

MICHIGAN QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION
Meeting of the Board of Directors
January 23, 2026

President Chris Perniciaro called a meeting of the MQHA Board of Directors to order at 7:30 p.m. at Firekeepers Casino Hotel, Battle Creek, MI. The following Directors and staff were present: Linda Barnes, Heather Boggetta, Heather Coe, Kevin Cubitt, Venessa Knoblock, Danielle Lindsay, Jeff Moody, Monty Montgomery, Kelly Nichols, Chris Perniciaro, Nicole Veldhoff, Katherine West and Kris Woroniecki.

AGENDA: Kevin Cubitt made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Kelly Nichols seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

REVIEW OF MINUTES: Heather Coe made a motion to approve the December 9, 2025, Board of Director minutes. Heather Boggetta seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

REVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Kris presented the tentative financial statements for December 2025. The total assets of the Association as of December 2025, are listed at \$637,636.97; the total liabilities at \$252,253.27 and the total members' equity is listed at \$385,383.70. The net income as of the end of December is \$62,163.35 compared to \$15,614.40 for the same period in 2024. Income is up 14.25% for 2025, with expenses up 9.74%. Heather Boggetta made a motion to accept the December 2025 financial statement. Kelly Nichols seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed. The year end entries were made to allocate the 2025 Stallion Service Sale retainments. The new accounts are on the balance sheet totaling \$72,306. The entry was made for the youth which increased their retained earnings to \$39,000 from \$30,000.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Kris Woroniecki presented the checks written report for December 2025. There were checks written totaling \$30,704.75 for the month. Jeff Moody made a motion to approve the December check detail report. Monty Montgomery seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: President Perniciaro stated that he had a great year and that it was a lot of fun to work with everyone. Enjoyed the recent Stallion Service Sale and appreciate all of the help for the sale. He thanked the Board for their hard work and efforts. He also updated the Board that he was unable to secure a sponsorship from a corporate source but he is hoping to find another. Board members offered ideas for potential companies to reach out to.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Vice President Cubitt thanked everyone on the Board. He said that this was the most pleasant year he has had since he has been on the Board. He said that the Board members were honest, straight forward and conscious of their duties. He appreciated everyone and reiterated that it has been a pleasure to work with all of them.

OFFICE REPORT: Kris Woroniecki shared that Heather's AQHA Show Management certification has just expired. Kevin Cubitt made a motion to enroll Heather in the Show Management program for 2026 and then in 2027 for Peighton Scott therefore keeping the staff current for three years. Danielle Lindsay seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

Kris also brought up a discussion that she had with Amy Atkinson regarding the website. Kris requested a quote from her to do some updates and cleanup work on the website. The Board agrees. Kris will bring the quote to the Board upon receipt.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CLINIC AND EDUCATION: Linda Barnes stated that the Equine Connection Weekend happens next weekend. There are multiple sponsors for the event. The Michigan Horsemen's Association, the Michigan Horse Council, and the Michigan Equine Scholarship Fund through the Toledo Ticket Company are some of the sponsors. The clinics with Ryan Cottingim are full. Each person who preregistered will receive a goodie bag containing a T-shirt and other items.

CONVENTION: Nicole Veldhoff stated that the 2026 Convention is up by 5 dinners. We sold 261 dinner tickets. She had commitments from several people for silent auction items. She reminded the Board that the auction helps offset costs of the Convention. This year the Committee added a magician and hired KRC Photography. The committee will work on the centerpieces tonight. She reminded the Board that the Convention is at the Sheraton Airport on 28th Street in GR for 2027. Nicole suggested a theme for 2027 as a masquerade/mardi gras. The committee is looking for ideas for a location for the 2028 Convention.

EASTER: Monty Montgomery stated that the Easter Showbill is online and that the stall reservations will open soon. The circuit awards have been purchased. The committee will meet to work on other items soon.

FACEBOOK/WEBSITE: Heather Boggetta stated that she has been doing FB posts to get photos for year end. There have also been a lot of posts for the Stallion Service Sale. The available stallions will be promoted on the FB page. Heather will put the saddle raffle tickets on the page and she will create an event page for the Easter show soon.

FINANCE: Jeff Moody thanked Kris Woroniecki for her professionalism in handling the Association finances throughout the year and for working with the Bookkeeper. He thanked her for helping to teach him and the other Board members about the complicated financial reports.

FUTURITY: Chris Perniciaro stated that the Futurity Committee met and started on the 2026 event. They will get together again soon and finalize the showbill. Jeff Moody has saddle tickets for the raffle that will be held in April.

HALL OF FAME: Kevin Cubitt stated that the Committee is ready for the presentation of the Hall of Fame inductees, Warren English, Jr and Dancin In My Sleep. The committee is also reporting that the inductees for 2027 have been chosen.

NOMINATIONS: Kevin Cubitt announced that the ballots were counted tonight, prior to this meeting. Kelly Nichols, Nicole Veldhoff and Heather Boggetta were re-elected to the MQHA Board of Directors. Ashlynn Kenoyer was also elected at the newest Board member.

QUEEN: Katherine West indicated that MQHA Queen, Katie Hartman will be at the Convention on Saturday to help at youth meeting. She will also be helping with the awards presentations at the Convention for Saturday evening.

STALLION SERVICE SALE: Chris Perniciaro said that the sale exceeded \$90,000 on sale day with 58 stallions sold. He gave the number for the last few years on sale day:

2025 – \$81,050, 60 sold
2024 - \$87,100, 56 sold
2023 - \$67,860, 44 sold
2022 - \$62,040, 55 sold

YEAR END AWARDS: Monty Montgomery stated that almost everything ordered for year-end awards have arrived and is being organized in the room that they are working out of. There are several people helping and he appreciates everyone who is there.

YOUTH: Danielle Lindsay stated that the Youth had a good year. The Youth advisors have made some changes for the upcoming year to streamline some of the processes. She is hoping that everything is well received. She stated that she enjoyed her year with the kids. They were great. The teams did well. She is looking forward to 2026.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Chris Perniciaro presented the AQHA Affiliate Agreement. Heather Coe made a motion to accept the AQHA Affiliate Agreement. Kelly Nichols seconded the motion. Motion carried with none opposed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9 p.m. by unanimous consent without objection. The next meeting will be the Annual Membership meeting on Saturday, January 24, at Firekeepers Hotel Casino.