

**Western New York Quarter Horse Club, Inc.**  
**General Membership Meeting**  
**April 9, 2011**  
**Valley Inn, Holland, NY**

The meeting was called to order by Treasurer Cheryl Bish at 8:35 p.m.

Present were: Amy Hanssen-Keyes, Regina Kernin, Cheryl Bish, Tracy Kalinski, Jenny Wegrzyn, Virginia Beaton-Weyers, and Joseph Stoelting.

Absent were: Robert Hicock, Karen Randall, and Bill Hopkins.

A sign in sheet was available for members.

New members: no new members were present

**Minutes:**

A motion was made by Jenny Wegrzyn to waive the reading of the March 12, 2011 meeting minutes since they were published and sent to all the members. Seconded by Linda Ward, motion passed. Regina asked if there were any corrections to the minutes. No corrections were requested.

Motion to approve the minutes as published by Emma Kwapiszeski, seconded by Jenny Wegrzyn. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: presented by Cheryl thru 4/9/2011.

	Income	Expense	YTD Income	YTD Expense
Awards	0	44.27	0	5501.00
AQHA Show	0	1000.00	685.00	1000.00
Banquet	0	0	2890.00	2589.66
Directory	0	0	2370.00	981.51
Incentive Fund	0	0	0	1548.00
Meetings	0	83.72	0	206.30
Membership	600.00	0	2035.00	0
Misc.	.71	0	1.38	141.52
Newsletter	0	13.64	0	28.16
Open Show	0	0	0	0
Publicity	0	0	0	0
Youth	54.00	45.00	1154.00	200.22
<b>Totals</b>	<b>654.71</b>	<b>1142.39</b>	<b>9136.38</b>	<b>12777.34</b>

	3/12/2011	4/9/2011
Checking Account	1499.82	402.46
Savings	5568.38	5568.38
Money Market	10886.86	10887.32
Scholarship	2,264.79	2,265.04
Youth Checking	4005.31	4014.31
<b>Total Club Assets</b>	<b>24225.16</b>	<b>23157.51</b>

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report as presented by Jenny Wegrzyn, seconded by Suzanne Sprague. Motion passed.

#### Communications and bills

Regina Kernin presented bills for sending out the newsletter for \$15.84, and for the annual payment for our web site host (your-site.com) for \$60.

Jenny Wegrzyn made a motion to pay the bill, seconded by Sue Pacer. Motion passed.

A show flyer for the April 10<sup>th</sup> Introductory Show at the Hamburg Fairgrounds was sent in by a parent to Regina so that she could try to answer her questions.

#### Committee Reports

AQHA Show (Alecia Oberholtzer) – they signed a contract with the Fairgrounds for the same costs as 2010. They have hired Jason Gates, an announcer, ring stewards, and a paddock master. They are working on vendors. Anyone who might know of a person who is interested in being a vendor, have them contact Alecia. Alecia had one show booklet for the members to look at. The exhibitor party will be a pay party at about \$10 per person.

Amy was concerned about balancing the show schedule since the show was done so early on Saturday and very late on Sunday. Amy would like to add novice halter since you need to go in halter in order to qualify for the package deal. Plus we give a novice halter award at our banquet and we need to offer novice halter at our show.

Ardi Stroman was concerned about the fact it is eight months after the show and we still do not have a financial statement for the Candy Apple Classic. It is hard to make financial decisions without that information.

Ardi Stroman made a motion to review the amount of the package deal and consider increasing it, seconded by Katie Pfeifer. Motion passed.

The idea was presented that the show secretary should print two invoices and keep one to pass on to the club to use for financial planning.

Suzanne Sprague noted that the select and amateur classes should not be together since you can now show two horses, one in select and one in amateur. Alecia made a note to talk to the committee about that. Also, it was noted that Select Hunt Seat Equitation is missing.

Question if the flat show fee includes that warm-up and NSBA classes.

Ardi had a suggestion for the futurities – that they must pay a non-member fee if they are not members of the club. Right now we charge them a membership fee, and they become club members and then we have to send them newsletters, etc.

Awards – no report

Directory – No report. We need someone to chair this and work on the directory.

Newsletter (Jenny) – Nothing new.

Open shows (Cheryl) – Still planning on last Sunday in May for show at Stagecoach West.

Points (Regina) – Just wanted to point out that the April 10<sup>th</sup> Introductory Show is pointed as is the July shows at Hamburg.

Program and Entertainment – Next meeting is in Lockport at the Niagara County Fairgrounds.

Scholarship – Form is on the web site.

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Web site – Is updated except for the Incentive Fund form. We approved payment for the hosting site for one year under communications and bills.

Bylaw – Alecia read an update to the proposed bylaw change for Article IV Section 1(e) and Section 2 (b). Katie Pfeifer read a proposed change to Article 8 Section 4.  
All the bylaw changes will go out for a vote to be returned for the September meeting.

Youth club (Emma) – They will have a basket and picture raffle for their Spring fund rasier.

#### Unfinished Business

None

#### New Business

Alecia Oberholtzer presented bylaw changes.

##### Current Bylaw:

##### Article IV. Officers and Directors

##### Section 1.

e. Term The term of Office for all Officers shall be twelve (12) months from their installation at the October general membership meeting or until their successors are duly elected and installed into office. Officers shall be limited to two (2) consecutive terms. Officers who have served two (2) or more consecutive terms in the same office are prohibited from running again in the next election for the same office, but may run for any other office.

##### Section 2

b. Term. The three additional directors shall be selected for staggered terms of thirty-six (36) months. Directors shall be limited to two (2) consecutive terms. Directors who served two (2) or more consecutive terms are prohibited from running again for Director in the next election but may run for any other office.

##### Proposed Changed:

##### Article IV. Officers and Directors

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b. Term The three additional directors shall be elected to staggered terms of thirty-six (36) months.

The proposed changes have been approved by the bylaws committee.

Tracy Kalinski made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Virginia Beaton-Weyers. Meeting adjourned at 9:36 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Regina Kernin