



## **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES**

December 6, 2019

*Delano Las Vegas at MGM, Las Vegas, NV*

President Chris Darnell opens the meeting with the highlights of 2019

- Membership continued to grow in 2019 with just over 5% increase year over year
- A record 547 shows were sanctioned in 2019 with over 75,000 entries with exhibitors competing for over \$3,000,000. The number of shows increased by 28%, while at the same time, technology efforts have reduced labor costs to the show department
- Breeding programs continue to drive foal enrollments with a number first time stallion nominators and registrations coming in from a diverse group of performance horses resulting in a 20% growth in registrations in horses of all colors
- The World Championship Show has seen continued growth year after year because of this inclusion. This year, NSBA sold out of 2500 stalls, had over 8400 entries and paid out just under \$1,000,000 in cash.
- We set a goal to have one year's operating reserves and were able to nearly double our operating reserves this year alone
- In addition, we established an operating reserve for the World Show should we experience a catastrophic event that would negatively affect the World Show

Motion to approve the 2018 General membership minutes, motion carried.

The financial report prepared by the CPA firm of Warady & Davis is presented by Dianne Eppers, Executive Director. Motion to approve the financial report, motion carried. A copy of the complete financial report is made available.

Dianne Eppers continues and addresses the audience

*NSBA's success is the culmination of years of dedication to one simple message, a message that resonates in every decision that is made at NSBA, reward excellence.*

*Success is never overnight. And it is often not the big choices we make that make the biggest difference, but the little choices, the choices we make every day. Dedicated to rewarding excellence, every decision made at NSBA reflects this commitment. I am proud to have been part of the NSBA Board for the past decade and proud of the little decisions we have made along the way that have reaped benefits for the Association and our membership.*

*Those decisions have resulted in an NSBA World Championship Show that now pays out over \$1,000,000 in cash and prizes, breeding programs that reward stallion and mare owners, adding value to the horse at each stage of its life as a show horse and a foundation that has brought riders of all abilities to our horse shows.*

*As members you also have much to be proud of and we want to congratulate you on your past successes. We also want you to know that the success of NSBA is due to your involvement, and the little decisions you make every day. "Since its inception, NSBA has been a part of my life. To have served on the Board of Directors, as President and then in my role as Executive Director, watching the success of this organization brings great pride. We are an association of horsemen, working side by side to build a better future for breeders, owners and exhibitors of pleasure horses. The long range plan for the health of the association is outlined by the board of directors and executive committee. With that in mind, the succession plan for the leadership within the office of NSBA has been outlined for the past 4 years. I have been blessed to work with the staff at NSBA for the past 20 years and it is now time continue to prepare for the future. At this time I would like to announce the decision of the board of directors to name my successor, Stephanie Lynn as Executive Director of the National Snaffle Bit Association effective January 1, 2020. I will stay on staff and move to the position of Senior Advisor.*

Stephanie joined the association as Director of Operations in 2015, bringing over forty years of experience in the equine industry. During her tenure as Director of Operations, she has overseen projects from streamlining the show department to raising funds for the NSBA and the NSBA Foundation's programs.

Chris Darnell holds the election of 2020 Officers  
By election at the 2018 membership meeting, the 2020 President will be John Dobbs. The following slate of officers comes as a recommendation from the NSBA Nominating Committee to the membership for a vote.

Clay MacLeod as President-Elect, motion carries.  
Janet Gunn as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, motion carries.  
Charles Cannizzaro as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, motion carries.  
Clay MacLeod as Treasurer, motion carries.  
Kevin Dukes as Secretary, motion carries.

Chris Darnell comes forward for the passing of the gavel to John Dobbs

John Dobbs outlines the goals for 2020 and thanks the 2019 Board of Directors and announces the 2020 board appointments

Laina Banks	Phil Harris	Chris Jones
Kellie Hinely	Michael Tidwell	Cody Parrish
Richard Carr	Doug Huls	Kelly McDowall
Jim Searles	Maggie Bellville	Susan Knapp

Meeting closes with remarks from John Dobbs, motion to adjourn 6:00 pm.