

## ESQHYA December 6 Meeting Minutes

- The meeting was called to order at 10:27 a.m.
- **Roll Call:** Absent officers and directors were as follows: Jordan Edwards, Makayla Taylor, Michaela Best, and Courtney Clarke.
- **Reading of the Minutes:** The November minutes were emailed to the membership, and they were passed as posted with one correction. This correction was to add Michaela Best to list of absent officers and directors. The motion to pass the meeting minutes as posted and to waive the reading of the minutes at the meeting was made by Alexandra Mahaffy and seconded by Tess Arnone, and passed by all.
- **Pledge Of Allegiance:** All members, advisors, and parents present said the Pledge of Allegiance.
- **Treasurer's Report:** The current treasurer's report is as follows: we have \$4,959.78 in our checking account, and \$5,749.25 in the CD.

While we were looking over the treasurer's report Ed Brenkus prepared, some concerns were raised. Patti Arnone pointed out to the membership that for us to keep our budget it is imperative that we fundraise \$7000. Some questions were raised on the profit split on the shavings for the June show. It was explained that at an ESQHA meeting that had representatives from the

Mrs. Mahaffy had questions in regards to the nonsufficient funds from checks received at our horse show. We have a deficit of \$474 due to NSF checks. We spoke with Ed Brenkus and he stated that Charlotte has contacted these individuals and were then turned over to AQHA when they still did not submit the funds necessary. AQHA will list them as unable to participate in future AQHA shows. We probably will not be able to recuperate these funds with this much lapse in time.

- **Committee Reports:**
  - **Awards:** We have a budget of \$3000 for yearend rewards. Rebecca will be contacting High point and reserve winners for ideas of what they would like. One idea given was jackets. Mrs. Tousley made the comment that there was a glitch in the new point computer system that Naomi Blumenthal and Charlotte Jaynes used this year and as a result classes were missing and it took multiple attempts to get the complete list. It was suggested to keep close track of our individual points so that any problems that may occur this year can be picked up quickly.
  - **Budget:** 2010 budget to be tabled till January meeting so the membership can review.
  - **By-law:** No new changes
  - **Community Service:** Members brought in Toys for Tots to this meeting and the Mahaffy's are going to take them to a drop off point. Ideas for community service for small groups include a Scriba Christmas project where we can wrap presents. Anyone interested can contact Courtney Gehrig. Food boxes for needy families will be done at the Pulaski Calvary Baptist Church on the 19<sup>th</sup>, contact is Lauren Tousley. The Salvation Army is always looking for bell ringers, but all were encouraged to go as a group or to have an adult attend for safety. Rebecca Allen, Jordan Edwards and Victoria Nicholson worked at a food pantry. We would like to put pictures of all of these in the newsletter

and Horsebits to let the horse community know that we are about more than just showing horses.

- **Congress:** The team did well and they had a great time. They are very appreciative of their team jackets.
- **Fundraising:** Gertrude Hawk Candy for Easter sales. The forms will be distributed in January and they will be returned at the February convention. The candy will be available March 5. The minimum order must be \$500. Other ideas include sweatshirts, sweatpants, and hoodies. Patti Arnone will be looking into it. Vendors suggested were Valti graphics, Holy shirts, Mexico trophy shop and Café press. A can fund drive was suggested. Mrs. Allen already spoke with Bosco's and they are ok with us setting up bins for soda and water bottles. We will contact Naomi Blumenthal to see if she is okay with us doing the same at Breeders. Another suggestion was a horse wash using the owners own bucket and supplies. There were concerns of the liability of this and others that have done this before had no one utilize this service. Blindman tack contest after a day of showing to raise money was also suggested. Car wash at a Walmart or Tractor Supply in small groups. Rebecca Allen made a motion to do a can drive at the 2 Empire shows and Breeders if allowed by the show management. The motion was seconded by Meghan Hunsinger . The motion was passed by all. Alexandra Mahaffey made a motion to sell Gertrude Hawk candy for Easter and seconded by Julie Cole. The motion was passed by all.
- **Horse show:** Covered in old business
- **Judging:** None at this time
- **Public Relations:** None at this time
- **World Show:** Reminder of Jackson Land & Trust assistance fund scholarship due by April 1, 2010
- **Old Business:**
  - **Horse Show Dates:** July 28 – Aug 1 was available at the NY State fairgrounds and we are still waiting for approval from AQHA . Multiple trainers have been contacted and are happy about the dates as it is the last qualifying weekend for the Open World show and last time in coliseum before the youth world show. It was suggested that we ask Gary McAllister to set the trail as he was interested and would significantly increase the numbers for the western classes. Lauren Tousley will talk with Jeff Steer to be sure that we do not step on his toes. She will also check with the Spring Into Summer Committee to see if they would like Jeff Steer to set the trail at the June show. We need a list of judges to give to Charlotte. (The original dates in April that were authorized by AQHA were unable to be used as the NY State Fairgrounds forgot that there was a cow show going on in the coliseum that weekend so we had to find new dates that would not conflict with other horseshows and that the coliseum would be free.)
  - **Convention:** We can get a Karaoke machine from the Allen's friend for \$150. For the 2-20-10 convention banquet from 9-12pm. Kris Gehrig had offered \$100 toward this and Abby Eaves offered the remainder after she talks to her parents. Patti Arnone will look into the cost of the DJ from last year. We still plan on having a Chinese auction and

we would like to have an idea of how much we have so that we can better determine the cost of the tickets. Please get as many donations as possible so that we can group them together into large baskets. We will table the cost of the raffle tickets for the January meeting. Mrs. Allen will make tickets to sell before February for the Lottery ticket tree.

- **Region 5 Convention:** Mrs. Allen will pay for 2 rooms. The dates are the weekend of Feb. 27 at 4 points by Sheraton Hotel, 800 E. Park Drive, Harrisburg, PA, 17111. 717-561-2800
- **New Business:**
  - **Elections:** The officers and directors are as follows as there was no office running unopposed with nominated members present\*: President – Lauren Tousley, Vice President – Rebecca Allen, Treasurer – Tess Arnone, Secretary – Courtney Gehrig, Newsletter editor – Meghan Palmer. Directors: Juliana Blackburn-Baskin, Julie Cole, Abby Eaves, Meghan Hunsinger, Rebecca Pirger, and Alexandra Mahaffy. A motion was made by Rebecca Allen to nominate Victoria Nicholson for a director’s position, Victoria accepted and the motion was seconded by Abby Eaves. We will open nominations for the 8<sup>th</sup> director’s position at the January meeting. All three youth advisors still have one more year of their elected term left. \*Article VI, Section 10 – 2 candidates were not present and did not have prior notification or emergency situation for their absence.
- **Adjournment:** At 12:33pm Courtney Gehrig made a motion to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Meghan Hunsinger.

Respectfully submitted by Lauren Tousley, President