

## RMQHA Show and Performance Meeting Minutes

September 26, 2017

Present: Mark Guynn, Vice President of Show and Performance, Kelley Simonsen, President, Lorie Liddicoat, Doug George, Cody Crow, Connie Holtz, Renee Elkins, Marv Kapushion, Sue Kapushion, Leslie Lange, Jan Guynn, Kyle Hause, Jodie Witt, Executive Director

Others: Willard Nordick, Honorary Vice President, Margo Ball and Shaun Gloude, AQHA Directors, Heather Ecton, RMQHA office and Excel Associates

Meeting was called to order by Vice President, Mark Guynn at 5:45 pm. Leslie Lange made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on June 27, 2017. Marv Kapushion seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Kelley Simonsen stated there has been no changes since the Associations financial statement as of April 30<sup>th</sup>.

2017 and 2018 Shows were reviewed.

### **Fall Classic & Futurity** – Recap for 2017 show

\* The show actualized 130 stalls sold and 98 horses. The show lost (\$3600). The show performed better than 2016 by \$1000.

### **Rocktoberfest** – Mark Guynn – Show Chairman

\* Adding 3 and 4-year-old reining and ranch riding Derby with \$1000 added money. Payout will be based on combined total score for Jr. Reining and Jr. Ranch Riding.

\* Costume class will still be held with the same format.

### **2018 Tentative Show Dates (RMQHA shows/approved shows)**

#### **Pre-Denver-** Leslie Lange – Show Chairman

\*December 29-31, 2017 and Jan 1-3, 2018

\*move in may be a challenge due to NWSS construction. More details may be forth coming

\*New Year's Eve Exhibitor party will take place from 5 – 8 pm with a progressive Barn dinner event. Connie Holtz will coordinate this with the exhibitors. Jodie Witt will work with KM Concessions to get a cash bar in the barn for exhibitors.

#### **Bellringer** – Kelly McDowall – Show Chairman

\*Feb 19-25, 2018

\* A new show chairman needs to be appointed for 2019. Jan Guynn made a motion to table filling the 2019 Show Chairman of the Bellringer show until convention to solicit input from the membership. Sue Kapushion seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Gold Rush – Lori Liddicoat – Show Chairman**

\*March 20-25, 2018

\*NWSS agreed to provide the requested additional day enabling RMQHA to make changes to the show format. The trail class will be scheduled differently than in the past year. Change received positive feedback from the board members.

\*The Board requested the youth Basket Bonanza be moved to from the Bellringer show to the Goldrush Show in place of the Chili Cook-off.

\*Kelley Simonsen will provide a breakdown of show financials for both the Bellringer and Goldrush shows from past years to Lori Liddicoat she has guidelines to establish her budget.

**Mile High Classic -**

\*April 3-8, 2018 – Loveland

\*office needs to send approval form to NCQHA to complete for RMQHA approval

**Colorado Gold –**

May 3-6, 2018 - Loveland

\*Show will be combined with the RMPHA show held at the Ranch. The dates are on loan to RMPHA for this year. The show will offer halter, roping and over fence classes for AQHA/RMQHA members.

\*RMQHA will be looking for a new chairman and possible location for this show for 2019.

**Heart of the Rockies – (date change submitted to AQHA)**

Date and Location – TBD

**Fall Classic – Marv and Sue Kapushion – Show Co-Chairpersons**

September 7-9, 2018 – Grand Junction

\*This show has been relocated to Mesa County Fairgrounds in Grand Junction

\*Leslie Lange motioned and Willard Nordick seconded to continue this as a RMQHA owned show.  
Motion passed

\*Marv and Sue are planning several fun events for the show to possibly include a clinic the day before, i.e. Ride the pattern clinic, there may be a concert.

\*Preliminary budget/financials were presented to the board. This show should be more cost effective and have greater profit potential for the organization.

**Rocktoberfest – Mark Guynn – Show Chairman**

October 17 – 21 – Loveland

\*Potential VRH classes being added to this show

\*was brought up that board should consider adding a 4<sup>th</sup> judge from the Fall Classic, no further discussion took place. Tabled for consideration

2019 and future Show management was discussed. Kelley will forward the current Excel Associates contract to Jodie to create a preliminary bullet point RFP for a committee lead by Doug George to review and finalize. The RFP will then be sent to interested show managers to submit bids back to RMQHA for consideration. A few names that were brought up as showing interest were Kennedy Snyder from Wellington, Nellie Murphy and Pam Orth who work for the Colorado State Fair. Others will be included as they are brought forth.

Amateur report was given by Jodie Witt for Jeri Lockwood. Recommendation was made to send a survey to the current Amateur members to obtain feedback so the future of this committee could be determined. The office will create a survey and send to membership so can be discussed at the convention. It was determined that year end awards will be given for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place only for 2017.

The Youth report was presented by Youth Advisor, Jodie Witt. The current fundraiser that the youth is promoting is in partnership with Papa Murphy's. The Peel and Deal cards can be purchased for \$5.00. They will be selling them as an ongoing fundraiser. Jodie reported a new partnership with Schwan's Cares. Orders through Schwan's will reward RMQHA with 20% back on food sales and 40% back on gift card sales. The RMQHA code is 34179. It was suggested an email be sent out to the membership to explain and promote this fundraiser for the organization. The campaigns must be renewed every few months. Renee reported that the horse show advisory committee decided to not offer 13 and under classes in 2018. The office and youth committee will continue to break out manually the 13 and under and 14 through 18 age groups for points and qualifying. The 13 and under qualification points for AQHYA World show is half the amount of the 14-18 qualifying points.

Lori Liddicoat reported the RMQHA/RMPHA golf tournament went well. The tournament made approximately \$2700 to be divided between the 2 associations. The board was in favor of moving this tournament to be in conjunction with the Mid-Summer Classic show in July. Robert Dehn said he would be reaching out to John Weaver. Connie Holtz will stay in touch with Robert and John moving forward.

Region 8 Show: Doug George as if Colorado/RMQHA want to continue to support the show or opt out. Kansas has already opted out for the future. There was a question about what happens to the CO portion of the seed money/profit if we opt out. It was believed that we would get that back. Amount is not known at this time. Leslie Lange made a motion for RMQHA to opt out of participating in the Region 8 show, with receiving the RMQHA share of the financial growth since inception. Jan Guynn seconded, motion carried.

Jodie gave the Executive Director report. She touched on Sponsorships, Outreach, AQHA, Membership, Youth, Office status, Website progress, Show and Performance outreach, Race and Convention.

The RMQHA convention will be held December 1 & 2, 2017 at the Marriott West in Golden Co. The Registration forms were distributed and some discussion around the event was had. Updates will continue.

Other new business was discussed:

Year End Awards budget was discussed. Kelley Simonsen explained the attached detail reports with how the funds for awards are calculated. Sue Kapushion will move forward with getting awards selected and ordered based on the budget provided.

RMQHA has been asked to sponsor an exhibitor party during the National Western Stock Show for \$1000. It was moved and seconded to not sponsor for the 2018 year. Motion carried

Renee Elkins discussed the use of Photographers at shows. Several photographer names were discussed. Marvin Kapushion motioned and Kyle Hause seconded that each show is responsible for making their own photographer decisions. The motion passed. Each show will also be responsible for contacting and working through details with photographers. Renee will provide RMQHA guidelines for photographers.

Board nominations were discussed. Lorie asked each of the board members with terms expiring in 2017 if they were interested in running again. She will talk with them individually. It was recommended to send an email blast out to the membership to solicit nominations. The office will put that out by September 29<sup>th</sup>. Lorie is to provide the copy and details to Jodie. A picture and bio of the nominees is due to the office by October 10<sup>th</sup> for magazine publication.

Marvin Kapushion moved and Sue Kapushion seconded and all approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted;

Jodie Witt – Executive Director