

Rocky Mountain Quarter Horse Association

Race Meeting

October 10, 2017

Minutes and Agenda

Director Attendees: Terry Vondy – Vice President of Race, Kathy Stoker-Hill, Greg Herrman, Matt Herman, Howie Chavers, Margo Shares, Jim Lynn, Vaughn Cook, and Jodie Witt, Executive Director.

Not Present: Jake Dahl, John Hammes, Larry Terrell, Greg Hause.

The Meeting was called to order by Vice President of Race, Terry Vondy at 1:08 pm. Minutes were approved from the last meeting held on June 5, 2017.

There was an update provided on Arapahoe Park for the 2017 season. Terry, Jim and Kathy attended the Commissioner's meeting earlier on October 10th. They were happy to report that RMQHA will get the Mile High and Rocky Mountain Races back for 2018 and the RMQHA office will administer the races. Pending CHA approval, 2018 races will be held on Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Quarter Horse Trials will be run on Fridays. There will still be 39 race days, but will be 12 weeks versus 13. Vaughn would like a nice flyer about the races to go to the Fall Mix sale at Heritage. The board agreed to advertise the "races are back" in the Cuadra Hispana publication and check advertising rates in Speedhorse and TRJ. Jodie will follow up on getting an ad produced with Sandy Cochran and the publications. Ad will be presented to Bill Powers and Bruce Seymour at Arapahoe Park for approval and request they share in the advertising costs. Terry reported there were 97 QH races in 2016 and 78 in 2017.

The Board reviewed the final payouts on the Cherry Creek Futurity and Lucille Rowe Derby. Margo will follow up with Transwest Trucks on the outstanding invoice for sponsorships. Thank you to Transwest Trucks and Trailers and Greeley Hat Works as race sponsors for 2017 trials and finals.

Jodie will follow up and let the board know how many new registrations have been received.

Breeder's Award Money was reviewed again for future distribution. Kathy Stoker-Hill provided a proposal for reallocation. She proposed reducing stallion percentage and suggested adding back into supplemental purses. After much discussion, the proposal failed to move forward and payout percentages will remain as is.

Yearend awards were discussed and if there should be a minimum number of points earned to qualify for awards. It has previously been determined and voted on that out of state award qualifiers must have a minimum of 10 points. The convention board meeting agenda will include a proposal that in state award qualifiers must also have a minimum number of points to be eligible for awards.

There was discussion that Foals must be enrolled in the Colorado Bred program prior to nominating for any future Colorado Bred Quarter Horse Races. This would include membership for spouses, partnerships, etc. The enrollment changes will be included in the future race conditions after approval at the convention meeting. There will be discussion regarding the enrollment fees for the older foals at the convention meeting as well.

The meeting was suspended at 2:00 pm so that the group could join the CHA meeting via conference call.

CHA election results were announced. New or returning board members for the next term is Matt Herrman, Kerry Kemper and Miquel Pena.

The board reconvened at 3:00 pm.

The board discussed the need for a Lobbyist to be aware of legislative issues for the racing industry and other animal welfare concerns they can affect the RMQHA membership. Dave Reitz is retired. Other names that were discussed were Mark Hillman and Totsy Rees. Dave Reitz highly recommended Stephanie Fansen. Vaughn expressed that Terry and Kathy complete the initial interviews and then bring the names to the convention for consideration by the entire RMQHA Board of Directors.

Day at the Races was discussed. The event was successful and fun was had by all. About 41 members and guests attended. The board agreed to join the Colorado Horse Council in 2018 for the Day at the Races. Organizers need to make sure that there are QH races and barns/trainers involved in the event.

The RMQHA convention will be December 1-2nd. Jodie handed out the registration forms and talked about the featured speakers and presentations. Letters are being sent out to RMQHA partners and businesses soliciting sponsorships for different convention events. Silent and Live auction items are needed for the fundraisers planned.

Hall of Fame inductees for 2017 will be Lucile Rowe, Don Manuello, Richard Herrman and TexOh.

Jodie presented the Executive Director report. There was not additional discussion related to the report.

Other Old business was presented;

Larry Terrell is working on what would need to be done to create Colorado Bred Program Policy Handbook and tying it to the bylaws. Discussion was tabled on this until additional information is available.

Jim Lynn suggested that Bill Powers at Arapahoe Park needs to be encouraged to speak with AQHA to ensure challenge races are offered in 2018. Vaughn agreed to have a conversation with Kelvin Childers to discuss this at the AQHA race meeting being held in Iowa on October 14.

Jodie reported that she had been contacted by Aurora Apparel. They are now making racing silks and available to meet if anyone is interested.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Margo Shares and seconded by Greg Herrman. The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jodie Witt

Executive Director

