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# KWHA Board Meeting

Fossil Creek Hotel & Suites – Russell, KS – 10.26.2024

President Jared Scheck called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

## Attendees

Jared Scheck  
Camisha Stevenson  
Gregg Tucker  
Riley Cameron  
Benton Hrabe

Norleen Knoll  
Alaura Crockett-Armijo  
Triston Boxum  
Mark Riley  
Renee Nichols

Lynn Sidman  
Kevin Solofra  
Kelli Basgall  
Jaiden Perales

## Visitors

Several visitors attended this meeting.

## Absent

Toma Griffey  
Stalee Diehl Stanley  
Ken Newberg

Troy Cooley  
Kelly Forell  
Erin Cook

Will Tucker  
Amanda Truan

## Public Comments from Persons Not on Agenda

Renee Nichols thanked the awards committee for their hard work. It was a much easier year with no saddles.

## Consent Agenda

- Board meeting minutes from 8.30.24
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- Treasurer's Report

Alaura Crockett-Armijo moved to approve the consent agenda; seconded by Mark Riley. Motion carried.

## Old Business

The benefit trail ride held at Kanopolis on October 19-20 brought out 28 riders, some who rode a little over 12 miles. Suggestions for the future included having evening activities for young kids.

## Committee Reports

### 1. Finance:

- a. Treasurer Norleen Knoll reported that the association earned \$531 from the benefit barrel race.
- b. It was decided that the winners of the silent auction would be announced between the individual results and the high point awards.

### 2. State Show:

- a. Committee chair Mark Riley reported that the state show was a success.
- b. Sportsmanship awards will be re-presented to the junior and senior winners during the banquet.

### 3. Judges:

- a. Gregg Tucker reported that 4 people completed their apprenticeships: Jaiden Perales, Aaron Dohm, Megan Townsend, and Jesse Hattenbach. Deena Humphries took the test but decided that she doesn't want to complete the apprenticeship.
- b. Jaiden Perales and Aaron Dohm had already been approved by the board. Camisha Stevenson moved to approve Megan Townsend as a KWHA judge; Triston Boxum seconded. Camisha moved to amend her motion to add Jesse Hattenbach to the approved judges. Triston seconded. During discussion, it was unclear as to where Jesse Hattenbach completed her apprenticeship, and committee chair Gregg Tucker did not have the paperwork available. Motion failed by unanimous vote. Camisha Stevenson moved to approve Megan Townsend as a KWHA judge. Triston Boxum seconded. Motion carried. Camisha Stevenson moved to table approval of Jesse Hattenbach until the next meeting. Gregg Tucker seconded. Motion carried.

4. **Scholarship:**
  - a. Benton Hrabe reported that there were 6 applicants, and 2 in the amount of \$1,200/each will be awarded at the banquet.
5. **Nominations:**
  - a. Jared Scheck, Toma Griffey, and Lynn Sidman worked to gather nominations for the 7 open board positions.
6. **Rules:**
  - a. All proposed rule changes have been put together and club packets are ready to go.
7. **Awards:**
  - a. Jaiden Perales reported that the awards committee came in under budget \$671.17. They used this to pay for all Fast Cash awards at state finals.
8. **Benefit Show:**
  - a. Nothing at this time.
9. **Web/Social Media Committee:**
  - a. President Jared Scheck said that he was concerned because other associations were flooding the KWHFA Facebook page, which buried our own promotions. In the future, comments for non-KWHFA posts will be turned off.
10. **Points:**
  - a. Renee Nichols reported that points totals were checked by Ken Newberg, Erin Cook, and herself, and certificates are ready for tonight.

## New Business

1. **Board resignation:**
  - a. Jared Scheck reported that Troy Cooley had resigned from the board as of 9 am that morning. There is 1 year remaining on his term, so it will need to be filled this afternoon. Mark Riley moved to accept his resignation. Camisha Stevenson seconded. Motion carried.
2. **2025 Kansas Equifest:**
  - a. Renee Nichols reported that the Kansas Equifest board prefers to have more entertainment acts, rather than barrel racing, pole bending, and team roping, in hopes of drawing a larger crowd. She did not think there would be any

changes in prices or benefits. However, she and Alaura Crockett-Armijo recommended having the same 4 riders the entire time.

**3. 2025 State Show:**

- a. There were 3 bids for state show presented: Mark Riley with the BOD bid for Lyons; Tonya and Shawn Kohr, for Bentley, hosted by Bit & Spur; and Camisha Stevenson, for Bennington, hosted by Salina Rowdy Riders. A vote was cast. There were 10 votes for Lyons, 3 votes for Bennington, and 0 votes for Bentley. State show will be held on August 29th-31st (rain date September 1st) in Lyons, hosted by the BOD.

- 4. Judge for State Show:** Much discussion was had about the confusion and miscommunication on hiring a judge for state show this year. Many were unclear whether it is the state show committee's or the judges committee's responsibility for hiring the judge. The rule book (Chapter IV, Section 2, p. 48) states, "The Judges Committee of the Board of Directors shall have the sole authority of selecting the judge and/or judges for the State Show." Frustrations were expressed about this year's multi-judge system. All said they prefer having a hired judge since there are so many KWAH judges who don't feel comfortable with the judged events. If a hiring change is to happen, there will need to be a rule change written for the next rule change year.

**5. Spring Kickoff Suggestions:**

- a. Camisha Stevenson and Jordan Hoesli said that they would be willing to spearhead the spring kickoff if it's held at the Salina Zoo again. Norleen Knoll reported that it cost around \$600.
- b. Renee Nichols suggested using LaSada Lodge, but it would have to be held after turkey season, which may be too late for Spring Kickoff. She will bring specific information to the January meeting.

**6. KWAH as club for team/pair events:**

- a. Lots of discussion was had about how difficult it is to ride with others from other clubs during team/pair events. Qualifying is difficult and confusing, and changing riders for emergency situations is almost impossible. We discussed having team events not be recognized with a club so that riders can be interchangeable. However, then the clubs would not earn those points for year-end awards. If everyone used KWAH as a club for team/pair events, concerns were raised that then KWAH as a club would win the year-end trophy. To solve this would require a rule change. Jared Scheck recommended educating their club members.

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## Next Meeting

The new board will meet 10 minutes after the conclusion of the general meeting to schedule their next meeting.

## Good of the Order

Lynn Sidman asked that committee chairs turn in USB drives that were handed out in January.

Camisha Stevenson moved to adjourn the meeting; Mark Riley seconded. Meeting adjourned at 11:56 am.

Submitted by:

*Lynn Sidman*

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2024 KWAH Secretary