

Board Meeting Minutes

**Date and Time**

6/6/2025, 9:11 PM

Venue

Ellis County Fairgrounds, Hays, KS

MEETING ATTENDEES**ABSENT**

1. Jared Scheck
2. Mark Riley
3. Norleen Knoll
4. Lynn Sidman
5. Howard Sauer
6. Gregg Tucker
7. Darcy Settrini
8. Camisha Stevenson
9. Cameryn Kinderknecht

10. Aaron Dohm
11. Riley Cameron
12. Jordan Hoesli
13. Jensen Miner
14. Jordan Cameron
15. Renee Nichols

1. Shannon Garten
2. Jaiden Perales
3. Kevin Solofra

VISITORS

Jennifer Dohm, Jill Kriss, Tamara Anglin, Ainsley Grace, Sandi Tucker

CONSENT AGENDA

Norleen Knoll moved to approve the consent agenda; Mark Riley seconded. Unanimous vote carried.

OLD BUSINESS

- Renee Nichols attended the KS Horse Council meeting where they said the Horse Protection Act and the new laws for the regulations of the soring of horses has been extended until the end of June.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Benefit show: Howard Sauer reported that benefit show at WaKeeney was rained out, but the board had quickly and efficiently put in a backup plan to relocate to Hays. Some details were ironed out in regard to Saturday's fundraisers.

Judges: Jared Scheck said that many board members had not signed up to judge events at the show so after the meeting, they would need to do so. Gregg Tucker reported that Jessie Hattenbach had finished her judging apprenticeship the previous weekend and turned in her paperwork. Mark Riley moved to approve Jessie Hattenbach as an official KWHHA judge. Camisha Stevenson seconded. Motion carried. He also commented that the judge for judged events at state show, Shelby Getz, will be observing benefit show to get a feel for our events.

Special Events:

1. Equifest recap: Renee Nichols reported that this year's Equifest was successful again. Our participants in the demonstrations earned the top 2 of the top 4 spots. Next year, Equifest will be moved to Topeka, so it will not be beneficial for KWHHA to host a booth.
2. Trail ride: Renee Nichols had researched open weekends at Kanopolis State Park. Cameryn Kinderknecht moved that the KWHHA Benefit Trail Ride be held on October 4-5, 2025, with October 11-12, 2025, as a backup date. Jordan Hoesli seconded. Motion carried.
3. Year-end banquet: Norleen Knoll said that Dickinson Catering will be providing the year-end banquet meal. Cameryn Kinderknecht moved that the meal at year-end banquet will consist of a choice of smoked brisket or honey pecan chicken, mac and cheese, new potatoes, green beans, and a roll for \$12.25/plate. Camisha Stevenson seconded. 12 yes votes. 1 no vote. Motion passes. A price for members will be set at the state show meeting.

Finance: Norleen Knoll reported that she had reserved a room for Deana Leverett, who will be the state show announcer, at the board's expense as approved at the last board meeting. Jared Scheck remarked that KWHHA had received a \$500 grant from Rice County for state show that Renee Nichols had written. This money will go towards paying for the \$1,500 cost of the arena.

Scholarship: Cameryn Kinderknecht said that the committee finalized their show bills for July, and they are posted on the website and calendar. In addition, the application and involvement cards have been updated and uploaded to the website. The scholarship deadline is September 13, 2025. There have been no applicants yet.

State show: Mark Riley reported that it has not been determined where Fast Cash money will be taken from. Last year, awards came in under budget so it was able to cover this expense; however, awards does not have final totals at

this time. The state show committee will wait to make a final decision when the awards committee finishes paying for prizes. We will be removing the reminder for negative Coggins tests on the show bill since it has been a requirement all year. Mark presented contestant fees that the committee recommended: \$2 KWAH, \$1 scholarship, \$10 arena fee, and \$2 per event. Mark Riley moved to approve the fees as presented; Jensen Miner seconded. 10 yes votes; Howard Sauer and Gregg Tucker abstained. Mark said that we will be using Lyons' tractor and drag, and Dan Miner will supply a 4-wheeler and drag. They have not found someone to transport Walker Wranglers' properties trailer to Lyons.

Awards: Norleen Knoll reported for Jaiden Perales that that she is waiting on a final bid from Redeem Designs to finalize awards. Everything else has been purchased for state show awards.

Website/Social Media: Renee Nichols reported that after the website committee defined their Facebook rules more specifically, they have been able to monitor posts more easily than in the past. Website traffic is up 20%. Jared Scheck said that the only comments he has received about the website is that the phone version home screen should be shrunk because it is not user-friendly. Renee remarked that this can be done, but it will require an extra cost to the association and cannot be done until the end of show season because the entire site will have to be taken down.

Rules: Camisha Stevenson reported that the committee had received a letter from a club explaining events that happened at their show. The committee recommends taking no action at this time because the club took all proper steps during the show and afterwards to correct errors or problems that occurred.

Nominations: Jared Scheck said that he will not be seeking re-election as president next year. He reminded everyone that there are 6 board positions that will be up for election or re-election at fall banquet. Those people whose positions are at an end are Lynn Sidman, Jaiden Perales, Gregg Tucker, Darcy Settrini, Kevin Solofra, and there is a current vacancy. In addition, there are the

3 elected positions: president, vice president, and treasurer; and 5 appointed positions: secretary, points recorder, points auditor, historian, and parliamentarian.

Points: Lynn Sidman reported for Kevin Solofra that he has entered points for 25 shows and that the points will be audited this week by Shannon Garten. He did say that 2 shows are late with their entry forms, but he has contacted their secretary and is expecting the information soon. He thanked Norleen Knoll for her prompt communication about received show fees so that he can enter the points accordingly.

GOOD TO THE ORDER

- Howard Sauer asked the board if they would be willing to refund show bill fees to the WaKeeney & Quinter Saddle Clubs because they scheduled shows before the scholarship show date was set and no other date is available for the arena and/or club. Jared Scheck said the board had no problem doing that.

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING

- Aaron Dohm moved that the next BOD meeting be 30 minutes after the state show barrel race on August 29th. Camisha Stevenson seconded. Howard Sauer abstained. Motion passes.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

- Mark Riley moved to adjourn the meeting. Jensen Miner seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:50 pm.

ADDENDUM

- 7.28.25 The board approved Jade Foos as a judge. 10 yes votes; 5 did not vote.

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