

OQHYA February Board Meeting Minutes

February 11th 2017

Hannah Way called the meeting to order at 4 pm February 11th 2017 at the Oregon Horse Center in Eugene Oregon.

Board Members Present:

Jacqueline Potwora, Hannah Way, Clare Swanson, Kaylie Banks (on call), Taylinn Dimmitt, Skylee Gibson, Samantha Pratt

Board Members Absent:

Hailey Giddings, Katie Gratchner, Sophie Gratchner

Others in Attendance:

Hailey Ferro, Katrina Bilic, Elsie Naruszewicz, Bailey Davis, Lily Richardson, Hannah Macdonald, Kaitlin Dierks, Daylor Hofer, Audrey Ogan, Ella Pratt

Discussion Items:

1. **Activities:** The Youth Excellence Seminar (YES), and AQHYA World Show were discussed. Taylinn, Hannah W, Jacqueline, Clare, Hailey F, Katrina, Hannah M, Kaitlin, and Audrey all wish to attend YES and the AQHYA World Show. While Samantha wishes only to attend the AQHYA World Show.
 - a. Paperwork to be submitted for state qualifications for the AQHYA World Show are due March 15th
2. **Fundraising:** We will fundraise this year with raffle tickets for a free stall at every OQHA show, the drawing was held later in the day. The board also would like to fight for the Trainer Challenge to stay at Summer Classic. It was decided that it was an important fundraiser to maintain for financial benefit, and to provide the show with something fun produced by the youth. The youth board will also sell permanent numbers to OQHA exhibitors.
3. **Ideas:** Jacqueline brought up the idea of recycling. She suggested that the board should bring empty cans and bottles to the next board meeting to be deposited into the youth account. Clare, Hailey F, and Taylinn volunteered to look for sponsorships for our organization. They will seek various donations to benefit our board. Samantha brought up the idea of a “fling-a-filly” fundraiser similar to those performed by the Oregon Reining Youth Board. This fundraiser entails selling rubber “ducks” in the shape of a horse. During a show those who bought a “filly” would throw their filly in various sized hoola-hoops. Whoever gets their filly in the smallest hoola-hoop wins a portion of the money

made from selling the rubber fillies. This fundraiser would be a fun way for the board to make money.

4. **The Executive Board** (Hannah W, Jacqueline, Samantha) discussed making t-shirts for all board members with a catchy slogan on them. This would signify and unite the board with something unique. It was also discussed that the board could potentially put sponsors on the back of the t-shirts. The executive board also discussed creating a social event for board members to attend outside of the shows. This would break the ice of event segregation, and open the gates to lifelong friendships.

The next board meeting will be held at the April OQHA show. The time is TBA.