

Board of Directors Meeting

Monday Sept 21<sup>st</sup> 8:00 AM

President Simmons calls the meeting to order

Dewey Hannon opens the meeting with prayer

Roll Call

Eddie Barrow	Here
Jamie Lawrence	(Late)
Ronnie Hooker	Here
Dewey Hannon	Here
Fred McRoy	Here
Andy Roberts	Here
Carol Misseldine	Here
Kimberly Coult	(Late)
Tonya Parsons	Here
Kelly France	Here
Jason Todd	Here
Jim Morris	Here

President Remarks from President Simmons:

I appreciate you all being here, as you can see our show is going nicely even though we have company, even Dr. Baker commented on the fact that we were doing a good job bringing them up and trying to be compliant. There were only 3 tickets written Friday night with 97 showing and 3 tickets written Saturday night with 130 horses showing. Usually Sunday is a slow night and we still had 111 head showing then. So it appears with around 330 having been shown in 3 days our show is on track. With that being said let's move on to our minutes.

Have you all had a chance to read over them? There are two sets April and June.

Fred McRoy: motions to approve April meeting minutes

Kelly France: Seconds

Motion Passes

Kelly France: motions to approve June 1<sup>st</sup> meeting minutes

Tonya Parsons: Seconds

Motion Passes

President Simmons: we will move on to the treasurers' report

Melisa Taylor: I will be presenting this portion of the report because you all know that Darlene was kicked by a horse and has been in the hospital, she is doing well but cannot be with us today.

Before we really get into this, some of you will ask because you have seen this P&L before all of the bills are not on here we have not written checks yet, normally when you get the P&L I have already done that and you can see it. But it is not complete yet.

Eddie Barrow: How does it compare to last year?

Melisa: We are actually up by \$3,000

Kelly France: makes a motion to approve the treasurer's report

Dewey Hannon: 2nds the motion

Motion Passes

President Simmons: moving on to new business, Tonya Parsons with Juvenile Auxiliary

Tonya Parsons: we are growing; it is the largest group I have ever seen. We have a lot going on this week, we have made \$320 just yesterday, school starts this morning Becky Sinard and another teacher volunteered to conduct school. I think we have 23 kids signed up for crafts and more for school, on Wednesday we go to the space center, Thursday we will have crafts a womanless beauty pageant a golf cart parade, we will have the judges judge that, you can vote and donate for the winners, and that's a big money maker for us. We have a lot of new kids this year. We have also implemented a new rule if you don't participate you don't show. They have plenty of time before Thursday to participate. My biggest thing is show committee thought it was best to take out the Juvenile Auxiliary classes this year. The explanation was they were not qualifying classes. I was told that they would not be included next year unless there was a rule change made, that the juvenile Axillary could be a qualifying class.

Kelly France: Who told you that?

Tonya Parson: Lance Meisenheimer, he and David Latham had discussed it on the phone that's why it was taken out because it was not a qualifying class. Mack said he did not make the decision he just went along with it. The problem is there are no by laws. How can you make a rule change when there are no rules?

Jim Morris: Tonya that can't be valid the Ladies Auxiliary has their classes and they are not qualifying classes, neither are the pleasure membership only classes. If its members only it can't be a qualifying class because not everyone are members.

Tonya Parsons: I was just told if the rule change was not brought before the board before next year there would be no juvenile auxiliary classes. That is just what Meisenheimer and Latham said.

I personally think the show committee should be one person from each association.

Kelly France: I think you will see that change being made for next year.

Tonya Parsons: I think there are a lot of things that we are doing for the good in this industry. I just don't want to lose our classes.

President Simmons: Well obviously she is exactly right the classes need to stay they are doing good things for this industry they are our future and we would only be hurting ourselves.

Tonya Parsons: I don't care if it's made a qualifying class or not, we just have to have the class. The kids work all year for this and we can't take it from them. I also think it's in our best interest to have one person from each association on the committee.

President Simmons: We will have the juvenile Auxiliary classes they will not be taken, but you did have a good point we do need all the associations to turn in their bylaws to the office so they have a copy to go by.

Next item to talk about is DNA Geldings, Fred.

Fred McRoy: We have had a few cases where they want to register an older horse, and I see no reason why we shouldn't register your Gelding with DNA because 90% have walking papers anyway. I think that might help on some of these problems.

Jim Morris: Why would you DNA a gelding what would that help

Fred McRoy: So that we would have DNA on them, if they got registered as a two year old we can go back and look at those papers and compare it easily.

Ronnie Hooker: I don't see any problem doing it that way at all however we have got everything on the computer that we are cross referencing and we are catching a lot of things that have not been caught before.

Melisa Taylor: Walking requires DNA for papers no matter the horse, so there has to be a reason. Let's look at this long term we have no way of identifying for sure if a horse has been swapped unless we pull DNA. We can look at a horse and say yeah I think that's the horse, but legally, we need something like DNA to be able to get a definitive answer.

Ronnie Hooker: There are just too many ways for people to get by on this. How much is it per horse to have DNA run.

Fred McRoy: \$50 per horse

Ronnie Hooker: But these horses are mouthed

Fred McRoy: There are ways around it and ways to play the system this fixes that.

Ronnie Hooker: One of the problems is with our commissioners if we are going to hold a commissioners license you need to be serious about it. Phyllis has her stuff together, if we get a horse in you can ask her all the questions, and when you get down to the bottom line you can ask did you look at the horse's mouth? "Well no I didn't". If that is how you are commissioning horses you won't keep your license very long while this committee is intact.

Jim Morris: What would you do if you have two sets of papers come through, but the person that commissioned the horse didn't know about the second set of papers, that's what were talking about.

Kelly France: I just brought a horse in on Monday and had the papers for it turned everything in and started registering the horse only to find out there was another horse with that name and when we looked at it, it was the same horse. The original people didn't know they had papers.

Jim Morris: that is the problem now you have the papers Phyllis made, and the original one floating around and there is no way to combat that.

Melisa: the only way we could have handled that would have been a set of duplicate papers.

Kelly: She wouldn't sign for them. Period.

Melisa: so what happened with this horse?

Kelly: they packed up and went home.

Melisa: the only problem I see would be how many duplicate set of papers are you going to allow for each horse?

President Simmons: I will have to look but I think there is a rule that there can only be one set. I have asked Mr. Hooker, if it will help the problem if you do not have walking papers on a horse you must DNA even if it is a gelding. He said it may not eliminate the problem but it will fix a lot of issues.

Jamie Lawrence: just wondering, how is DNA going to prove anything about age?

Eddie Barrow: It will stop the switching horses.

Jamie Lawrence: Now that makes sense.

Kimberly Coult: I still don't see how DNA is going to fix anything; the mouth is the only way we are going to fix it. I had a 4 year old show the other night and no one looked at his mouth even though he had been mouthed last year, just to be safe and sure, I say mouth each aged class.

Fred McRoy: All horses including geldings 5 years and under must have DNA, This must be current to show beginning January 1 2016.

Kelly France: Seconds the motion

Roll Call Vote

Eddie Barrow	Yes
Jamie Lawrence	No
Ronnie Hooker	Yes
Dewey Hannon	Yes
Fred McRoy	Yes
Andy Roberts	No
Carol Misseldine	Yes
Kimberly Coult	No
Tonya Parsons	No
Kelly France	Yes
Jason Todd	No
Jim Morris	No

Melisa Taylor: There is a tie

President Simmons: The next thing on our agenda is the 2016 Show Chairman and Committee, we have had a few suggestions as to who needs to sit on this committee I have talked to Mack Hess and he has agreed to be Chairman.

Kelly France: We did discuss with Mac about what Tonya said about the Presidents of the Associations sitting on the committee, especially when it came to the show bill.

Kelly France: I make a motion that Mac Hess takes the Chairman position again.

Fred McRoy: I second the motion.

All those in Favor

The motion passes

President Simmons: The next thing on our agenda is how the committee will be set up, do you want to let Mack set it up, or go ahead and make a decision and just let him know.

Tonya Parsons: I make a motion that the Show Committee includes a person from each organization.

Jason Todd: I second the Motion

All in Favor

The motion carries

President Simmons: The next thing on our agenda is personnel and property committee Fred is going to bring you up to speed.

Andy Roberts: makes a motion to go into executive session

Kelly France: Seconds the motion

All those in Favor

The motion Carries

Motion was made to come out of executive session

President Simmons: I would like to open the floor to Andy Roberts

Andy Roberts: We were at the barn and we had a group there talking about the stall rentals they are not complaining about renting the stall or the stall fee, what they are saying is there are a lot of empty barns, and they should be able to rent a tack room 5 or 6 stalls instead of renting the entire barn, it's costing them more to move back and forth between barns, simply because they don't have enough horses to rent an entire barn.

President Simmons: They were also saying if we have had a barn for years but this year only bring 5 head, why can we not purchase that and then someone else purchase the remaining stalls. Our policy is in the fall if you keep you barn year after year you must take the whole barn. It has been that policy for as long as I can remember.

Andy Roberts: it might help to allow people to purchase smaller amounts of stalls. But to put a limit on the amount like you would have to get a tack and 5 stalls, you couldn't come in and get a tack and 1 stall.

Melisa: I have this question, what happens if you don't purchase your barn by the 15<sup>th</sup>, and you have had it for years but it's like pulling eye teeth to get information. How we are handling the grounds fee this year, we are asking for your barn on all entry sheets, this will tell us which horses are in which barns and on Thursday we will pull them and group them. Then we will call the people from each barn down and we will sort out the payment with each group individually that is the best way we have come up with so far.

President Simmons: We will discuss this further later on; our next thing on our agenda is our committee reports, Horse show committee we have already talked about Kelly?

Kelly France: Nothing on the judges committee right now

President Simmons: We have covered Personnel and Property and Promotions and Membership Jim do you have anything on Rules Enforcement?

Jim Morris: we had a meeting earlier this month to discuss rule violations from affiliating shows. This is what we came up with people who showed without an exhibitors card are fined \$25 we didn't want to fine them then require them to purchase a show card, so we are telling them the \$25 will go to the purchase of their show card. We put them in 6 months' probation if they do it again.

If they show without a registered horse, which there were 30 something people doing that they will be charged \$100 fine, the \$100 goes toward the registration of the horse.

Jason Todd: What about an open pacing class?

Jim Morris: That is not qualifying. Also gaited pleasure, also we have added amateur cards are not required. With trying to resolve this problem we have changed to sending certified letters and that costs a lot of money so what rules enforcement has come up with, instead of letting them sanction with us, if they want to sanction with the Racking Horse Association, they have to use our HIO. I talk to Mika about that and see if that would work. In order to enforce our rule we have to have our HIO check the show. Because other HIO's do not uphold our suspension list, that's the only way we can figure out how to address that.

President Simmons: We have met and talked about that and originally we wanted to give everyone a choice but we have reached a point that we don't have to do that. So we can require that now.

Jim Morris: Ok so where we are, in agreement with this, if you affiliate you will need to use our HIO. If we get a show in that has an excess number of violations, I think we need to write a letter stating that due to the violations we are not allowing them to affiliate with us and send their money back.

Andy Roberts: we will lose a lot of affiliations and income and shows.

President Simmons: I hear what everyone is saying but the bottom line is, this is a business. We cannot spend \$1000 to make \$500.

Andy Roberts: I just think we are placing more rules, and more stipulations, we are going to be losing a lot more than just a few shows.

President Simmons: Jim we aren't getting anywhere with our discussion right now, why don't we think about it and readdress it later. This is the fact though, we can't do something for Kentucky that we wouldn't do everywhere else.

We are going to revisit this discussion later on.

I would like to set up a time that we can sit down and talk with someone on how to separate these rules and bylaws are there any dates that you know of.

Friday night after the show

Kelly France: makes a motion to recess until Friday night after the show

Dewey Hannon: Seconds

All in favor

Motion passes

President Simmons: calls the meeting to order at 11:32pm and I understand that Jim would like to say something

Jim Morris: I would like to amend my vote for the DNA Blood typing. I was under the impression that it was for all Geldings I misunderstood that there was an age cut off.

President Simmons: That means the motion did pass with Jim Morris amending his vote. We do need a motion to close that vote.

Jason Todd: Makes a motion to close the vote

Jim Morris Seconds

All in favor

Motion passes and the meeting is adjourned