

# Spring Kickoff 2/7/26

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**3:00 PM / Triple 8 Equine Center / Hays, KS**

President Brian Kuntz called the meeting to order at 3:10pm.

## ATTENDEES

22 clubs present, 33 votes available. 22 is two-thirds majority; 17 is the majority.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Secretary Cameryn Kinderknecht presented the minutes from the November 11th, 2025, Fall Banquet general meeting.**

- Norleen Knoll moved to approve the minutes; Mischell Sauer seconded. Motion carried.

**Treasurer Norleen Knoll presented the starting balance of the general association account to be \$42,706.77, with an ending balance of \$41,483.57.**

- Shawn Kohr moved to approve the treasurer's general association account report; Glenda Ratliff seconded. Motion carried.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM PERSONS NOT ON THE AGENDA

## OLD BUSINESS

- None

## NEW BUSINESS

- A new saddle club submitted a new club membership form (Victoria Riders). Norleen Knoll moved to approve the new saddle club. Glenda Ratliff seconded and the motion carried unanimously.
- Aaron Dohm resigned from his position as a 1 year board member. One nomination for Linda Sanders was presented. Norleen Knoll moved to cast a unanimous ballot for Linda Sanders. Glenda Ratliff seconded and the motion passed.
- Discussion was had on qualifications for State Show and how it used to be strictly a four-point qualification, however, now it is four points or four qualified rides to qualify for State Show. A member expressed concern about this change hurting smaller clubs who may not have many riders attend their shows. It was added that this rule was intended to help with show attendance and increase attendance at State Show. The member added that the rule is not having this effect in the western part of the state and is making more work for the clubs to host a show when so few riders attend. He encouraged members to consider this rule as it is a rule change year.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 1. Web/Social Media:** Cameryn Kinderknecht reported the website is being updated as needed. Clubs can send in their show dates and she will add them to the calendar with “Pending” or “Tentative” until showbills and fees are received.
- 2. Finance:** Norleen Knoll announced that Cash Dash Raffle tickets are for sale and that Board and Committee members are selling them.
- 3. Special Events:** Camisha Stevenson reported that the Fall Banquet will be on November 7th, 2026 at the Ellis County Fairgrounds in Hays, KS. More details will be posted at a later date.
- 4. State Show:** Riley Cameron announced the state show events and reported that Flying W and Devil’s Cowhide have been removed from the list of events.

- 5. Scholarship & scholarship show:** The scholarship application needs updated, otherwise nothing to report.
- 6. Benefit show:** Mark Riley announced the 2026 KWAH Benefit Show will be held at Bit & Spur arena on June 5th-7th, 2026. They will be following the state showbill and a meal will be provided Saturday night. There will be a barrel race Friday night, if the arena is available (Bit & Spur to check), and a silent auction Saturday night. Brian Kuntz will look into a co-sanction for the barrel race. Rain date will be June 13th-14th, 2026.
- 7. Rules:** Kevin Solofra reminded everyone that it is a rule change year and that forms are on the website. Rule changes will be voted on at the Fall Banquet and he reminded everyone of the deadline to have them submitted (submit by August 1st). Kevin said he may try to bring people with similar rule changes together to avoid any duplicates or redundancies. He advised keeping rules simple, but functional.
- 8. Awards:** Adrienne Lobmeyer reported on the State Show awards. She announced there will be no cash, and will have tangible prizes for individual event placings and high point prizes for the top 6 overall placings. 1st through 4th place prizes for the individual events will be various tack (6 different options per placing).
- 9. Points:** Kevin Solofra announced he is this year's points recorder and will work with clubs as much and as best he can. He requested showbills to be sent in with entries as it helps with data entry and verification.
- 10. Judges:** TallyAnn Klitzke announced Kim Anderson will be the judge for the 2026 KWAH State Show. She also reported 5 people took and passed the judge's test: Sarah Rahjes, Crystal Hampton, Matt Thomson, Morgan Rundle, and Ethan Rundle. Also noted was if a member would like to take the judge's test, they should contact a board member. Tests can be given in the presence of a board member at any time.
- 11. Nominations:** Jordan Hoesli said if anyone has nominations or would like to serve on the KWAH Board to let him know.

## OTHER COMMENTS

- A member suggested adding what email each committee chair would prefer to have emails sent to them and to add it to the committee list.

## GOOD TO THE ORDER

- Camisha Stevenson moved to approve the Good to the Order. Mark Riley seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

## Adjournment

- Renee Nichols moved to adjourn the meeting; Camisha Stevenson seconded. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 3:49pm.

Submitted by:

*Cameryn Kinderknecht*

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2026 KWAH State Secretary