

OPEA General Meeting
12-5-20 Minutes

Lynn Branson called the General Meeting to order (by Zoom due to Covid 19 concerns) at 1:03 p.m.

Those present were Sandy & Mike Bendele, Sandy Berenson, Lynn & Floyd Branson, Todd & Denise Branson, Libby Crandell, Marilyn Dunahay, Bob & Carolyn Henderson, Heather Kubik, & Anita & Sam Westfall.

Many thanks to Sam for setting up the Zoom Meeting.

The minutes for 2019 were read & Sam Westfall made a motion to be approved and seconded by Mike Bendele. Motion approved.

GFTG committee discussion. It was suggested to keep the Food Truck next year as it allowed exhibitors to eat when they could. Thank you, Marilyn Dunahay, for the awards given and diligent work in sponsorship. A suggestion was given to contact all past sponsors to continue to build our base.

Treasury report. Libby commented that we saved money this year since no meals were provided. Bob Henderson moved to approve the report, Mike Bendele seconded. Motion approved.

There was a suggestion presented to Libby to move the halter classes back to open on one day and amateur on another. It was discussed & agreed not to change our current format.

Anita Westfall reported some 37 classes were deleted those included the VRH and Rookies classes because of low or no participation.

Libby Crandell discussed options for show secretary and show manager rolls. Anita made a motion and Libby seconded that Diane Gates from Kansas be hired as the Show Secretary and Mariruth Cohenour as Show Manager. We will also agree to hire a show announcer to give Sam a break and to be able to enjoy the show.

It was clarified that for the Open GFTG Youth Walk Trot & and Youth Western Pleasure Money added classes that it say \$500 will be paid between these classes. Sam Westfall made a motion and Sandy Berenson seconded that we add a \$300 Open GFTG Youth under saddle class to the show bill. 3 entries are required to hold the classes. Anita will correct the wording for the show bill. Motion was approved. These classes are courtesy of GFTG.

Lynn reported the PHBA convention will be April 8 – 10 in Tulsa. No location determined yet.

Lynn reported the PHBA World show will be in Springfield, IL again but back to its normal time of July.

Mike Bendele reported seeing an email from AQHA to say show fees will now be \$8 and he will forward that to all.

Lynn Branson presented the slate of Open officers nominated for 2021:

President: Lynn Branson

Pres. Elect: Sam Westfall

VP Show Chairs: Sam Westfall, Anita Westfall, Sandy Bendele, Libby Crandell, & Mike Bendele

VP Treasurer: Libby Crandell

VP Secretary: Sandy Bendele

VP Sponsorships: Marilyn Dunahay

VP Go For The Gold: Lois Smith

GFTG Committee: Marilyn Dunahay, Libby Crandell,

Robert Meyers, Sam Westfall

Website: Sandy Bendele

Youth: Todd Branson

Awards: Robert Meyers
Past President: Lynn Branson

Mike Bendele recommended we accept the slate by acclimation. Carolyn Henderson seconded. Motion approved.

Sam Westfall presented the slate of Amateur officers nominated for 2021:
President: Sam Westfall
Press. Elect: Sandy Berenson
1st VP: Anita Westfall
2nd VP: Lynn Branson
Secretary: Heather Kubik
Past President: Sam Westfall

Mike Bendele recommended we accept the slate by acclimation. Sandy Bendele seconded. Motion approved.

Makenna Branson presented the slate of Youth officers nominated for 2021:
President: Makenna Branson
Vice President: Raylynn Kubik
Secretary: Morgen Branson
Treasurer: Levi Kubik

Makenna Branson recommended we accept the slate by acclimation & Morgen Branson seconded. Motion approved.

Lynn Branson proposed the following OPEA Directors:
3 Year: Nikki Longacre, Marilyn Dunahay, Ross Kubik
2 Year: Floyd Branson, Sandy Berenson, Bob Story
1 Year: Carolyn Henderson, Lauren Jones, Heather Kubik

Anita Westfall recommended we accept the slate by acclimation. Bob Henderson seconded. Motion approved.

Lynn Branson ended the General Meeting at 2:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Bendele, Secretary