

Membership Meeting

February 18th

Oasis Hotel

Springfield, MO

8:05am, President Shingleton called the meeting to order.

Introduction of the board members.

Financial report – moving \$30,000 of scholarship into an investment account. Lisa LaBrie asked about giving out more scholarships. Mentioned that we are only supposed to be paying out interest, not principal on the scholarship. The committee will give their recommendations.

Home office – removed trees and bushes, installed LED lights, HOF room will have new shelves being installed, cameras have been installed, and there is a great renter in the back.

Conventions future – It will be in Indy for 2024. Offering more activities for the youth and looking for an event center for the banquet. Meetings will be held at the home office.

There has been a committee formed to help update the website.

Judges committee is looking into bids for an online platform.

There will be an apparel store coming soon.

Select Sire auction had a great response for its first time being live bid. Earned over \$8900 in one evening, better response than the sealed bids.

Software updates for registration and show department are in the works.

Measuring sticks will hopefully be available soon.

ROM in 19&Over – must have 500 points in each class with 75 in regional or higher for NT and H. Ultimate champion. They are asking if it will be retroactive and go back or will it be now moving forward?

Congress discussion: Offering a Yearling Longe Line because of the height limit change. Trail practice last year was horrible. Open classes will have trophies. Showbill proposal was sent in by Suzie Trzebiatowski in Oct/Nov. Discussion about members stepping up to help. We are relying on sponsorships this year and didn't raise any class fees.

Congress sponsorship: New youth challenge – a work saddle award to the highest collector, awarded during the grand entry. Saddle and pizza party secured for 2023 and sponsored by the Purkapile Family. All high points are secured and covered.

Schaefer made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Charlene Shingleton seconded. Motion passed.