

## January 2010 DQHA General Membership Meeting Minutes

The January 8, 2010 meeting of the DQHA General Membership meeting was called to order by our President, Buddy Mowbray, at 7:08 pm. The November General Membership meeting minutes were read and approved. The Treasurer's Report was given and approved, subject to audit.

**Notices and Communications:** The club was saddened by the loss of two Quarter Horse family members, Charlie Hollins and Shay Murphy at the end of 2009. \*\*If you have an email that you would like to have DQHA information sent to, please let Courtney Kaczka know so that you can stay up to date with club happenings. \*\*The MSQHA is having a tack sale on February 6 from 10-2 at the Howard Co. Fairgrounds. Clendaniel's are having a yard sale on January 31 from 12-3 pm. \*\*Thank you to Courtney Kaczka for creating a flyer for prospective, new, and current members welcoming them to join and participate in DQHA activities. \*\*The new board was introduced, as well as the new youth board.

\*\*Jennifer Ridgely and members of the Delaware State University Equestrian team spoke about how the college's program works and benefits of becoming a member or supporter of the team. They invited everyone to watch their home match on March 19-20 at Gambler's Choice in Kenton, Delaware.

**Committees: Banquet:** All awards have been ordered. Please be sure to get your tickets early so Pam can get a head count for the hall. **Futurities:** The futurity committee has developed 2 new futurities that will be offered at the Sun Circuit- an Open 2 YO Western Pleasure and a 2 YO HUS class. **Trail:** The next ride will be at the Callaway Hitching Rail on May 1-2. If you are interested in signing up for the horseback riding program and receiving awards for hours logged riding your horse, please see Carol Schlotzhauer or the website for more information.

**Fundraiser:** Victoria Milhollan is the new fundraiser committee chair, she reminded everyone to bring items for our auction and silent auction to the banquet. **Charity:** Donna Barnes is heading the charity committee. Using a \$100 budget set forth by the Board, she organized a Thanksgiving dinner for a local family in need. Mark Maull also made arrangements to donate 5 turkeys for a local church to use for other families in the area. At Christmas, Donna collected over \$350 (\$250 from the DQHA as per the Board, and remaining monies donated by members) to use for gifts for a needy family in the area as well. **Show:** The committee set a budget of \$2200 for advertising- Debbie is collecting quotes from the NSBA, Journal, and the Chronicle as well as local agencies for advertisement. The Novice clinic will be given by Matt and Beth Gouthro on Hunter Under Saddle. The Novice judge will be Mike Jennings and he will also be doing a clinic following the show on what judges are looking for in the classes they judge.

**Membership:** Holly Pepper is now taking memberships for 2010 and has created a new form for point nominations and memberships. Please send all checks and forms to her so your meetings/ points/ horseback riding hours, etc can start counting for year end awards. **Youth:** The youth are selling sweat shirts for \$35 for the Regional Show- with every 6 shirts sold, the youth receive a free registration to the Regional Leadership Conference.

**Old Business:** The Regional Show will be July 22-25 in Lexington, VA. Please see Garry Collins if you would like to volunteer for the show. \*\*The board is investigating the purchasing of new banners and booth drapes/ table cloths. \*\*Remember that the 2010 show year will run from January 1- October 31<sup>st</sup>.

**New Business:** Courtney Kaczka will be paid \$375 for 5 months of keeping our website up to date. \*\*Remember that each member receiving year end awards must work 5 hours of service for the club or donate \$50 for each horse nominated for points. \*\*See Buddy if you are interested in serving on a committee in 2010. \*\*The Delaware Horse Expo will be March 27 at the Delaware State Fairgrounds. \*\*Roll was taken and door prizes were awarded to several lucky meeting attendants.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:13 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amanda Powell