

MINUTES
OQHRA ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Heritage Place Auditorium
Saturday, February 28, 2009

The annual membership meeting was called to order by Phillip Stewart, OQHRA President at 6:00 P.M. There were 151 members present during the meeting. Directors in attendance were: Phillip Stewart, Jeff Tebow, Lake Newcomb, Andy Golden, Butch Wise, Dee Raper, Randy Hill, Stacy Charette-Hill, Matt Witman, Bobby Webb, Dr. Bill Bullock, Connie Barnes, Sam Hester, Mark Sellers, Clayton Keys, Eddie Willis, and Leon Red. OQHRA Staff present: Krissy Meadows, Peggy Hoover, and Debbie Schauf OQHRA Lobbyists: Tommy Thomas and Haley Atwood. OHRC commissioners: Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bowers, Mr. and Mrs. Mel Bollenbach. OHRC OKB registry staff: Tara Teel, Joanie Cutchen, and Jamie Simpson.

The members were given a current report on the financial condition of the organization and a review of the 2007 audited financial statement which was completed June 30, 2008 by Phillip Stewart.

Executive Director, Debbie Schauf gave the membership a report on the actions and activities of the OQHRA for 2008

MOTION: Lake Newcomb (Matt Witman) moved to accept the report from the Executive Director. Motion Carried.

Debbie then gave a brief overview of revisions to the Oklahoma Breeding Development Fund regulations proposed by the Horse Racing Commission and explained how any interested party could provide input or comment to those rule revisions during the public comment period that concludes March 19, 2009.

Phillip introduced Butch Wise as chairperson of a special committee appointed by the board to meet with Oklahoma Quarter Horse, Paint, and Appaloosa riders and negotiate an increase in the losing mount fees for riders that would take effect for 2009 race meets. Butch explained the actions of the committee and the resulting action by the commission that disallowed the proposed manner of increasing the losing mount fees. G. R. Carter, Quarter Horse rider and OQHRA member also briefly addressed the membership in the issue at the conclusion of Mr. Wise's presentation.

MOTION: Lake Newcomb (Matt Witman) moved to adjourn the meeting and commence presentation of 2007 racing recognition awards. Motion Carried.