

**Western New York Quarter Horse Club, Inc.**  
**General Membership Meeting**  
**March 12, 2011**  
**Marvin's Grill, Clarence, NY**

The meeting was called to order by President Robert Hicock at 8:09 p.m.

Present were: Robert Hicock, Karen Randall, Regina Kernin, Cheryl Bish, Tracy Kalinski, and Joseph Stoelting.

Absent were: Amy Hanssen-Keyes, Bill Hopkins, Jenny Wegrzyn and Virginia Beaton-Weyers.

A sign in sheet was available for members.

New members: Eight new members were present

**Minutes:**

A motion was made by Karen Randall to waive the reading of the February 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 JoAnne Paxon, seconded by Emma Kwapiszeski. Motion passed.

Motion by Liz Smith to waive the reading of the February 12, 2011 Board of Directors meeting minutes since they were published and sent to all the members. Seconded by Karen Randall, motion passed. The February 12, 2011 board minutes were approved at the March 12, 2011 board meeting.

Treasurer's Report: presented by Cheryl thru 3/12/2011.

	Income	Expense	YTD Income	YTD Expense
Awards	0	44.27	0	5545.27
AQHA Show	0	658.80**	685.00	658.80
Banquet	0	17.60	2890.00	2589.66
Directory	1260.00	981.51	2370.00	981.51
Incentive Fund	0	0	0	1548.00
Meetings	0	122.58	0	122.58
Membership	235.00	0	1435.00	0
Misc.	.67*	24.77	.67	141.97
Newsletter	0	14.52	0	14.52
Open Show			0	0
Publicity			0	0
Youth	117.50	155.22	1100.50	155.22
Totals	1613.17	2019.27	8481.67	11634.95

	2/12/2011	3/12/2011
Checking Account	319.95	1499.82
Savings	5848.72	5565.38
Money Market	10886.40	10886.86
Scholarship	2,264.79	2,264.79

Note: transferred 238.80 from savings to checking

Youth Checking	3312.34	4005.31
Total Club Assets	22632.20	26486.95

\* Interest earned on savings and money market accounts

\*\* Futurity payment from 2010 Candy Apple paid after person finally returned W9 form.

Expenses included stamps, mailing meeting notice, meeting cost, bill for directory, the embroidery for an award, plus the futurity payment for the person who finally sent in their W9 form. Income was from the directory and membership payments. Motion to approve Treasurer's Report as read by Linda Logan, seconded by Gary Jones. Motion passed.

#### Communications and bills

Regina Kernin presented bills for sending out the newsletter for \$13.64.

Wendy Nigro made a motion to pay the bill, seconded by Alecia Oberholtzer. Motion passed.

Communication from Oakhill Farm & Ranch that their facility would be available for shows. Since it is outside of the Western New York counties we will file the information but probably not use their facility.

New York State Horse Council is going to have an expo at the fairgrounds on March 20<sup>th</sup>.

#### Committee Reports

AQHA Show – Had a committee meeting March 12. The dates for the Candy Apple Classic will be August 6 & 7. They are trying to reduce expenses on this year's CAC in order to money without impacting show. Last year at the CAC all around awards were given this year they will give out ribbons for all around winners. The club can save ribbon expenses by giving a simpler ribbon or giving an alternative prize such as a towel.

All around awards usually do not get presented since the majority of the people have already left the grounds by the time the points are tabulated. So we end up having to try to get a hold of them in order to give them their award.

Susan has been talking to people about why they go to the shows they attend. Several people have pointed out the one price package deal was why they choose to go to a show. We have high priced facilities so we need to cut expenses. We need to get horses to the shows and get the horses out of their stalls and into the classes.

The committee would like to give special awards in Open, Amateur, Youth, Novice Youth, Novice Amateur, and Select divisions. They also would like to remove payback classes outside of futurity classes. They would also like to offer a one price package deal. \$200 which covers stall, unlimited entry fees, drug charges, office charges and warm-up fees. In order to get the package deal you must show in halter. No additional fees for showing off the trailer. There would be individual class fees for people who did not want the package deal.

Futurity classes are down across the country. Breeding is seriously down and futurity classes are directed to young horses. We will offer sweepstakes classes.

Showmanship \$250 added with a \$25 entry fee

Yearling Longe Line \$1000 added with a \$100 entry fee

We are trying to attract trainers so they bring their customers. Must have 10 in a class to get 100% of the added money. 50% of the added money for 5-9, 0% for 1- 4.

We will still offer the payback classes:

Two Year Old Western Pleasure has \$250 added and a \$25 entry fee

Green Western Pleasure has \$1,000 added and a \$100 entry fee

Open HUS has \$1,000 added and a \$100 entry fee

The committee is still discussing advertising for the CAC. They would like to send out the booklets.

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Exhibitor party will be charged. Alecia Oberholtzer will do awards and vendors, Liz will do sponsorships. Liz talked about how the directory ads were deducted from her sponsors and should have been shown as income for the directory.

Club's jumps – CAC is looking into leasing the jumps. It cost the club \$350 to move the jumps to the CAC show. Last year they offered to rent us a set of jumps for less than that. Susan needs the jumps moved since they are on her property that is going to be sold. They need to be moved by June 1<sup>st</sup>. Stable54.com also rents jumps.

Awards – no report

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

Newsletter – No report.

Open shows (Cheryl) – Stagecoach West has May 29<sup>th</sup> (Sunday) open for us. Cheryl has been in contact with them about it. The show flyer has been revised from suggestions from Cindy and Trish. The payback classes have been removed.

Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup> Newstead Farms on RT 93 in Akron has open. They have both an indoor and an outdoor arena.

Marilyn Lee suggested advertising the open shows in the Buffalo News.

Points – No report

Program and Entertainment – No report. The next two meetings are tentatively set for Holland (April) and the Niagara Co Fairgrounds (May).

Scholarship – Jenny sent Regina the form for the website.

Web site – Regina is still working on changes.

Youth club – They will be selling Yankee Candles, they will have a picture frame raffle and 50/50 tickets.

#### Unfinished Business

The bylaws committee met about the proposed bylaws from February. The Debit card bylaw has been sent back to Cheryl for revision.

High Point Awards clarification was approved by the committee. It will need to be sent out for a vote. Regina will hold this until next month's meeting to send out so the vote can be for multiple items. We do have additional bylaw changes to address tonight.

#### New Business

Alecia Oberholtzer presented bylaw changes which were read by Regina Kernin.

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.

Proposed Changed:

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The proposed change will be sent to the bylaws committee.

Bill Hopkins is going to have shows April 10 and July 4<sup>th</sup> that offer AQHA introductory classes, novice classes and up to five other classes. Susan made a motion that the club points any AQHA introductory classes help within the eight counties of Western New York. Karen Hurtgam seconded, motion passed no one opposed.

Amy and Virginia want to know if the club would like to have the banquet at the Niagara Co Fairgrounds. There was no opposition.

Brenna Ward made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Tracy Kalinski. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Regina Kernin