

KWAH Board Meeting
June 11, 2023, 7:30am
Smith County Fairgrounds – Smith Center, Kansas

President Kelly Forell called the meeting to order at 7:30 am.

Roll call was answered with how many years involved in KWAH, those in attendance were Kelly Forell, Renee Nichols, Norleen Knoll, Troy Cooley, Jason Amlong, Jared Scheck, Toma Griffey, **Benton Hrabe**, Camisha Stevenson, Alaura Crockett, Jill Kriss, and Colby Kriss. Matt Park attended through Facetime. Those absent were Shawn Kohr, Perry Owens, Garrett Windholz, Benton Hrabe, Kelli Basgall, Heather Vanover, Jarret Riedel, Ken Newberg, and Erin Cook. Other members of the association were present at the meeting.

President Kelly Forell asked if there were any changes or corrections to the Minutes and Treasurers reports on the Consent Agenda. Jared Scheck advised missing Benton Hrabe's name on roll call. Jason Amlong moved to accept the consent agenda with corrections; Colby Kriss seconded. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Old business:

President Kelly Forell advised that the D & O insurance for the KWAH Board of Directors. had been purchased.

Committee Reports:

Toma Griffey reported on the Benefit Shows. Benefit Barrel Races were cancelled at both the Phillipsburg and Bentley locations due to weather. Phillipsburg and Bentley together had approximately 73 contestants, and the auctions brought in approximately \$3432. Corn Hole at Phillipsburg had 14 teams and made \$224, members of the association had fun and thought it would be fun to do again. Super bucks at both locations made \$206, and Bentley made \$50 on exhibitions. Day two of the Phillipsburg benefit show was cancelled due to rain. Bentley continued with day two. High Point Buckles would be awarded after the scholarship show. Overall, the KWAH Benefit shows were successful, and contestants had a lot of fun.

Kelly Forell reported information provided from Benton Hrabe for the Scholarship Committee. There is a total of \$3,200 available for scholarships, the rubric and applications are being reviewed and a panel of 3 judges has been selected. Once the rubric and application have been completed the date for applications to be turned in will be posted.

Norleen Knoll provided the Finance Committee report. State show sponsors have not been coming in, but it is still early in the season. Norleen has raffle packets together for all the BOD members for the Meat Bundle Raffle. This is a \$700 package of any variety of meat that the winner chooses. There will be 100 tickets sold at \$25 per ticket. The winner will be selected at the KWAH State Show. There is a second raffle for the Made in Kansas basket. We are still gathering items and tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. There is no maximum number of tickets to

be sold. Will get a listing of items that will be in this basket to help with sales. There will be a silent auction as State Show.

Kelly Forell provided the Judges Committee Report for Perry advising that there were now 9 new judges, and all have completed their apprenticeships at this time. There was discussion on the State Show judge for the judged events. Renee Nichols moved that we hire an outside judge for the judged events; Alaura Crockett seconded. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Jared Scheck provided the State Show Committee report. Advised with the changing of the judge that the Pleasure/Judged events would be first on Saturday and the events would shift down from original order and the show start time would be at 9am. Sunday Grand Entry 9am and show start 9:30am. Entry would be a \$3 contestant fee and a \$2 event fee. Super bucks for Junior and Senior with 100% payback. There was discussion on sponsorships for State Show which appear to be coming slowly, but it is still early in the year. Norleen moved to award prizes to the top 3 youth and 1 adult member selling sponsorships; Troy Cooley seconded. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Alaura Crockett provided Awards committee report. State show awards would be as follows; Champion – Saddle, 1st runner up Back Cinch Buckles; 2nd runner up Back on Track Quick Wrap Boots; 3rd runner up Hay Chix Full Bale 2 string Slow Feeder; 4th runner up Fly Boots donated by Dr. Melinda Miner. All other items have been ordered. The committee is still working on the year-end awards.

Troy Cooley provided the 75th Year Anniversary Report. Fall Banquet will be October 28, 2023. The schedule of events was set as follows: KWAH Board Meeting 10am, KWAH General Meeting 1pm. Cowboy Formal is the dress and theme of the Banquet which will start at 4:30-6pm with social hour, the meal will be served at 6pm with awards presented during the meal once everyone has been served, Dance to follow at 8pm until 11:30pm. Meal will be Pulled Pork (Smoked by Greg Tucker) salad, beans, dessert & water, tea, & coffee. There will be a cash bar available to the members. After some discussion on the meal cost, Matt Park moved to have the cost for Meal and Dance as follows; \$15 for 12 & over, \$12 for 6-11, Free for 5 & under. Those wanting to attend the Dance will be charged a \$5 door fee; Alaura Crockett seconded. Motion carried with a unanimous vote. KWAH will provide the service settings.

Kelly Forell brought up the 75th Anniversary Buckles with the original logo on them, discussion occurred. Troy Cooley moved to sell offer 75th Anniversary Buckles for sale at \$100 to cover cost of buckle and shipping; Alaura seconded; Motion carried with a unanimous vote. Norleen Knoll reported that the 75th Anniversary Corn Hole Boards made \$1,080 in sales, cost of materials was \$226.66, total profit \$853.34. Was requested that a second store with the original logo be opened, Renee will contact Redeem Design to get that set up.

Renee Nichols provided the Web Social Media Committee report that Equifest was a success, with growing clubs and numbers to KWAH. There were interviews and drawings and appeared to be a lot of interest in the association. We received some free product from one of our sponsors for giveaways. The demonstrations went well and created some interest while

providing entertainment. The director of Equifest did ask if we would come back. Our Facebook, TikTok, and Instagram numbers are also growing.

Renee Nichols also reported for Ken Newberg on Points that he and Erin Cook (points auditor) are well ahead in keeping up with shows. That they are figuring points and auditing as soon as they receive the shows.

There were no reports for Nominations or Rules Committees.

New Business:

There was presentation of two new clubs, Russell Springs Saddle Club, Russell Springs and Reins of Fire Saddle Club, Salina. Troy Cooley moved to approve these saddle clubs, Toma Griffey seconded; Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Camisha Stevenson requested that the Board give special approval for Jordan Hoesli ride in the shows in shorts and tennis shoes due to his recent knee surgery and brace that he is required to wear. There was much discussion on this matter, and it was decided that Jordan would wear what he wants, and the individual show and judges would determine if the attire were appropriate.

Renee Nichols brought up bringing back the KWAH Benefit Trail ride and possibly just making it a get together, and asked if anyone wanted to reschedule the Benefit Barrel Races? The trail ride could be discussed later, and it was determined that KWAH did enough at the benefit shows to make up for the barrel races.

Troy Cooley advised he had been contacted regarding inappropriate behavior and scheduled to address it with the president after the meeting.

Kelly Forell advised that the next meeting would be August 23, 2023, at 8pm through Google Meet. Secretary Renee Nichols will set up the meeting and send out a link to all KWAH Board Members.

Renee Nichols moved the meeting be good to the order, Colby Kriss seconded, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Troy Cooley moved to adjourn the meeting, Colby Kriss seconded, Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Respectfully Submitted

Renee Nichols

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KWAH Secretary

Addendum:

6.11.23 Later correspondence concerning members, office help, and conduct unbecoming a member(s) was verbal communication between Troy Cooley and Kelly Forell only.

6.23.23 Later correspondence sent only to Judges Committee Chair/Rules Committee Chair for guidance and direction.

6.25.23 Later correspondence to request to accept showbill after the 30-day window.

6.25.23 Later correspondence from KWHA BOD voting members it was decided to not accept the Russell Springs Showbill after the 30 – Day deadline.

7.2.23 Later correspondence regarding broken rules by a judge sent only to Kelly Forell and Troy Cooley (was forwarded on to Perry Owens).

7.2.23 Later correspondence on the rule regarding heeled equestrian shoes sent only to Rules Committee and Judges Committee Chair.

7.28.23 Later correspondence from KWHA BOD voting members it was decided to allow the KWHA Secretary to remove the fund-raising barrel race from the Russell Springs Showbill.

8.6.23 Later correspondence complaint towards KWHA member

8.8.23 Later correspondence response to complaint against KWHA member

8.14.23 Later correspondence with answer to Heeled Equestrian Shoes