

PHAA Amateur Owner Meeting

Friday, 22nd July 2010 at Caboolture Showgrounds

Meeting Opened: 5.24 pm

PRESENT:	M Savill, D Lindeberg, J Biddle, B Gutschelhoffer, N Broom, C Dengate, L Day, K Derksen, G Savill, A Newton, T Stone, J Gatehouse, B Connelly, L Gidman, Jodie Bellenger, K Lonski, S Sommer, Jackie Bellinger, P Reardon, J Lonergan, G Smith, L Hoffman, C Auld, R Gillard, C Foster, C Sewell, L Hall, W Bellinger. Guests (i.e. non-PHAA AOs): P. Lorimer (AQHA Director, Show & Performance), R. Duddy, D. Duddy
APOLOGIES:	M Dahl

GENERAL BUSINESS

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Kerry Derksen	Recalled attendance & apology list. Accepted by all as correct.	N/A		
Shirley Sommer	All attendees were welcomed and a thank you given to Paul Lorimer as a guest to the meeting.	N/A		
Shirley Sommer	Minutes of the last AO meeting were read (held at NSW State Show)	N/A		
Shirley Sommer	Matters arising from the last minutes were as follows -			
	<p>1) Revision of the PHAA AO rule. Shirley advised meeting attendees that the revision of the PHAA AO rule had been considered by the BOD at the last Board Meeting.</p> <p>There was generally discussion around the "spirit" and true meaning of what is a PHAA Amateur Owner.</p> <p>Shirley suggested we adopt the rules allowing AOs to show only horses that they own or that their family owns.</p> <p>Megan Savill stated that being an AO is all about showing your own horse, not horses owned by others, and thought that by changing the current rule in this way</p>	Discussions and motion to be presented at the next available BOD meeting	Shirley Sommer	ASAP

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	<p>was a step in the right direction.</p> <p>Shirley further explained that there is need for revision of the rule as many PHAA AOs are also AOs with the AQHA or compete at AQHA shows. Different AO rules amongst the Western Breed Associations are causing confusion with competitors and clubs.</p> <p>Shirley suggested that it makes sense for all Western Breeds (AAA, PHAA & AQHA) to move forward together to align AO rules. The AQHA & AAA have already done so leaving the PHAA with greatly different AO rules. There have been conversations between all three breed associations about this matter.</p> <p>There is need for cohesion to move forward as a Western Breeds industry.</p> <p>Shirley read aloud the AQHA rule.</p> <p>Conversation followed, largely in support of the above.</p> <p>Jodie Bellenger raised concern that AOs would no longer be able to help others out.</p> <p>Shirley Sommer requested Paul Lorimer (AQHA Director, Show & Performance) to clarify the AQHA rule in relation to this. Paul was able to clarify that AOs are still able to lend a hand to friends and family as long as it wasn't in the immediate marshalling area or show ring.</p> <p>Lisa Day suggested that since Amateurs were essentially "owners who are not professionals" AOs should not be able to show horses that are not theirs, their immediate families or under lease.</p> <p>Concern arose over halter situations where 2 horses may be needed with one handler. Shirley recommended that the rule be worded in a way that AO can still help friends in an AO & Open Champion halter classes.</p> <p>Paul was able to clarify that the AQHA AO rules allow for AOs to show horses in AO Champion classes if more than one horse is to be shown by a single AO. However, the rule does not allow AOs to show horses not owned by themselves in Open Champion line up.</p> <p>Karen Lonski made mention that the AQHA AO rule could benefit her as a AO Halter competitor as currently she can only show one horse in AO Champion line up. The AQHA rule would allow Karen to show in multiple age divisions with other AOs assisting to show her horses in AO Champion line up if needed.</p> <p>Shirley then suggested that the PHAA AO rule could be slightly different to that of the AQHA rule allowing AOs to show horses not owned by themselves in AO and Open Champion line ups.</p> <p>There was then a query about how breeders are affected by the AQHA AO rule.</p> <p>Paul Lorimer referred attendees to the AQHA website where there has been a Q & A fact sheet developed on the AO rule. This fact sheet provides many answers to frequently asked questions. (Please find a copy of this fact sheet attached).</p> <p>Paul then went on to explain that if PHAA AOs showed other peoples' horses at AQHA shows they would be ineligible to compete in AO classes. He then clarified</p>			

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	<p>that the above wasn't a complete ban on PHAA AOs competing at AQHA shows; it simply means that PHAA AOs would not allowed to compete in AO classes at AQHA shows if they don't abide by AQHA AO rules whilst at the show.</p> <p>Discussion arose as to how this would be enforced and by whom. Paul informed that responsibility would lay with the Club hosting the event. Mention was made that Club's are too busy as it is which then led to discussion for consistency of AO rules between the three breed associations.</p> <p>The question was put to Paul as to whether the AQHA could prevent PHAA AOs competing in AO classes at AQHA shows completely. Paul replied that the current AQHA Board was not considering this; however, they were aware that the differing rules are confusing clubs & competitors alike and would encourage the PHAA to address this issue.</p> <p>There was concern by some attendees that future AQHA Boards, or the current Board under differing circumstances or a different time, may consider banning PHAA AOs from competing in AO classes at AQHA shows.</p> <p>Grahme Savill questioned whether an AO could hold a horse in the show ring during HIH for another competitor to complete the work out as per AQHA rules. That is, a person may have more than one horse to run in a HIH class and Grahme is querying whether an AO could hold the horse, hold only, for the other competitor. Paul Lorimer mentioned that the AQHA AO rule does not allow an AO to hold someone else's horse in the immediate marshalling area or arena.</p> <p>Shirley Sommer made mention of the most recent BOD meeting where the AO rule had been discussed. Shirley advised that she had presented a rule, very similar to that of the AQHA, to the BOD for consideration. The BOD did not pass the recommendation made by Shirley. The current rule largely stayed as is with some changes including clarification of AOs sponsorship rights and the extension of the minimum lease term to 12 months.</p> <p>There was dissatisfaction amongst attendees with the aforementioned decision, but it was agreed that extended the minimum lease term to 12months was a positive outcome.</p> <p>Sponsorship was discussed and it was agreed that it should be allowed on the condition that sponsorship wasn't in the form of cash and that the AO is only showing horses owned or leased by them, with the minimum lease term being 12 months. It was acknowledged that attending shows is becoming increasingly more expensive. There was also mention of the greater benefit to clubs and associations due to AO sponsorship (e.g. Omega Feeds and the Savills). Paul Lorimer added that the AQHA had accepted sponsorship for AOs (with conditions).</p> <p>There was discussion about when the new rule would come into effect. Shirley advised that the new rule could not come into effect until August 2012.</p> <p>Megan Savill then suggested that perhaps the rule could be worded so not to be retrospective. For example, an AO showing someone else's horse in July 2012 would still be eligible for AO status in the new show year if they comply with the new</p>			

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	<p>rule as from 1 August 2012. All in attendance agreed with this suggestion. An in depth discussion occurred and wording was considered for a motion to clarify grey areas of the current PHAA AO rule.</p> <p>It was agreed that review of the PHAA AO rule is needed by the BOD and that amended to the rule by the BOD be in keeping with the principles of the below motion:</p> <p><i>That the PHAA AO rule is amended to align more closely with the AQHA AO rule; and, that PHAA AOs must own or lease a horse to show in either Open or AO classes, or be family to the horse owner. To show a leased horse, a lease must be of a minimum of 12 months. Furthermore, the amended PHAA AO rule is to apply as from 1 August 2012 and not be retrospective.</i></p> <p><i>Moved: Lisa Day</i> <i>Seconded: Kerry Derksen</i> <i>In favour: 27</i> <i>Against: 0</i> <i>(Craig Dengate absent during vote, guests' votes were not counted).</i></p>			
	<p>2) AO Newsletter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Naming contest won by Megan Savill with "Amateur Matters". Prize of \$50 put towards AO raffle tickets at Megan's request. - The new newsletter will be published in the next couple of months. - AO wanting newsletters to be emailed were asked to contact Kerry Derksen. The more newsletters emailed means the more dollars saved. 	New newsletter to be published	AO Committee Members	Within next few months
	<p>3) Raffle</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The raffle is being drawn on 23rd July 2011. - After costs approximately \$3500 profit was made. - Shirley asked for feedback where this money should be invested. Many attendees suggested clinics and the like. Rather than a saddle awarded for high point in previous years bridles, halters, jackets, PHA merchandise and the like was suggested. A prize for the AO encouragement award should also be provided for. Shirley mentioned that the Encouragement Award had not been granted over the past couple of years but will see that it's reinstated. There was also mention of a resource library for AOs. Paul advised that the AQHA had a resource library that had worked quite well. 	Raffle to be drawn	Shirley Sommer	23 rd July 2011
	<p>4) Other fundraisers</p> <p>Confirming donated time for the trainers services auction is already on the way. Shirley advised that both Karen Peek and Natasha Backhouse have committed to the program.</p> <p>Megan Savill spoke about the auction and how it would work. Megan encouraged everyone to think about trainers in their area/state and make mention of the</p>	Trainers details to be provided to Shirley or Megan Auction to commence	All AOs Megan Savill & Shirley Sommer	Mid October at latest 1 st November 2011

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	<p>program to them. Megan made the commitment that an information kit would be made available for presentation/discussion with trainers to help AOs "sell" the program.</p> <p>The following motion was then moved to be put to the vote</p> <p><i>That AOs provide Shirley or Megan with information for trainers to contact regarding the Trainers Services Auction. That Megan and Shirley will collate information for publication and that the trainers services auction commences 1st November and shall close on the 30th November 2011.</i></p> <p><i>Moved: Megan Savill</i> <i>Seconded: Bridget Connelly</i></p> <p><i>In favour: 28</i> <i>Against: 0</i></p>			
	General business –			
Jodie Bellenger	<p>Jodie would like each local club to promote the AO portfolio as not enough people know about the PHAA AO program. A PHAA AO Liaison Officer as such.</p> <p>This was well received, however it was agreed that the PHAA could not impost on Clubs the PHAA AO Liaison position. Instead it was suggested that PHAA AOs promote the Program themselves whilst attending shows, clinics and the like. It was further suggested that an information kit about the PHAA and PHAA programs be collated and distributed to Clubs (affiliated or not).</p>	PHAA AO Program to be promoted at local Club level	All AOs	Ongoing
Shirley Sommer	Thanked Paul Lorimer for attending the meeting.	N/A		
Leanne Gidman	Thanked the South East Qld Paint Horse Club Inc. for hosting a great show so far.	N/A		
Shirley Sommer	Closed meeting.	N/A		
Meeting Closed: 6.39 pm				