

MICHIGAN QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION
Meeting of the Board of Directors
Friday, January 11, 2019

Meggen Baynes called a meeting of the MQHA Board of Directors to order at 6:04 p.m. at the Comfort Inn and Suites, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan. The following Directors and staff were present: Meggen Baynes, Kathy Christensen, Barb Foster, Sasha Glover, Megan Hirschman, Mike Huntoon, Rob Kirkpatrick, Monty Montgomery, Chris Perniciaro, Allyson Thompson and Kris Woroniecki. Morgan Warda and Jeff West were excused.

AGENDA: Megan Hirschman made a motion to approve the agenda. Sasha Glover seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

MINUTES: Megan Hirschman made a motion to approve the December 5, 2018 Board of Director minutes as presented. Monty Montgomery seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

REVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Megan Hirschman presented the financial statement for the period ending December 2018. Megan explained that the statement is not final version as there are still several bills expected to be booked for year end awards. There are about \$10,000 in outstanding items to be billed for 2018. The total assets of the Association as of the tentative December 31, 2018 financial statement are listed at \$412,457.19; the total liabilities at \$80,254.11 and the total members' equity is listed at \$332,203.08. The net income as of the end of December is listed at \$61,267.26 compared to \$25,104.65 for the same period in 2017. Monty Montgomery made a motion to approve the tentative December 2018 statement. Mike Huntoon seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed. Megan Hirschman made a motion to appropriate \$2,500 of youth funds for a contribution in 2019 to the Michigan Equine Scholarship Fund. Mike Huntoon seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed. Sasha Glover made a motion to move \$5,000 to the youth retainment account. Mike Huntoon seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Kris Woroniecki presented the checks written report for December 2018. There were checks written totaling \$42,947.10 for the month. Megan Hirschman made a motion to approve the check detail report. Monty Montgomery seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

OFFICE REPORT: Kris Woroniecki presented a request from Tom Powers. He is requesting access to the MQHA membership list to promote his new Labor Day horse show. He stated that without the journal, he does not have a lot of options to promote the show. The Board discussed it and agreed that the MQHA office could send the mailing from the MQHA office if Tom will provide the material ready to go. The MQHA office will adhere the labels and take it to the post office. Kris also presented a request from a charity horse show to get access to the membership mailing list. The board has denied this request as this event is not a MQHA approved show.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CLINIC: Allyson Thompson discussed the proposed trail clinic at the Harbor Classic. Tommy Sheets has agreed to do it. The office or Allyson will need to contact him to negotiate a price and the structure.

CONVENTION: Sasha Glover thanked everyone for their input and attendance. There have been a lot of hours put in by the committee and the committee will be requesting feedback. There are 219 meals with another 40 that did a registration only. The cocktail party is new this year and he hopes that it is well attended. The MSU Pavilion project will be discussed by Dr. George Smith, at a table set in the registration area. Dr. Smith will also speak prior to the clinics. The judging clinic and the college equestrian team clinic are expected to get some attendance. Sasha encouraged all to attend.

HALL OF FAME: Mike Huntoon indicated that the Hall of Fame presentations are ready to go.

RULES: The following rules were presented to the Board.

SECTION 4 - MQHA YEAR-END AWARDS

ITEM A - REGULATION: ALL AGES DIVISION

1. Eligibility:

D. The MQHA point year will begin January 1st and end November 30th.

1. Points will be kept on a cumulative basis. Classes offered at fewer than three (3) circuits do not qualify for the year-end standings and awards will not be given. Horses earning fewer than ten (10) MQHA points on the year end standings are eligible for honorable mentions only. No award will be given.

2. Points from all MQHA approved shows will count for year-end awards.

~~2. 75% of the number of MQHA approved shows are calculated for an exhibitor (or a horse in open) in any single event. The points will be calculated on a "Best 75% of Event" basis each time new point accumulations are added. (If an odd number of shows are MQHA approved, the extra show will count towards the "Best 75%." For example: If 41 shows are approved, 31 shows will be the "Best 75%")~~

~~3. In the case that a particular class is not offered at every show, the Best 75% of shows will be determined based on the number of times the class was offered. For example: If a class is offered 30 times during the calendar year, then 23 shows will be the best 75%.~~

3 If a class is offered on a showbill with both a select and amateur division, and the classes are combined for whatever reason, the points will be split back out for the purpose of the year end awards and year end high point. Individual show managements will need to determine what to do for their own circuit and all-around awards.

4 If a class is offered as only an amateur class on the showbill, select points will remain within the amateur division and will not be pulled out.

5 If a show management combines classes in a manner different than what is stated on the showbill, the show management MUST notify the MQHA point secretary when the results are submitted. Those class results may require manual entry for year end awards computations

6. Once the final year-end point standings have been calculated, the following rules will apply:

a. If there is a tie for Grand, two Grand awards will be given. The next placing would be 3rd. No Reserve award will be given. If there is a tie for Reserve, two Reserve awards will be given. The next placing would be 4th.

b. If a class is split between Junior and Senior horses at some shows and offered as a combined class at other shows, the way the class is offered the majority of the time will prevail for the Year End Award.

5. Any changes to be made to the point standings must be made to the point secretary within 7 days of final posting/notification of final standings. After that date no changes will be made. Points are awarded as follows:

~~1. For total accumulation MQHA Point System for all classes EXCEPT yearling, two year old, three year old, aged and performance halter for all sex divisions:~~

<u>Place</u>	<u>Points</u>
FIRST	Equals number of horses in class (not to exceed 9)
SECOND	Equals number of horses in class less 1 (not to exceed 8)
THIRD	Equals number of horses in class less 2 (not to exceed 7)
FOURTH	Equals number of horses in class less 3 (not to exceed 6)
FIFTH	Equals number of horses in class less 4 (not to exceed 5)
SIXTH	Equals number of horses in class less 5 (not to exceed 4)
SEVENTH	Equals number of horses in class less 6 (not to exceed 3)
EIGHTH	Equals number of horses in class less 7 (not to exceed 2)
NINTH	Equals number of horses in class less 8 (not to exceed 1)

~~2. The halter classes shall be awarded points based on a nine (9) point scale regardless of the number of entries in the class. Additional points for grand and reserve will NOT be awarded.~~

2. The halter classes shall be awarded points as above with the following exceptions: The Grand Champion animal in each sex division shall be awarded an additional two points and the Reserve Champion animal in each sex division shall be awarded an additional one point more than the largest class in the sex division.

~~3. When calculating the final All Around standings, only one set of halter points will be used for the total point accumulation. This applies to horses who might have earned points in both halter and performance halter. While they may accrue points in two classes for individual year end class rankings, only the larger number of halter points from one class will be used for the final All Around standings.~~

ITEM C- ALL-AROUND AWARDS REGULATION

3. The following awards will be calculated and granted on total points earned on the "Best 75% of Event" basis. Once an exhibitor has met an All-Around requirement, points earned in any additional classes will be counted on the "Best of 75% Event" basis toward that All Around.

- *Champion and Reserve Champion All Around Horse
- *Champion and Reserve Champion All Around Youth 13 and Under
- *Champion and Reserve Champion All Around Youth 14 – 18
- *Champion and Reserve Champion All-Around Novice Youth 13 & Under
- *Champion and Reserve Champion All-Around Novice Youth 14 - 18
- *Champion and Reserve Champion All-Around Amateur
- *Champion and Reserve Champion All-Around Amateur Select
- *Champion and Reserve Champion All-Around Novice Amateur
- *Champion and Reserve Champion All-Around Small Fry
- *Champion and Reserve Champion Rookie Youth
- *Champion and Reserve Champion Rookie Amateur

SECTION 3 - MQHA SHOW/SPECIAL EVENT APPROVAL REQUIREMENTS

(MQHA Show/Special Event will hereafter be referred to as S/SE)

G. Within Ten (10) Days after the completion of circuit:

- If classes are combined in a manner different than what is stated on the showbill, show management MUST notify the MQHA office when the results are submitted.

Mike Huntoon made the motion to accept the rules as presented. Monty Montgomery seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

STALLION SERVICE SALE: Chris Perniciaro reported that there are 96 stallions enrolled in the 2019 auction. Gohorseshow is going to do an interview with the committee for publication.

YEAR END AWARDS: Monty Montgomery stated that the year end awards will end up costing around \$40,000. There was a contribution from Toledo Ticket of \$3500 and the benefit auction made \$1800 which will offset a bit of the costs.

YOUTH: Sasha Glover stated that the youth will have a mini YES conference, a break for pizza and a regular meeting on Saturday during Convention weekend.

NEW BUSINESS: Megan Hirschman made a motion that MQHA give the Michigan Equine Scholarship Fund \$2500 for a 2018 contribution. Mike Huntoon seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed. The check will be presented during the banquet.

A motion to adjourn was made at 6:53 p.m. by unanimous consent.