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| **11/05/2016 OFQHA (Ohio Foundation Quarter Horse Association) Meeting** |

**Call to Order:** November meeting held at Bob Evans in South Zanesville. **Attendees:** Deb Earnest, Jeff Earnest, Kaci Neptune, Amy Roberts, Terri Zachariah, Simone Marshall, Lori Merritt, Landyn Andrews, and Terry Andrews

**Treasury Report:** $25,737.16 as of November 5, 2016

* Club still needs to pay for banquet expenses but normally the auction carries most of this cost
* Club still needs to pay for replacement gates that were destroyed due to cows – cost TBD
* Club prefers to go into a show year with enough money to cover costs for the entire season if needed. Although the club has been doing well this ensures expenses can be covered even if shows do not make enough to cover expenses aka due to unexpected weather conditions, poor turn-out, loss of a cow(s), fairground usage increases, etc. etc.

**Old Business:**

* Sept/Oct meeting minutes and new motions read by secretary – Deb Earnest
* Banquet Hall rented for Dec. 10, 2016 at the Guernsey fairground
* Send reservations to OFQHA PO Box 2506 Zanesville, OH 4370 $14.00 per plate adults and children under 14 yrs. old $7.00 per plate
* Reminder to bring auction items; John Kries to be auctioneer
* Donnie Uffer working on securing judges for 2017
* Website responsibilities – Joan Hubbell volunteered
* Website updated with banquet information – Banquet committee is Lori Merritt, Landyn Anderson (volunteers Deb and Jeff Earnest to help)

**New Business:**

* Voting ballots to be mailed the week of Nov. 5, 2016
* Return ballots must be post marked by Dec. 1 2016
* Next meeting and the counting of the votes by Kaci Neptune and Deb Earnest on Tuesday Nov. 29th 7PM at the Tumbleweed restaurant in Zanesville, Ohio – all members welcome
* Results posted on the website December 1, 2016 and announced at the Dec 10, 2016 banquet
* Depending on the results of the vote the club may need to vote/nominate additional directors

**High Level Top Priorities for Getting Ready for the 2017 Show Year:**

* Highest priority is to get judges lined up and under contract for 2017. Per Donna Uffer volunteered for this effort and has had conversations with approximately 6 judges (we need 2 per show since we have the trail/horsemanship in the inside arena with a separate judge). Date commitments, contracts, and judges packets still need completed. This is a high priority item since many of these judges book 1 year in advance.
  + Judge Packets should include the following (copies/templates of this should be available in the show trailer):
    - Final Show Bill
    - Contract (club has been paying $350 for main judge/$250 for trail judge plus food, mileage, and lodging as needed these may or may not need re-negotiated for 2017)
    - Welcome Letter
    - Copy of Rule Book
* Appointed positions filled by new officers – Secretary and Treasurer
* Ensure appropriate number of directors have been placed
* Show Bill finalized for 2017
* Negotiate the 2017 contract with the cow provider
* Ensure the club builds a good relationship with the Guernsey county fair board with the new OFQHA officers. This relationship is important to the club since this facility is an excellent location for the approximately 140 members located throughout Ohio and across multiple states and supports expenses low enough to allow the club to keep charges/costs minimal for the benefit of all our members
* Work/Volunteer Determinations for:
  + Office Help
  + Hay for Cows
  + Sunday grounds clean-up oversight
  + Fun Show Oversight
  + Friday Night Cows
  + Free Style Reining
  + Other
* Discuss charities the club wants to donate
* Rule Book needs retyped due to multiple years of editing – looking for a volunteer
* Other

**Next Meeting**

* Nov 29, 2016 Tumbleweed Zanesville Oh.

**Meetings Adjourned**

* 11:30 am