

KWAH Board Meeting  
February 18, 2023, 10:00am  
Fossil Creek – Russell, Kansas

President Kelly Forell called the meeting to order at 10:00am.

Roll call was answered, those in attendance were Kelly Forell, Shawn Kohr, Renee Nichols, Norleen Knoll, Perry Owens, Garrett Windholz, Jason Amlong, Jared Scheck, Toma Griffey, **Benton Hrabe**, Kelli Basgall, Colby Kriss, and Jarret Riedel. Arriving late were Heather Vanover, Camisha Stevenson, and Alaura Crockett. Those absent were Ken Newberg, Erin Cook, Matt Park, and Troy Cooley. Others in attendance were Tonya Kohr and Jill Kriss.

President Kelly Forell asked if there were any changes or corrections to the Minutes and Treasurers reports on the Consent Agenda. Perry Owens moved; Shawn Kohr seconded; to approve the items on the Consent Agenda. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Old business began with the approval of appointed positions:

Approval of appointed position Parliamentarian Jill Kriss. Norleen Knoll moved; Colby Kriss seconded to approve Jill Kriss as Parliamentarian. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Norleen Knoll advised that Rule Books are in and that clubs may start picking them up. She also has additional rule books for \$5 each.

Spring Kickoff Agenda was discussed. Judges Test 12:30pm, Judges Meeting 1:00pm, Secretary Meeting 2:00pm. There will be special activities coordinated by the Junior Representatives between 12:30pm and 3:30pm. KWAH Spring Kickoff Annual Meeting will be at 3:30pm followed by the Souper Bowl at 5:00pm.

President Kelly Forell brought up quotes for D & O insurance for the KWAH Board of Directors. Perry Owens moved that we do research on what is available and to go with the best plan and purchase it; Shawn Kohr seconded, Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

2023 KWAH Fall Banquet was discussed. New ideas and locations were requested to include activities for youth while adults conduct meetings. The preferred date would be November 4, 2023, with an alternate date of October 28, 2023.

- Camisha Stevenson presented information gathered for the Salina venue, advising that the trampoline park was out of our budget but that she did check on the Rolling Hills Zoo in Salina and what they had to offer.
- Kelly Forell advised she had not received a call back from Garden City Venue. Gina Riedel offered to get information as she was there the next week.
- Renee Nichols presented the information on the Celebration Centre in Lyons.
- Norleen Knoll presented information for Troy Cooley on Fossil Creek in Russell.

Benton Hrabe moved that we hold the 75<sup>th</sup> Year End Banquet in Russell, Kansas at the Fossil Creek Hotel on October 28, 2023; Camisha Stevenson seconded. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

The 2023 Equifest schedule was addressed by Renee Nichols, and she asked who would be available for set up and tear down. The booth needs to be ready by 8:30 am Thursday, March 16, 2023. Renee will post the schedule and work out details on free passes and post to those working at the booth and to those that are demonstrating during Equifest. Toma Griffey will design a banner and we will have a corn hole board there to help sell raffle tickets. Alaura Crockett Armijo will provide tack set up and buckles. The Kansas Gift basket will be raffled at the Equifest. Jared Scheck moved that we give \$100 to the Equifest committee to purchase items for a daily drawing; Alaura Crockett-Armijo seconded. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

KWHA Flags were discussed, Renee Nichols presented various flags, Toma Griffey moved that we purchase the US 4x6 ft sewn polyester flag for \$29.95, the Kansas 3x5 ft printed polyester flag for \$8.42 and the blue and yellow KWHA Flag double sided for \$180; Alaura Crockett-Armijo seconded. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Renee Nichols offered pictures of various styles of the Corn Hole Boards for raffle. Boards were discussed. Shawn Kohr moved that we make two sets of boards, one of the natural and one painted and will have them for auction at the benefit shows; Alaura Crockett seconded. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Renee Nichols presented the items that have been selected for the KWHA store. Toma Griffey moved that the store be opened after the Spring Kickoff and remain open for 3 weeks; Perry Owens seconded. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

New Business started with a 4-H report from Camisha Stevenson. She explained that 4-H kids may need to qualify for some events that we offer at our shows and that they would be responsible for the paperwork to prove that they qualified. She asked that KWHA work with these kids to qualify if possible. She would be willing to explain further to anyone that had an interest.

### **Committee Reports**

KWHA Secretary Renee Nichols received six bids for Benefit Show. Bids were reviewed from Bit & Spur, Fort Bissell, Larned Saddle Club, Krazy K, SCHR, and WaKeeney Saddle Club. Discussion was on what benefited the association the most as to location and bid, as well as which location would draw the most attendance. It was mentioned that in the past there had been two Benefit shows held to accommodate members from all areas. Discussion ensued as to where the best location would be and if there was past information on the benefit of having two shows. Treasurer Norleen Knoll was able to provide some numbers and it appears that the dollar amount was about the same as having one or two shows. There was discussion on the buckles for High Point Adult (Women/Men) and Junior and how that would work if there were two Benefit shows. It was discussed about making a buckle series for the Benefit and Scholarship Shows to promote the shows and build attendance. Jill Kriss and Matt Park offered

to sponsor all 7 age groups buckles for the combination of the Benefit and Scholarship Shows. Camisha Stevenson moved that we have two Benefit Shows on June 3 & 4, 2023, one at Fort Bissell (Phillipsburg Rodeo Grounds) and the other at Bit & Spur (Bentley Arena) to include a Buckle Series. High Point Buckles will be awarded for the combination of points from the Benefit Show(s) and Scholarship Show in each age group; Benton Hrabe seconded. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Toma Griffey indicated that the Benefit Show Committee wanted to have a Benefit Barrel Race, which could be held at both locations and Phillipsburg would like to hold a Corn Hole tournament at the end of the Saturday show. Discussion would continue for the fund raiser at the Bentley Benefit Show, both shows would have a live auction on Saturday night. The Benefit Show committee would put together the running order and each location would provide contact information to KWAH Secretary Renee Nichols to create the showbills.

At 12:15 pm President Kelly Forell called a recess of the KWAH Board meeting until a later time to allow for the Spring Kickoff Schedule to proceed.

At 2:45 pm the KWAH Board meeting reconvened and called to order by President Kelly Forell.

### **New Business continued with Committee Reports**

Jared Scheck State Show Committee Chair reported the order of events for the show was set.

#### **Saturday Events**

1. Keg Bending
2. Key Race
3. Flag Race
4. Half 8 Race
5. Relay Race
6. Cloverleaf
7. Western Lead Line
8. Walk Trot Horsemanship
9. Horsemanship
10. Western Pleasure

#### **Sunday Events**

1. Pole Bending
2. Barrel & Stake Graduated
3. Barrel and Stake Race
4. Figure 8 Stake Race
5. Speed Barrels
6. Polo Turn
7. Saddle and Rescue

Running order will be 1-9, 10-13, 14-17, Women, Men, Sr. Women, Sr. Men. Fees, Judges, and contacts will be determined later.

Norleen Knoll provided the Finance Committee Report. A Made in Kansas Basket will be raffled off at Equifest, which should help draw people to the booth. There will be a meat bundle raffle of 100 tickets sold at \$20 each. There will be a live auction at both benefit shows and silent auction at the state show. Also have Quartermania at the Year End banquet and the Silent Auction of donated baskets.

Alaura Crockett provided some possibilities for the State Show and Year End awards. They are looking at providing 7 saddles one for each age group but has not yet been decided on whether it will be for yearend or state show. The committee has not yet decided on how many places they will be giving for the state show. Year-end is determined by the rule book so that will be 5 places.

Benton Hrabe said that he had met with the scholarship committee and that the scholarship involvement card would be updated and the new scholarship application and instructions would be put on the website. The G&G Scholarship show would be held June 10 & 11, 2023 and Linda Sanders will put the showbills together. All proceeds from this show will be donated to the Scholarship fund.

Shawn Kohr had nothing new to report for the Rules Committee.

Perry Owens reported that the judges meeting went well, lots of questions answered with information being able to be passed to all new and old judges. Perry also stated that they had 7 members take and pass the judges written exam.

Garrett Windholz said that there was nothing to report at this time for the nomination committee.

Renee Nichols provided the Web Social Media Committee report that TikTok, Instagram and Facebook accounts were growing. Perry Owens voiced his opinion on promoting Instagram and TikTok on both Facebook and the website. Renee added that Molly's Buckles accepted our post of their logo on the website, and we have a certificate for 2 free buckles. Renee stated that as soon as showbills come in that the website will be updated along with the KWAH calendar.

Perry Owens moved that the next meeting to be held at the G&G Scholarship Show; Garrett Windholz seconded. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Perry Owens moved the meeting be Good to the Order; Colby Kriss seconded. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Shawn Kohr moved meeting be adjourned; Colby Kriss seconded. Motion carried with a unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned.

Addendum:

3.8.23 Per a later communication to the KWHA BOD via Facebook Messenger, it was decided to raffle both sets of corn hole boards at the scholarship show. Tickets will be 1 for \$10, 5 for \$50, and 12 for \$100.

4.30.23 Correspondence was provided indicating there was a change in secretary for the Krazy K, DGAS, and Victoria Library Saddle Club. The clubs also sent a note requesting cancellation of the 2 remaining shows.

4.30.23 Correspondence was sent requesting approval to change the start time of the Dudes and Dames show Sunday May 7<sup>th</sup> from an evening to a morning start and was approved via email vote.

5.23.23 Per later communication to the KWHA BOD via Facebook Messenger, guidance was provided to figure points for the combined benefit show/scholarship show using individual events only.

6.5.23 Per later communication the KWHA BOD via Facebook Messenger, decided to drop day 2 of both benefit shows in the calculation of points for the buckles. This was due to the weather and arena conditions in Phillipsburg where they were forced to cancel day two. No other changes were made to the tabulation of points.