA Show/Event Dates Vicky Cuka**

* Most dates are approved and fixed, but will announce as tentative

**Gene Carr Memorial Kristen Gonsoir**

* Janet Hansen made a motion to donate $100 to the AQHA foundation Research. Larry Larson seconded. – Unanimous approval

**2019 Annual Meeting Banquet and Location**

* Dean Johnson made a motion to table the discussion until the banquet is closed out. Mike Clites seconded. – unanimous approval

**ADJOURN 12:00 PM –motion to adjourn was made by Dean Johnson, Georga Sutton seconded – unanimous approval**