



# QCABHA Meeting News

## September Meeting & Trail Ride

The plan for the September Membership Meeting is to have business meeting and trail ride at Scott County Park on SATURDAY, September 13th at the Equestrian Area. Due to scheduling issues there have been some changes in the original plan. We will be holding the **Business Meeting first, at Noon.** The September meeting is important because it is the beginning of Officer nominations for the upcoming year. We will also be discussing committee chair changes. So please plan to attend. We need everyone's ideas for the upcoming year. If you choose to, you are welcome to bring a sack lunch and eat during the meeting. Be sure to bring a chair as there is limited seating at that spot. A **trail ride will follow** for all those who choose to bring their horses, if the trails are open. (If it has rained in the days previous, the trails may be closed). The park has spent time grooming and marking the trails this year, so the ride is very pleasant and good for young horses.

As stated above, September marks the beginning of elections of officers for the upcoming year and appointing committee chairs. There will be many openings and energetic, positive volunteers are needed. If you are interested in holding an office or taking on a committee, please try to attend. If you are unable to attend, contact Beth Wooldridge or Denise Kroeger—contact info below. We would love to see everyone.

**Attention All BOD Members, Please plan to meet at 11:00am, prior to the membership meeting.**

*All that said, we hope to see everyone at the Futurity & Open show on September 21st. As usual, all shows are being held at the Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds in Davenport, IA. Volunteers are always needed to help out at the gate, in the show booth, and in the ring to ringmaster. If you can help out for a couple of hours we would really appreciate it.*

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# QCABHA NEWS BITS



## Futurity News

Hi everyone, the futurity is right around the corner. Hope those babies are coming along nicely. Futurity classes start at 8:00 AM on the 21st. Prior to start, you must check in at the entry booth. I will have someone in there about 7:30. We do have a futurity show book. This book will feature the classes and have ads from businesses that support the futurity. I'm asking everyone to try to get a sponsor for futurity. This is good advertising for them and more money in the jackpot for you. We do need those sponsorships right away. **Please get your stall reservations to me ASAP. I need them by Sept 12th.** Stalls are \$25.00 a piece, you bring the bedding. You can get into the stalls at 6:30 PM on Saturday the 20th and will have use of them through the show on Sunday. Stalls must be paid in advance. This year there is no photographer or T-shirts.

The futurity committee would like to thank everyone who purchased water and pop at the August show. Your support is greatly appreciated. The futurity committee will be sponsoring the drink stand again in September.

If you have any questions about sponsorship or futurity, please contact me by email or by phone. [ecbc@dishmail.net](mailto:ecbc@dishmail.net) or 309-335-2575 - cell number. See you at the show. Elaine

## Show Committee News

So far this year we have been blessed with terrific weather and some very nice shows. Our last open show was good sized with 335 total entries. We would like to thank the futurity and High Point entrants who came out to help at the show and work their required hours—you are much appreciated! A special thanks to Tom and Joy Semsch for putting in some extra time. Also thank you to those who improved with your entry cards...it was really helpful.

### START TIME CHANGE—PLEASE NOTE—

Due to Futurity classes the September **Open Show will not start before 11:00 am.** The show booth will be open for entries around 10:00am. Also note there is a change in the over all showbill. The showbill is included in this newsletter. This show does count towards your high point awards.

As noted in the July newsletter, this is the last year for the current show committee chairs. We have heard from a few who are interested in helping with this committee. However, the MORE THE MERRIER. Shows take a lot of time and effort to get them up and running. The more who will help, the easier the workload. If there are not enough volunteers, the BOD will have to determine whether or not there will be shows in 2009. If you are interested at all, please speak with Penny, Denise or Beth. We would be happy to fill you in and get you started. Many new things were put in place this year to streamline our procedures, and we have had good feedback concerning those from the volunteers. Remember, this is your club, volunteers keep it running. Thanks for supporting the shows, Penny Roberts and Denise Kroeger.

## High Point Updates

I wanted to give a big THANK YOU to all of the 2008 High Point participants. Our numbers are up from last year. If you would like to know how you are doing, please call (309-368-7534) or e-mail ([ihfhorses@yahoo.com](mailto:ihfhorses@yahoo.com)) me for your personal update.

A friendly reminder to everyone, that as part of the High Point requirement you must work 4 hours at one of the Open or Youth shows. I do know some of you have already fulfilled this requirement, but there are few who still need to work a few hours. Please call the show committee to get on the schedule for the September Show. Denise Kroeger or Sue Larkin will be happy to help you out. Contact info is on the front page. See You at the Show! Rebecca

## Election Time!!!! (Not the one your sick of hearing about either.)

Every year elections are held to fill the following positions on the Board of Directors: President, Vice President, Secretary, 3 yr Board Member and Alternate Board Member. Nominations are taken in September, October and November and the election is held at the Thanksgiving Banquet in November. These positions are important in determining the direction and focus of YOUR horse club. If you would be interested in running for one of these offices, OR if you would like to nominate someone you think would be a great addition to the Board of Directors, please send an email to Beth @ [luke9816@att.net](mailto:luke9816@att.net) or Denise @ [denisekroeger@jackmannifarm.com](mailto:denisekroeger@jackmannifarm.com). If someone nominates you, you will be contacted about your willingness to serve. Please think seriously about jumping in, the old guard needs a reprieve and the club can always use FRESH ideas. If you have questions about what this commitment entails, feel free to contact any of the current officers or directors.

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# Newsletter Online

Since the website is now up and running at qcabha.net—I have been sending the newsletter to be posted on the site. It is posted as a pdf, which can be viewed or printed out as needed. It is hoped that this can be used instead of the paper copies that are currently being mailed. If you do not have access to a computer that will allow you to view or print the newsletter, we can continue to mail you a paper copy. However, if you are able to access the newsletter online, we prefer that you do so for several reasons. First, the cost of producing the newsletter is high. Toner, paper, postage, etc. is all going up and will continue to do so. Secondly, editing, copying, collating, stapling, addressing and mailing takes considerable volunteer time. And finally, undelivered newsletters that are not returned, failure to notify a change of address, and human error can cause many problems. By posting it online, it only needs to be emailed to the webmaster and members will be notified by email that it is available.

If you are willing to obtain your newsletter online, PLEASE email me, Penny, at melsmom71@gmtel.net with the email address you want the notification sent to. I will respond, testing to make sure the link will work and then when the newsletter has been posted, I will send a mass emailing to all those who have agreed to try this. If it goes well, this will be the way newsletters will be handled in 2009. (Unless of course you have no email access.)

I appreciate your cooperation in this new venture and ask for your patience as we work to smooth out any kinks that may be encountered.

## Scholarship Info

It is time to fill out those scholarship forms for the QCABHA scholarship. The scholarship form will be available on the web site under the forms tab. Remember, any current member engaged in educating themselves can apply. Whether you are attending a traditional 4 yr college or university, a trade school or community college, you can apply. The amount and number of scholarships will be determined by the amount of funds raised and the number of applicants. If you have any questions about the scholarship or you are unable to access the form online, please contact Beth or Penny. Contact information on the front page of this newsletter. QCABHA is happy to support the future!

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

*Here is a list of upcoming horse events. If you know of something that your equine friends might be interested in knowing about send it in and it will be added!*

**9-21-08—QCABHA Futurity & Open Horse Show, MVF, Dav., IA**

**9-21-08—Galesburg Boots & Saddle Club Horse Show across the road from Sanburg College. Contact Buffy Allen 309.344.3605**

## Just A Reminder!

Many of you signed up for High Point. This means that you have 4 hours to volunteer at a show if you are to receive your award. September is the LAST CHANCE to get those hours completed. We are aware that there are a few people who still need to complete hours.

Please contact Denise (info on the front page) to schedule your hours. It is difficult for the show committee to schedule enough help, so if we don't know that you are coming there is a real possibility that you may not have a spot to work. You may designate someone to work your hours for you. Just make sure they notify the booth that they are covering your hours. Thanks everyone, your help is appreciated!!!

## Member Websites

If you have a website and would like to have a link to it posted on the QCABHA website, please email Penny at melsmom71@gmtel.net with the correct web address and the "graphic" (in jpg form) that you would like used to create the link. Your link is FREE if you manage your own site. If you would like to have a webpage created for you (which is not free), you can contact Bob, the QCABHA webmaster for information on his services. I have found him to be very helpful and easy to work with—thanks!