

SPRING KICKOFF 2/17/24

3:00 PM / ROLLING HILLS ZOO / SALINA, KS

President Jared Scheck called the meeting to order at 3:08 pm.

ATTENDEES

21 clubs present, with 34 votes available, 18 is the majority

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Secretary Lynn Sidman read the minutes from the October 28, 2023, Fall Banquet general meeting.

1. Camisha Stevenson moved to approve the minutes; Tonya Kohr seconded.
Motion carried.

Treasurer Norleen Knoll presented the starting balance of the general association account to be \$36,973.06, with an ending balance of \$37,982.41.

- Willard Sanders moved to approve the treasurer's general association account report; Renee Nichols seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer Norleen Knoll presented the starting balance of the scholarship fund to be \$13,254.74, with \$6,150 of those funds allocated to scholarships yet to be paid.

- Renee Nichols moved to approve the treasurer's scholarship fund report; Lucille Benton seconded. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Form changes:** President Jared Scheck reminded everyone that the individual entry forms will no longer be separated by judged versus running events. These events are all consolidated onto one form, with team and pair event forms staying the same.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Rule Change Updates:** Rule committee chair Camisha Stevenson reminded everyone that this is a rule change year. Constitution, by-law, and rule change forms can be found on the KWA website.
2. **Judges Update:** Mark Riley presented information from the judges meeting earlier that day. Tonya Kohr suggested hosting a judges' clinic to help have consensus and consistency among judges and shows. Five members took the judges' test and passed: Jaiden Pavlu Perales, Aaron Dohm, Megan Townsend, Leah Keever, and Faith Kretzer.
3. **New saddle clubs:** The Lone Riders club, based out of Victoria and sponsored by BTR, was approved at the board meeting this morning.
4. **Committee Reports:**
 - a. Finance: Norleen Knoll showed the new sponsorship forms that will be available on the website. She also said that we are having a Cash Dash at the state show that the BOD members are selling tickets for - anyone else who wants to sell would be greatly appreciated. There will be a total of 6 drawings for cash: 2 daily on Friday and Saturday at \$200 each and 2 on Sunday for \$500 each.
 - b. Benefit Show: Toma Griffey reported that there was one benefit show bid. It will be held in Bentley and hosted by the Bit & Spur club on June 1st & 2nd, 2024. There will be a barrel race fundraiser the night before, and Saturday night will be full of fun fundraising activities and games, including a silent auction.
 - c. State Show: Mark Riley reported that the committee had decided on the order of events each day. Saturday - Rescue Race, Lead Back Race, 360 Eight Race, Pole Bending, Key Race, Half 8 Race, Polo Turn, and Western Relay Race. Sunday - Western Lead Line, Walk Trot Horsemanship, Reining, Two Barrel Flag Race, Straight Barrels, Flying W, and Pair Sack Race. When President Jared Scheck opened the floor for discussion, Benton Hrabe moved to retract Lead Back Race for adults. Renee Nichols seconded his motion. Concerns included injuries and having lead back race be heated for adults, which would mean each adult running more than once. The vote to retract the Lead Back Race for adults was tied 17/17. Motion failed.
 - d. Awards: nothing at this time

- e. Web Social Media: Chairperson Toma Griffey reported that the committee has been working with Eagle Communications to redesign the website, but sickness has delayed progress. She expressed that everything should be up and running by mid-March.
- f. Points: nothing at this time
- g. Judges: Gregg Tucker said the committee worked on rewording ambiguous questions and made sure all answers on the test were correct. Much discussion was held about how new rule changes are not reflected on the current test. Renee Nichols said that to her knowledge, there has never been a rule about how many questions are on the judges' test, nor has there been a rule about how many a potential judge can miss and still pass the exam. Jared Scheck pointed out that it is a rule change year, and for this to change, someone will need to submit a rule change request.
- h. Rules: Camisha Stevenson reminded everyone that it is a rule change year and to submit one, a member needs to fill out a rule change request form that is available on the website.
- i. Scholarship: Benton Hrabe reported that the G&G Scholarship show has been scheduled for April 27-28, 2024, in Smith Center. Activity cards for potential applicants will soon be available on the website.
- j. Equifest: Renee Nichols presented information about this year's Equifest and how the committee will need 8 volunteers to help set up and take down for Thursday's and Sunday's demonstrations. She asked that anyone who was interested in helping to let her know after the meeting.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

President Jared Scheck said that the Wyatt Windholz Memorial Buckle was approved at the board meeting earlier this morning.

Camisha Stevenson moved to adjourn the meeting; Jeff Boeger seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:58 pm.

Submitted by:

Lynn Sidman

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