

Minutes

North Carolina Amateur Quarter Horse Association Annual Membership Meeting
January 20, 2024 —1:00 PM, Pavilion at Carriage Farm

Call to order – President Coy Herbert welcomed those participating and called the meeting to order at 1:16 pm with 17 participants.

Previous minutes approved – (Teena Middleton, Secretary) Minutes from the 2023 meeting were distributed. These minutes have also been posted on the NCQHA website. Marty Hayes made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Grace Pearce. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report approved - (Marty Hayes, Treasurer) – The Balance Sheet and the organization's Profit and Loss statement was explained. The total income for 2023 was \$2,253.75, down slightly from the income in 2022 of \$2,671.65. The total expenditures for 2023 were \$2,237.99, up from the expenses of \$1,862.49 in 2022. Net income for 2023 was \$15.76. Teena Middleton made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Lauren Rosenberg (Blankenship). The motion carried.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Program and Committee Reports –

Feed Tag Programs - (Betsy Wetherall, chair) –Betsy, was not able to attend but those in attendance were reminded about the program, explaining about the seals that should be collected and how to get credit for bulk delivery. Proceeds for 2023 were \$253.75. A minimum of \$100 in tickets is required to be turned in at one time. Those in attendance were encouraged to get their proof of purchase seals and original feed delivery tickets into Betsy, as this is a real easy way for our organization to obtain funding to support projects.

Reserved Number Program – (Marty Hayes, chair) – Marty Hayes reported that this program raised \$1,050.00 to support Amateur Activities, the same as in 2022. Marty has done a great job managing the program for the last several years but will not be able to continue as program chair. Those in attendance thanked her for her efforts. Laura Dickerson has agreed to take over the program from Marty for 2024. Sign up forms were distributed and all in attendance were encouraged to contact Laura to reserve their numbers right away for 2024 for \$25 each. Laura shared some great ideas for making signing up more e-friendly to increase participation. Those in attendance were reminded that in order to be eligible to receive any of the Amateur Association Pattern Horse Awards, participants must be signed up for the Reserved Number program.

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50/50 Raffle – (Coy Herbert, chair) – 50/50 raffles were held at several NCQHA events in 2023. Net proceeds from these fund-raising events were \$325. Denise Lawrence agreed to ask if we could once again conduct a 50/50 raffle at Martinganza for 2024 at the next District 4 meeting. Matt Peddy agreed to be in charge of these raffles at the Martinganza (if approved) and the Tarheel Fall Classic. Typically, the raffle is 1 raffle ticket for \$5 or 5 tickets for \$20.

Open Horsemanship Calcutta – (Matt Peddy, chair) – This was held at the Tar Heel Summer Classic show in Raleigh, NC. It was a great way for folks to have fun at the show and allowed us to raise \$625 to support amateur activities.

Fund Raising for 2024 - Some great ideas for new fund-raising activities for 2024 were discussed.

Lauren Rosenberg suggested that we replace the Horsemanship Challenge with a Trainers Showmanship Challenge at the Tar Heel Summer Classic. Ideas to help make this a successful fund-raising event included having mimosa's available during the challenge, obtaining a nice prize that each participant in the challenge would have one chance to win, adding Calcutta options for certain parts of the pattern, making it a freestyle type event, and having a special prize for the last place horse/handler team in the challenge. Lauren Rosenberg agreed to head up the group selecting the best ideas and putting this event together.

Coy Herbert suggested that the Amateurs put together a cookbook of favorite recipes from NCQHA members and sell this as a fund-raiser. This has been done successfully in the past but it has been quite some time since it was done and he was willing to take this project on.

Amy Brown (Cash) suggested we hold a Chinese Raffle for gift baskets donated by members and vendors and agreed to be in charge of that event. The idea that it be held during the Trainers Showmanship Challenge with the mimosa's at the Tar Heel Summer Classic was presented as an option to further increase participation in these events.

Teena Middleton made a motion that the amateurs pursue these three new fund-raising ideas, seconded by Marty Hayes. The motion carried.

Sponsorships –

Handicapped Riding Programs – In 2023, \$250 was provided to Bright Star Stables and those in attendance felt we should continue this support with \$250 included in the budget for this sponsorship in 2024.

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Hospitality Support – In 2023, we only had an expense of \$446.65 to provide refreshments to exhibitors at the two NCQHA sponsored shows. Those in attendance felt that we should continue to provide hospitality services that would enhance exhibitor's show experiences. For 2024, a budget of \$500 was proposed to provide refreshments for exhibitors at the NCQHA sponsored shows.

Trail Ride – in 2022, \$200 was provided for the trail ride but because the trail ride had to be cancelled both that year and in 2023, this money will be rolled over and used in support of the trail ride in 2024.

NCQHA Queen – The Queen program is currently suspended. Should a queen be selected, the NC Amateur board and directors will make a decision on any support to be offered.

Shows – For 2023, A total of \$890 was provided for sponsorship of NCQHA affiliated shows as well as the Holiday Classic Open Show that benefits the NCSU Western Riding Team. This year it was proposed that we again sponsor two classes at each of the following shows: Carolina Spring Ranch Show (District 3), Little River Circuit (District 4), Endless Summer Show (District 5), and Holiday Classic Open Show. Additionally, the Amateurs proposed to provide \$500 to sponsor Non-Pro Showmanship and Non-Pro Trail at the Tar Heel Summer Classic show in June.

NEW BUSINESS

Amateur Ambassadors – Coy Herbert reported to the group that AQHA will soon roll out a nationwide program to help inform new amateurs and make them feel more welcome and comfortable at shows. This is definitely something that the Amateurs want to be involved with once all of the details are available. Coy Herbert agreed to keep the group informed about the roll out of the program so that the NCAQHA can be involved.

Manual of Operating Procedures (MOP) Revisions

Currently, item 8.b. of the Amateur Manual Operating Procedures (MOPs) describes support by the amateurs of the Amateur Mentor Program. As discussed in **NEW BUSINESS**, we anticipate that this program will be replaced by the new AQHA Amateur Ambassador Program. Steven Pelzer made a motion that once the program is rolled out that the president of NCAQHA call a special virtual meeting of its officers and directors to revise the language in the MOPs to reflect our support of the new program. The motion was seconded by Lauren Rosenberg and carried.

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2023 Award Winners– The winners of the pattern horse year-end awards provided by the NC Amateur Quarter Horse Association were announced:

- Amateur Pattern Horse
 - High Point: Heather Maxwell and HH ROWDY MARLEY
 - Reserve: Lori Marks and SURELY A VINTAGE
- Level 1 Amateur Pattern Horse
 - High Point: Terry Garrett and XTRA WALK THIS WAY
 - Reserve: Benjamin Matthews and ANOTHERDAYINPARADISE
- Select Amateur Pattern Horse
 - High Point: Benjamin Matthews and ANOTHERDAYINPARADISE
 - Reserve: Phyllis Averett and LOVE THE ONE UR WITH

SELECTION OF JOHN MONTROSS AMATEUR SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

RECIPIENT – Laura Dickerson was selected as the recipient with the award which was presented at the Annual Awards Banquet. Those in attendance were reminded to thank John and Laura Montross for their continued support of this award.

Budget and Sponsorships

Income – Based on a discussion of a best-case scenario, a budget of \$2,900 was proposed for planning purposes from the following:

• Reserved Number Program	\$1200
• Feed Tag Program	\$ 250
• Showmanship Challenge Event	\$ 450
• Cook Book Profits	\$ 400
• Chinese Auction	\$ 300
• “50/50” Raffles	<u>\$ 300</u>
• Total	\$2,900

Expenses – Expenses of \$2,160 were proposed for 2024 to be distributed as follows:

• Year End Awards	\$630
• Hospitality Activities	\$500
• Show Sponsorships	\$780
• Trail Ride	\$ 0
• Supplies/Postage	\$ 50
• Therapeutic Riding Support	<u>\$250</u>
• Total	\$2,210

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Amy Brown Cash moved that those participating accept the budget as proposed. The motion was seconded by Matt Peddy and was accepted unanimously.

Nomination and Election of Officers for 2024

Marty L Hayes resigned as Treasure of the NC Amateur Quarter Horse Association effective January 20, 2024, requiring that a new Treasurer be elected for the association.

Those in attendance proposed Amy Brown Cash as the nominee for president, Matt Peddy for vice president, Callie Adams for Treasurer, and Teena Middleton for Secretary. Each has agreed to serve, motions of nomination were formally presented, and none opposed. Coy Herbert made a motion to accept the slate of officers as presented. The motion was seconded by Marty Hayes. The slate of officers stands.

Directors were announced as follows:

Joanne Karpinski (District I)
Jarett Cash (District II)
Laura Dickerson (District V)
Denise Lawrence (District IV)
Lauren Blankenship Rosenberg (District V)
Coy Herbert (District V)

Adjourn: A motion to adjourn was proposed by Amy Brown Cash and seconded by Grace Pearce. The motion was approved and the meeting was adjourned at 2:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted this 27th day of January, 2024 by Teena Middleton