

Minutes

North Carolina Amateur Quarter Horse Association Annual Membership Meeting
January 18, 2025 —1:00 PM, Pavilion at Carriage Farm

Call to order – Secretary Teena Middleton welcomed those participating and called the meeting to order at 1:13 pm with 11 participants.

Previous minutes approved – (Teena Middleton, Secretary) Minutes from the 2024 meeting were distributed. These minutes have also been posted on the NCQHA website. Coy Herbert made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Callie Adams. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report approved - (Callie Adams, Treasurer) – The Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss statement were explained. The income for 2024 was \$1,908.00, down from the income in 2023 of \$2,253.75. The total expenditures for 2024 were \$1,050.05, down from the expenses of \$2,237.99 in 2023. Callie noted that the costs for the 2024 pattern horse awards were not incurred in the 2024 expenses that the \$630 for those awards will be seen as a 2025 expenditure. Net income for 2024 was \$857.95.

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 2024 were \$288.00. 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 to Betsy at 6145 Kernersville Road, Belews Creek, NC 27009, as this is a really easy way for our organization to obtain funding to support projects.

Reserved Number Program – (Laura Dickerson, chair) – Laura reported that this program raised \$1,075.00 to support Amateur Activities, up \$25 from 2023. Laura took over the program for 2024 and has done a great job managing the program. One innovation Laura instituted was the addition of a Venmo option for paying for reserved numbers. This should increase participation in this program. Sign up forms were distributed and all in attendance were encouraged to contact Laura to reserve their numbers for 2025 for \$25 each. Laura Dickerson shared some great ideas for making the actual numbers distributed more attractive and durable and Laura Price found some Etsy show number ideas that we perhaps could duplicate. Those in attendance were reminded that in order to be eligible for the Amateur Association Pattern Horse Awards, participants must be signed up for the Reserved Number program.

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Chinese Raffle - A Chinese Raffle for gift baskets donated by members and vendors was held during the Tar Heel Summer Classic and raised \$670 to support the activities of the amateurs. Those in attendance agreed it was a success and wanted to do it again for 2025. Amy agreed to be in charge of the event for 2025 if the group wanted to do it again. The winner of each will be awarded during the exhibitor's dinner.

Proposed Fund Raising for 2025

Non-Pro Showmanship Switch-up - Amy Cash suggested that we put on this class at the Tar Heel Summer Classic, and, if it is a success, again at the Fall Classic show as well. Exhibitors would enter with their horses in the show office, then all entries would be randomly assigned another horse to exhibit....cold turkey showmanship with someone else's horse. This would take place after the last showmanship class of the day. This was a huge success at PQHA shows last year and is very similar to what is done at intercollegiate competitions. Cash payout to be made to winning exhibitors **and** winning owners (20% back to Amateurs, 30% to the owners, 50% to the exhibitors). Amy agreed to be in charge of this event if the group wanted to move forward with it.

Inflatable Nominee Challenge – Shannon Fisher mentioned that she often hears folks discussing that they want to have more fun events at the shows. The latest craze is to dress folks up in funny inflatable suits to have mock battles or have bouncy item races, all for good fun. As a fund raiser idea, people could pay to nominate someone to see them have to do this. The two with the most nominations (\$'s) would then compete in the event. Great prizes need to be available to those that are nominated. Shannon agreed to not only chair this event but to also video others doing it in advance to spark interest. Laura Price agreed to help Shannon with this great fund raising project.

Possible Additional Projects - Coy Herbert's previous idea of putting together a cookbook of favorite recipes from NCQHA members was discussed and all still felt like it was a good idea. However, Shannon Fisher suggested that it might have more appeal if it was something folks could pull up on their phone and if the focus of the recipes was on items you could make in advance to have as quick grab-and-go meals at the show. Shannon and Coy will continue to work on this and make it available once the project is completed.

The potential for a future 50-50 raffle was also discussed. One was not held in 2024 because the youth had such raffles at many shows and we did not want to compete with their fund raising efforts. Should the opportunity present itself, Coy mentioned he had raffle tickets with him at the shows all the time and it could happen. Typically, the raffle is 1 raffle ticket for \$5 or 5 tickets for \$20.

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Grace Pearce made a motion that the amateurs pursue these two new fund-raising ideas along with the two additional proposed projects if they are feasible, seconded by Callie Adams. The motion carried.

Sponsorships –

Handicapped Riding Programs – In 2024, \$250 was pledged to Bright Star Stables and those in attendance felt we should continue this support with \$250 included in the budget for this sponsorship in 2025.

Hospitality Support – In 2024, we only had an expense of \$257.05 to provide refreshments to exhibitors at the two NCQHA sponsored shows due to generous donations by others. Those in attendance felt that we should continue to provide hospitality services that would enhance exhibitor's show experiences. For 2025, a budget of up to \$500 was proposed to provide refreshments for exhibitors at the NCQHA sponsored shows.

NCQHA Queen – There will be a Queen representing NCQHA for 2025. Those in attendance proposed that we renew our traditional support of \$500 for the NCQHA Queen for 2025.

Shows – For 2024, A total of \$570 was provided for sponsorship of NCQHA affiliated shows. This year it was proposed that we provide \$100 of support to 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 pledged to provide \$200 to provide extra prize money for the Non-Pro Showmanship and Non-Pro Trail at the Tar Heel Summer Classic show in June.

NEW BUSINESS

Amateur Ambassadors – Coy Herbert is our current Amateur Ambassador for the new AQHA program. He provided an update on the purposes of the program and how others can become ambassadors to those in attendance. He encouraged those in attendance to refer and recommend candidates to become Ambassadors to help expand this great program. In support of this program, Callie Adams proposed providing up to \$250 to be used to purchase NCQHA/AQHA related promotional items to be distributed by Coy as he interacts with new exhibitors. This motion was seconded by Laura Price and the motion carried.

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**, AQHA now has an Amateur Ambassador Program that we support. Teena Middleton made a motion that we revise the language in the MOPs to reflect the discontinuation of the old mentor program and our support of the new Amateur Ambassador Program. The motion was seconded by Grace Pearce and carried.

2024 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: Matthew Peddy and RIDEITLIKE U STOLEIT
 - Reserve: Coy Herbert and ITS AL JUSTIFIED
- Level 1 Amateur Pattern Horse
 - High Point: Laura Dickerson and BOWTIE N BOOTS
 - Reserve: Nanette Herbert and COLORFULLY KRYMSUN
- Select Amateur Pattern Horse
 - High Point: Phyllis Averett and LOVE THE ONE UR WITH
 - Reserve: Heather Maxwell and HH ROWDY MARLEY

SELECTION OF JOHN MONTROSS AMATEUR SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

RECIPIENT – Laura Price 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 \$3,025 was proposed for planning purposes from the following:

• Reserved Number Program	\$1200
• Feed Tag Program	\$ 250
• Switch-up Showmanship	\$ 150
• Nominee Summer Challenge	\$ 750
• Chinese Auction	<u>\$ 675</u>
• Total	\$3,025

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Expenses – Expenses of \$2,530 were proposed for 2025 to be distributed as follows:

• Year End Awards	\$630
• Hospitality Activities	\$500
• NCQHA Queen	\$500
• Show Sponsorships	\$600
• Supplies/Postage	\$ 50
• Therapeutic Riding Support	<u>\$250</u>
• Total	\$2,530

Grace Pearce moved that those participating accept the budget as proposed. The motion was seconded by Callie Adams and was accepted unanimously.

Nomination and Election of Officers for 2025

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. The slate of officers was formally presented, and none opposed. Sierra Price made a motion to accept the slate of officers as presented. The motion was seconded by Coy Herbert. The slate of officers stands.

Directors were announced as follows:

Joanne Karpinski (District I)
Jarett Cash (District II)
Laura Dickerson (District V)
Linda Falls (District IV)
Shannon Fisher (District IV)
Brittany Roberson (District V)
Lauren Blankenship Rosenburg (District V)
Coy Herbert (District V)

Adjourn: A motion to adjourn was proposed by Coy Herbert and seconded by Laura Price. The motion was approved and the meeting was adjourned at 2:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted this 20th day of January, 2025 by Teena Middleton