

2021 Annual Member Meeting Summary

January 16, 2021

Virtual meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Members on line: Bobbie Hinds, Brenda Salsbury, Chandry Nelson, Denise Thompson, Dotty Kester, Jenny Bormann, Kathy Green, Mark Hinds, Heidi/Matt Lange, Peggy Pickford, Tom Davies, Angie Banks, Lisa Wainright, Trisha/Mark Hickey, Carolyn Champagne, Caleigh Iwanski, iPhone?, Tate Thompson, Clara Banks, Toni Bowland, Hope Hall, Alan Hinds.

Mark reviewed the members of the 2020 KQHA Leadership Team:

- President – Mark Hinds
- Vice President – Tom Davies
- Immediate Past President – Brenda Salsbury
- Board of Directors
 - Through 2020 – Tom Davies, Brenda Salsbury, Denise Thompson, Kathy Green
 - Through 2021 - Ryan Cole, Kelli Case, Rachel Kruse, Paula Pray
 - Through 2022 – Mark Hinds, Clint Fullerton, Sandy Parker, Matt Lange
- National Directors – Sherri Tearney, Starlett Hunt (KQHA Racing), Alan Hinds
- Youth Advisors – Kathy Green, Bobbie Hinds
- Amateur President – Stephanie Manhart (Outgoing); Chandry Nelson (incoming)
- Bookkeeper/Membership – Dotty Kester

2020 was a trying year with the covid pandemic and the closing of facilities and cancelling of events. The group above worked very hard to work around some of the restrictions in order to hold the Hope in the Heartland show.

Mark presented the Finance Committee Report; a gain of \$24,000 was made over the year; some from the CD's and some from the Prairie Classic. Amateurs did not have a show but had to make a deposit on the facility; as of this time they are looking at a loss of \$8,000. They are optimistic and are looking forward to the upcoming year to get them back on track. The youth did not have a show but were very active in generating revenue thru sponsorships and are currently up \$2500. Have year-end awards to pay for. Overall, the organization is over \$439,000 but we could lose great sums of money if some shows are not held. The intent is to have a full slate of shows in 2021.

Being a 501C5 we need to give back to the members. We have been tracking this since 2017 and it is at \$11,414 for 2020 which is down this year because of having to cancel shows this year.

2020 Serrault-Gorthy Scholarship Recipients for this year were Alayna Colwell; Reagan Daily; Sophie Dechant; Caleigh Iwanski; Ayden Long; and Grace Werner. Each of these youth's received \$1,185 in scholarship funds. High school seniors need to get their applications (form on KQHYA web site) in to Stan O'Neil by April 2021.

Show and Contest Committee

Chaired by Sherri Tearney with other members being the chairs of each of the KQHA Youth, Amateurs and Open shows. New sanction form was developed this last year. This new process allows the Show and Contest Committee enough time to consider and decide if the show will meet and be an effective use of the membership's time. This would help prevent having shows on top of each other and keep the shows cost-affordable.

First show sanctioned is Prairie Classic in Oklahoma City, Feb 3-7. The show has had some constraints added this year to deal with the covid which will make it a little more expensive but improve the safety of the contestants.

The Cottonwood Classic will be in Hutchinson, Feb. 25-28. This is a third party show and the sanction form has been received and approved by the Show and Contest Committee.

The Salt City Circuit will also be held in Hutchinson, March 25-28. This form was also received and approved by the Committee.

Celebrating Kansas, May 7-9. The amateurs discussed this show in their meeting today and because of what's going on with Topeka they are unable to hold the show there. They were able to book the facility in Hutchinson. New show schedule is a 3-day schedule which will have two judges on Friday-Saturday and one on Sunday. Will be using left over awards from 2019. Looking for sponsorships to help with the expenses.

Mark explained that the Expocente is being used for a health center thru April which caused the Amateur and Youth shows to be cancelled or moved to alternate sites.

The Youth show has been cancelled for this year but AQHA had informed us that because the facility cancelled they will hold the dates for 2022.

The PHBA is working on getting the sanction forms to KQHA for a show in Salina in June. Also have been in talks with the Buckskin Association about a June show. This would give KQHA another show to work with and are awaiting forms from them.

Hope in the Heartland has been moved back to avoid a conflict with the Iowa Futurity. The show dates will be September 30 thru October 3.

Youth Update

Caleigh Iwanski reported on youth activities in 2020 and fund raising activities that were held. Twenty-nine members participated in the Youth World show in Oklahoma City. The team placed second in the stall decorating contest, Top 5 in the Justin boot decorating contest, 4th in Div. 1 team spirit over-all standings. Past-president Megan Newlon received the first-ever youth activity scholarship which is a new scholarship program for youth members presented to a member in their last year of youth eligibility. She thanked all sponsors and those that attended the World Show.

New Youth officers for 2021 are:

Alexa Gerdes, President

Caitlyn Champagne, Vice-President

Aubrey Gerdes, Secretary

Board Members: Avery Howell, Mandy Wainwright, Clara Banks, Baleigh Schneider, Johnnay Bower and Caleigh Iwanski

Mark thanked Kathy Green for her 6-year service to the KQHA youth.

Amateur Update

Chandry Nelson reported that the new slate of officers for this year will be:

Chandry Nelson, President

Lindsey York, Vice-President/Treasurer

Stephanie Manhart, Secretary

Board Members: Alyna Huber, Annette Cline, Heidi Lange, Michaela Sundgren, Colin Champagne, and Lisa Wainwright

New Business

AQHA Directors representing Kansas - currently have two directors representing Kansas, Sherri Tearney and Alan Hinds. Sherri is moving to Director emeritus, Regina Lahman from the racing side will be stepping down and one other from the racing community.

Reported that there are currently two positions that will need to be filled and if you have interest in becoming a national director, the applications need to be in to AQHA by February 1. Sherri is checking with the racing group to see what they are going to do with their slots.

KQHA Directors: currently have four persons whose terms end tonight. Will need to nominate at least two positions that will need to be filled.

Hope Hall has expressed interest in serving on the board. Hope has taken Justin Gregory's position at the Stormont Vail Event Centre (Expocentre). She was on the board of directors in South Dakota QH for 5 or 6 years and shows in Ranch Horse.

Terry Champagne has also expressed interest in being on the KQHA Board.

Stephanie Manhart has expressed interest.

On a vote of those present on line, the board of directors effective thru 2023 will be:

- Tom Davies (also serves as Vice-President)
- Denise Thompson
- Terry Champagne
- Hope Hall
- Brenda Salisbury (Moves to past president)

Youth Sportsmanship Award

Bobbie Hinds announced the winner of the Youth Sportsmanship Award for 2020 is Caleigh Iwanski.

Volunteer of the Year

The Volunteer of the Year Award was awarded to Carolyn Kaberline posthumously for her contributions over the years.

2021 KQHA Hall of Fame Inductee

Jeff Mellot will be inducted into the 2021 KQHA Hall of Fame and the award will be presented to him at the Prairie Classic QH Show.

Notice of the above awards will be made on the KQHA Facebook page.

There being no further business, a motion was made and seconded that the meeting be adjourned.