

## OPEA General Meeting Minutes from 12-3-23

President Sam Westfall called the meeting to order after the potluck lunch.

**Those present:** Sam & Anita Westfall, Lynn & Floyd Branson, Bob & Carolyn Henderson, Libby Crandell, Marilyn Dunahay, Darrell Bilke, Sandy & Mike Bendele.

Last year's minutes that were posted on the website were discussed. Mike Bendele made a motion to approve, and Lynn Branson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Committee minutes:

Show Chair – Anita Westfall reported that the GFTG futurity show and the Buckskin show, each lost money this year. Facility expenses was a big factor. The Claremore fairgrounds might be bought out and a new facility built in the future. Not confirmed yet.

Treasurer – Libby presented a report of the GFTG futurity show with OBHA. Mike Bendele made a motion to approve the report and Bob Henderson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

GFTG committee – Libby reported we had added monies of \$4500 from sponsorship. There were 63 horses in the Futurity which was up by 8 horses. There were 136 entries (in the 63 futurity horses) which was up 39 from last year's Futurity show.

Youth – No report

Awards – No report

Officers – Sam presented his slate of officers. A correction was made to change Sam Westfall to Anita Westfall as VP Show Chair. It was also suggested that we remove Bob Story as a 1 year director and add Trisha Armstrong.

### **Nominations for:**

#### **Open:**

President: Sam Westfall

Pres. Elect: Sandy Bendele

VP Show Chair: Anita Westfall, Sandy Bendele,  
Mike Bendele, & Libby Crandell

VP Treasurer: Libby Crandell

VP Secretary: Sandy Bendele

VP Finance/Class Sponsor: Marilyn Dunahay  
& Lynn Branson

GFTG Show Chair: Marilyn Dunahay,  
Libby Crandell, Robert Meyers,  
Anita Westfall

Website: Sandy Bendele

Youth Leader: Cory Roehrs

Awards: Robert Meyers

Past President: Lynn Branson

#### **Amateur:**

President: Sandy Berenson

Pres. Elect: Sandy Bendele

1st VP: Lynn Branson

2nd VP: Heather Kubik

Secretary: Sam Westfall

Treasurer: Kathryn Roehrs

#### **Youth:**

President: Raylynn Kubik

President Elect: Elliana Roehrs

Secretary: Morgen Branson

Treasurer: Levi Kubik

Past President: Makenna Branson

Directors:

- \* 3 year: Nikki Longacre, Marilyn Dunahay, Ross Kubik
- \* 2 year: Cory Roehrs, Floyd Branson, Sandy Berenson
- \* 1 year: Leonard Berryhill, Leigh Berryhill, Trisha Armstrong

Sandy Bendele made a motion to accept the slate of officers by acclamation. Anita Westfall seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

New business:

Darrel Bilke presented a proposal to add the GFTG Futurity show to his Color Breed Congress.

He presented a list of what he needed to work with. Libby will need to be bonded, which is already approved by our bylaws.

Marilyn Dunahay requested that the show not take several days during the Color Breed, since the Futurity show has several young babies shown.

Anita Westfall made a motion that the OPEA board give approval for the GFTG committee to accept Darrell's proposal and have Libby work with Kim of the Color Breed to work out the details. Motion seconded by Lynn Branson. Motion carried.

Anita Westfall made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Lynn Branson seconded. Meeting ended 3:42.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sandy Bendele – Secretary

**Amendment:**

Sandy Berenson declined to be President for the Amateurs and a Director for 2024.

Lynn Branson will step in as 2 year Director.

Amateur officers for 2024:

President: Sandy Bendele  
Pres-Elect: Lynn Branson  
1<sup>st</sup> VP: Heather Kubik  
2<sup>nd</sup> VP: Sam Westfall  
Secretary: Kathryn Roehrs  
Treasurer: Cory Roehrs