

OPEA General Meeting 12-4-22 Minutes

President Sam Westfall called the meeting to order at 2:05 after the potluck lunch.

Those present: Sam & Anita Westfall, Lynn & Floyd Branson, Libby Crandell, Marilyn Dunahay, Robert Myers, Cory & Craig Roehrs, Elli & Kathryn Roehrs, Dr. Bob Story, Sandy & Mike Bendele, Dinah Coop, Beckie Honeck, Leonard & Leigh Berryhill.

Minutes - Mike Bendele made a motion to approve the 2021 minutes and Anita Westfall seconded. Motion approved.

Treasury report – Libby provided a financial report for the Labor Day / Go For The Gold Circuit Show. The show had a \$9,700.00 loss. Libby explained that factors for the loss included less entries than previous years, increased cost of the Claremore facilities and increased cost to the club for judge's motel rooms. The motel increase was voiced by the exhibitors also. The Rocklahoma falling on that weekend has caused the motel room to increase from \$69 to \$249. She thanked Cindy Chilton-Moore for providing rooms for 3 judges which reduced our loss. Libby also presented the OPEA end of year financial report showing a loss to the club of \$12,751.00.

Libby also suggested we move some of our funds from stocks to an Edward Jones CD that would provide a higher interest rate. She also suggested the adding of Sam Westfall and Robert Myers to the signature cards. Anita made a motion to approve the Treasury reports and the suggested changes. Bob Story seconded. Motion approved.

Horse show report – Anita reported the need to consider other venues. El Reno would be expensive on the Labor Day weekend because of increased cost for a holiday (similar to Claremore). Claremore has increased fees and doubled the rate for Labor Day usage. Hotel rates have increased immensely because of the Rocklahoma event that will again take place over the Labor Day weekend. Riverbend is facing financial problems. Tulsa is not available.

She also reported that other PHBA shows around the country had reduced entries. Cedar Rapid, IA had 71 horses. The Color Breed had 49 palominos. Texas had 5 at their last show. Minnesota had 29. Our GFTG show was down 24 horses at the show. She suggested a change. One consideration on the table is to have the Go For the Gold Futurity show with the Buckskin show which falls 2 weekends before Labor Day without a PHBA show. They will be visiting with OBA later to discuss details. Cory Roehrs made a motion to approve the report and Lynn Branson seconded. Motion approved.

No unfinished business presented.

Sam Westfall presented the slate of officers for 2023.

Nominations for 2023 OPEA Officers:

Open:

President: Sam Westfall
Pres. Elect: Sandy Bendele
VP Show Chair: Sam Westfall, Anita Westfall,
Sandy Bendele, Mike Bendele, Libby Crandell
VP Treasurer: Libby Crandell
VP Secretary: Sandy Bendele
VP Finance/Class Sponsor: Marilyn Dunahay
& Lynn Branson

Amateur:

President: Sandy Berenson
Pres. Elect: Sandy Bendele
1st VP: Lynn Branson
2nd VP: Heather Kubik
Secretary: Kathryn Roehrs

GFTG Show Chair: Marilyn Dunahay,
Libby Crandell, Robert Meyers,
Anita Westfall & Bob Story
Website: Sandy Bendele
Youth Leader: Cory Roehrs
Awards: Robert Meyers
Past President: Lynn Branson

Youth:

President: Raylynn Kubik
President Elect: Elliana Roehrs
Secretary: Morgen Branson
~~Treasurer:~~ Vice President: Levi Kubik
Past President: Makenna Branson

State Directors: (subject to change)

- * 3 years: Cory Roehrs, Floyd Branson, Sandy Berenson
- * 2 years: Leonard Berryhill, Leigh Berryhill, Bob Story
- * 1 year: Nikki Longacre, Marilyn Dunahay, Ross Kubik

Sandy Bendele moved to accept the slate of officers for Open by acclimation. It was seconded by Anita Westfall and approved by all.

Leonard Berryhill moved to accept the slate of officers for Amateurs by acclimation. It was seconded by Mike Bendele and approved by all.

For the Youth officers, Sandy Bendele suggested we change the title of Treasurer to agree with the PHBA Youth Officers document. Levi Kubik will be the Vice President vs using the title Treasurer. This was approved by all.

Libby Crandell moved we accept the slate of State Directors by acclimation. It was seconded by Mike Bendele and approved by all.

The National Directors list for OPEA was read, Craig Roehrs and Dr. Bob Story will be added to the director list.

New business:

Leonard Berryhill suggested using single or double judges for one or two day shows to reduce cost of the show and cost to contestants, which could possibly increase contestant numbers. He acknowledged that the cost of showing today has affected horse shows across the country. He also suggested moving the show to another date. He has spoken to Darrell Bilke to help get us our show to be a part of the Color Breed show. No decision was made on 2023 show.

Libby Crandell reported that Raylynn Kubik is the 2023 Oklahoma Teen Miss US Agriculture and made a motion to donate \$500 as a sponsor to her. Marilyn Dunahay seconded the motion. It was approved by all.

Cory Roehrs presented that the PHBA youth organization is also raising money as well. Cory is a PHBA Youth Co-Advisor and explained they were going to the Midwest Horse Fair in Madison, Wisconsin. This is a 3-day event showcasing the horse industry that has as many as 50,000 horse enthusiasts in attendance. The PHBA youth would be able to promote our APA as well as others. The show is in April. If we gave her a show bill or a post card it would be best to have QR code on it for more details. No decision was made, but interest of support was voiced from club members. She will get back to the club with details on the financial help they will need.

Anita explained that the horse show committee had a Zoom meeting, and it was suggested we no longer have an OPEA horse show due to the losses in 2022. However, have OPEA stay as an affiliate for any future shows. The Go for The Gold show is hoping to put their Futurity in with the Buckskin show in Claremore in 2023. Discussions are in place.

Sam Westfall presented an OPEA Hall of Fame plaque to Lynn & Floyd Branson for all their years of service.

Anita Westfall moved to adjourn, and Kathryn Roehrs seconded. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted
Sandy Bendele - Secretary