

Quarter Horse Association

Minutes

North Carolina Amateur Quarter Horse Association Annual Meeting
February 7, 2004 --- 11:30 a.m. Marriott Hotel, Greensboro, NC

Called to order – The meeting was called to order by President Teena Middleton. Approximately 42 amateurs were in attendance.

Previous minutes approved (Teena Middleton on behalf of Amy Efland, Secretary)– Minutes from the February 7, 2003 meeting were distributed. It was noted that the minutes had been available on the Amateur page of the NCQHA web site (www.ncqha.com). With no corrections to the minutes, Shirley Lombardo made a motion to accept; it was seconded by Betsy Wetherall, and approved.

Treasurer's Report approved (Mary Hutchins, Treasurer) – Copies of the yearly report were distributed. Pam Settle made a motion to approve the report; it was seconded by Perry Davis, & approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Amateur Page on www.ncqha.com – Gwen and Steve Frisch were recognized for all they have done. Concerning the website & making information so readily accessible for everyone. Everyone was advised that ALL Amateur activities & information concerning them is available on the website. Recognition was given to the 2003 sponsors & membership was advised that 11 of them have links to their home pages on the website. The website has been a major help in soliciting sponsorships from national level contributors

NCAQHA Congress Youth Team – The NCAQHA allows our name to be used so that there can be an additional youth team from NC eligible to compete at the Quarter Horse Congress. Participants on the team & the classes they participated in were recognized

Amateur Recognition – A number of NC amateurs were recognized for their achievements at the World Show, Select World Show, Congress and/or their AQHA Honors.

NCQHA Queen – 2003 Queen, Martha Mitchell, thanked everyone for all their support & a thank you note was passed around. Last year the NCAQHA made a \$500.00 contribution to the Queen. A motion to raise the amount of support in 2004 to \$750.00 was made by Shirley Lombardo & seconded by Martha Moss. Martha Mitchell enumerated some of the expenses associated with representing the NCQHA. Martha Moss proposed to amend the \$750.00 motion by raising the amount of support to \$1000.00. The membership was reminded of all other expenses NCAQHA must cover & the motion was withdrawn. The motion to raise the 2004 level of support to \$750.00 passed.

Reserved Number Program – (Teena Middleton 2004 Project Chair) – Handouts explaining the program & outlining how to participate were made available to everyone. There were 80 participants in 2003 (down from 97 participants in 2002). However, approximately \$1,875 was raised to support Amateur Activities. 10% of the earnings were “donated” to EQH/NC for honoring the numbers. A request for approval to purchase supplies & equipment for cutting & laminating but Sallie Riley & Renee Ellis offered to use their laminating machines at work so that request was withdrawn. It was decided that thinner laminating pouches would be purchased. Teena will send the #'s to Sallie. Sallie also offered to print them herself.

Amateur Mentor Program – (Susan Ratliff 2004 Project Chair) – Handouts were provided and it was reiterated that the guidelines as well as the goals and objectives of the program are on the website. Pam Settle donated a digital camera, connector & battery to the NCAQHA & it was suggested that it be used to take pictures of new exhibitors at shows & then post a welcome to them on the website. It was also suggested to place a sign & sign up sheet in the show office for new exhibitors so that contact can be made with them either at the show or directly afterwards.

Southern States' Special Horse Organization Winners (SHOW) Program – (Betsy Wetherall 2004 Project Chair) – Handouts were made available which covered the guidelines of the program. 2003 Program participation was much more successful than previous years. Sallie Riley volunteered to assist. Special recognition was given to Martha Mitchell for getting NC State's bulk feed tickets. It was suggested that contact be made w/Mike Yoder to continue getting these tickets. Please contact people you know who feed Southern States or get their bulk feed.

Open Show Outreach –Martha Mitchell was the 2003 program chair. She explained the point system for the awards available in four (plus categories). There were 24 participants in 2003 & NCQHA gained 20 members due to the program. Thanks were given to the award sponsors for 2003. The 2004 program will be chaired by Randall Ariel, Amanda Rogers & Abby Lipsky. There are possibly going to be changes to the rules & guidelines of the program for 2004 & anyone interested in these changes should meet directly after the General Membership meeting this afternoon. Volunteers to assist in 2004 are as follows: Pam Settle, Amy Efland, Lynette Smith, Lori Waller, Deb McLaughlin, Catina Roscoe & Betsy Wetherall.

All Novice Shows – A.M. clinics (Horsemanship, Showmanship & Equitation)--- Full All Novice show in afternoon. In 2003 we had 2 (Williamston, NC & Colfax, NC). Hi-Point Novice Youth & Novice Amateur trophies were provided for each show by the NCAQHA. There will also be 2003 Year End Recognition Awards to be awarded tonight for the High Point All-Novice Amateur & Youth who attended both shows. These 2 shows were the second largest All Novice Shows in the US after Pennsylvania. This accomplishment has been rewarded by AQHA in the form of 4 saddles (2 western & 2 English) & 2 headstalls. AQHA will send these to NCQHA to award to participants in the 2004 All Novice Shows.

In 2004 we have 2 all novice shows scheduled again---Williamston on 6/27 & 6/27 & Colfax on 8/14. The following volunteers agreed to either assist w/logistics of the shows or to make themselves available during the clinics to assist: Beth Davis, Amy Efland, Natalia DeVarona, Faith Smalls, Casey Barbera, Randall Ariel. Natalia DeVarona, Randall Ariel, Farley Barbera & Diane Phelps volunteered to donate trophies for the 2004 shows.

Youth Show Awards/Prizes –2003 Involvement (6/20, 6/21 & 6/22)---Provided monies to purchase saddle for drawing giveaway. For 2004 (6/18, 6/19 & 6/20), Perry Davis made a motion for \$500.00 to be given for the saddle. The motion was amended to \$550.00 by Shirley Lombardo. The amended motion passed.

NCQHA Jamboree Show Awards/Prizes – 2003 Involvement (July 24-27)---We provided Prizes for "Amateur Prize Patrol" valued at approximately \$25 each for amateur and novice amateur classes to be presented to random exhibitors throughout the course of the show.

2004 Involvement (July 15-18)---There is a major push of NCQHA to promote this show (this is the show for the Harriet Lynn Norris Scholarship \$) although the same conflicts with other shows as last year will still exist. A request was made for approval to continue the Amateur Prize Patrol. A motion was made to support this idea & approved. The show in 2005 will be held right after the youth show & a super circuit will be created from the two shows. It will also be held in June, not July.

NCQHA Futurity – The NCAQHA sponsored a class in 2003. A motion was made by Shirley Lombardo & seconded by Farley Barbera to support a class in 2004 for \$250.00. The motion was approved.

Open Show at Pine Level – (2003 Project Chair Carol Fulghum)---2003 Show Report (8/2) made by Carolyn Plummer--It was a double judged show in cooperation w/District 5. There were 144 entries & NCAQHA made \$636.00 (up from \$490.00 in 2002).

2004 Project Chair is Jason Plummer---Show date is 8/7 at Gor An Farm in Pine Level, NC. Sissy Nelson volunteered to judge. The following people volunteered to assist: Beth Davis -Ring Steward, Teena Middleton-Announcer, Perry Davis & Shirley Lombardo-Entries, Susan Ratliff, Tammy DeVarona, & Lori. Susan Ratliff volunteered to head the concessions w/the help of Shirley Lombardo. Natalia DeVarona volunteered to provide the ice & Carolyn Plummer volunteered to provide the Hot Dog/Bun Warmer.

Amateur Show at Lake Waccamaw – (Lisa Oliver 2003 Project Chair) – 2003 Show Report (6/13-6/15)-- Cooperative effort w/NCQHA District 4; we provided daily "random" prizes and circuit awards for all amateur & novice amateur classes & gained 1/3 of the proceeds (\$1,536.75). A number of individuals that made donations and helped to support the show were recognized.

2004 Show (6/11-6/13)--- NCQHA District 4 has again invited us to cooperate by promoting show & providing prizes. We will provide 6 weekend circuit all-around awards, random prizes for distribution in all classes & volunteers to assist w/putting on the show. District IV will give out class circuit awards. Volunteers committing to

donate items are as follows: Jose de Varona-Handmade Bench, Olivers-To be determined, Pam Settle -2 tickets to a "Ride Along" at the Richard Petty Driving School, Catina Roscoe-Designer Furniture, Faith Small- To be Determined, Zach Stroup-Custom "Cow" bench & Josh Clegg-Jewelry. Volunteers to assist include Gwen Frisch, Teena Middleton, Beth Davis & Carolyn Whitfield as announcer.

Team Tournament at the Amateur Show – (Farley Barbera 2003 & 2004 Project Chair) – 2003 Show Report (6/14)--Tournament Rules? 3 members per team, assigned randomly; made up of mixed skill levels. 26 teams participated & everyone who participates wins a prize (prizes were valued at well over \$2,000.00? handouts show this). 2004 Show Plans (6/12)--Pre-tournament organization needed since we expect more participation. We need prizes (especially in groups of 3). Volunteers to assist include Teena Middleton, Gwen Frisch & Pam Settle.

Other Old Business:

2002 Award Winners – The following individuals were recognized with prizes that are to be presented at that evening's Award's Banquet: Amateur High Point Pattern Horse: Betsy Wetherall-Seven Flashy Story. Reserve: Ashley Benton-Dancing Project. Novice Amateur High Point Pattern Horse: Amy Gentile-Ima Alright Guy. Reserve: Lynette Smith-Ima Cool Tia. Catherine Stanley Award winner: Teresa Stuart.

Nomination and Election of New Officers for 2004: President---Susan Ratliff; Vice President---Betsy Wetherall; Secretary---Amy Efland; Treasurer---Teena Middleton; Directors at Large (4)---Renee Ellis, Farley Barbara, Pam Settle & Sallie Riley. Shirley Lombardo motioned to accept slate as printed & it was seconded by Perry Davis. The motion passed.

Selection of John Montross Amateur Sportsmanship Award Recipient:

Randy Ratliff, Betsy Wetherall, Farley Barbera & Gary Phelps were nominated. (Note: Betsy Wetherall selected & presented w/a special award at the award's banquet.)

NEW BUSINESS:

Manual of Operating Procedures – Copies were passed out, finalized & voted on at our last meeting. If anyone has a problem, it needs to be brought forward. Lisa Rhue made a motion to reaffirm the MOP & Derek Bomberger seconded it. The motion carried.

Recommision of Catherine Stanley Award Bronze Trophies – Pam Settle motioned that a \$250.00 limit for the 2004 trophy. Gwen Frisch seconded the motion & it passed. Discussion ensued concerning the cost of trophies & a vote was taken on the Cowboy Bronzes. The trophy chosen was the standing horse w/English tack & the large base. It was decided that the option of adding a big base to the trotting horse trophy be explored.

Other New Business – The NCAQHA contributed "Cuddle Time" by John Weiss (signed, numbered & autographed), to the Crisis Auction this evening.

Butch Duckworth complimented the NCAQHA for our work & the large turn out at the meeting. We presented him w/our budget report.

Betsy Wetherall presented Teena Middleton w/a gift certificate for custom spurs from Ralph Harris' as recognition for her service to NCAQHA as President.

Susan Ratliff mentioned that Vickie Oakley, Mike Yoder & Gail Little were the NCQHA candidates for Alex Ross' replacement as AQHA Director. The vote will be taken at the General Membership meeting (2:30 this afternoon). Nominations can also be made from the floor.

Posters for the AQHA Biltmore Trail Ride were distributed. Those in attendance were encouraged to post them at local feed and tack stores in their area.

adjourn: Teena Middleton made a motion to adjourn at 2:00 p m, it was seconded by Amy Efland, and approved.

Recorded by: Amy Efland, Secretary