

MICHIGAN QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION
Meeting of the Board of Directors
October 1, 2025 (rescheduled September 23 meeting)

President Chris Perniciaro called a meeting of the MQHA Board of Directors to order at 7:35 p.m. via Zoom. 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: Jeff Moody made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Monty Montgomery seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

REVIEW OF MINUTES: Jeff Moody made a motion to approve the August 19, 2025 Board of Director minutes. Kelly Nichols seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

REVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Kris Woroniecki presented the financial statements for August 2025. The total assets of the Association as of August 31, 2025, are listed at \$753,944.63; the total liabilities at \$265,840.44 and the total members' equity is listed at \$488,104.19. The net income as of the end of August is \$165,776.40 compared to \$129,940.30 for the same period in 2024. Income is up 13.32% to date, with expenses up 10.45%. Danielle Lindsay made a motion to accept the August 2025 financial statement. Kelly Nichols seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Kris Woroniecki presented the checks written report for August 2025. There were checks written totaling \$46,628.92 for the month. Kelly Nichols made a motion to approve the August check detail report. Monty Montgomery seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: President Perniciaro thanked everyone who helped at the Futurity. He thought it went very well. He is also still working on a corporate sponsorship and will report back once he has something solidified.

OFFICE REPORT: Kris Woroniecki discussed the February tack sale. She said the mailing is close to being ready to go but she would like to include the Equine Connection Weekend Clinic information with the tack sale information. The Clinic group is having a meeting on October 9, and it is hoped that things will be finalized enough to be able to format an insert for the tack sale mailing. A request was made to reach out to the Pavilion manager and confirm the temperature of the building for the event since it was quite chilly there for the last tack sale.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CLINIC AND EDUCATION: Linda Barnes stated that the committee is meeting in person on October 9 to work on more detailed information for the upcoming Equine Connection Weekend Clinic. The MQ group met a few days ago via Zoom to prepare for the face to face. More information should be available soon.

CONVENTION: Nicole Veldhoff, Kris Woroniecki and Heather Bielecki met and toured two properties in Grand Rapids for the 2027 Convention. The Sheraton seemed to be a good fit for the MQHA group and some of the specifics were shared with the Board. Kevin Cubitt made a motion that the Convention be held at the Sheraton in Grand Rapids for January of 2027. Kelly Nichols seconded the motion. Motion carried with no objection.

FACEBOOK/WEBSITE: Heather Boggetta said she was working on posting video from Futurity to the MQHA Facebook page.

FUTURITY: Chris Perniciaro reported that he was happy with the way the event went. It was a lot of work. The Committee will meet soon and go over things and see what improvements can be made for 2026. Kris stated that the event paid back more than \$140,000 this year.

HALL OF FAME: Kevin Cubitt stated that the committee has finalized the horse after working through about three years of nominations.

HARVEST CLASSIC: Heather Boggetta stated that the Harvest Committee will meet via Zoom tonight following the Board meeting. Everything appears to be going forward on schedule.

MEMBERSHIP: Heather Boggetta and Venessa Knoblock were working on videos from Futurity. Heather has posted a few on the Facebook page. Venessa Knoblock stated that there needs to be some more editing to get additional videos out, but the project is fun and there is interest from the exhibitors in participating. They hope to do the same type of thing for the Harvest Classic. Chris Perniciaro discussed having a newsletter that can go out to the membership. Kris Woroniecki stated that we do utilize a mass emailing program, and it could be easily done, but she would need help compiling the subjects and setting the actual newsletter up. Venessa Knoblock said she could help with the project. Offering a quarterly newsletter could be the first goal for the project.

NOMINATIONS: Kris Woroniecki reminded the Board of the upcoming elections. She asked the Directors whose terms end in January to please notify the MQHA office if they would like to be placed back on the ballot. She also asked for clarification of the Board's wishes regarding having ballots available at the November horse show. After discussion, the Board determined that they would like to encourage voting and having it available at the horse show will help to do that. With that information, a motion was made by Heather Boggetta that anyone wishing to run for a Board position needs to turn in their photo and bio/resume to the office no later than Monday, November 3 to get everything finalized and made available the following week at the show. The voting process will remain the same with voting both online and via paper ballots available to the membership. The deadline will be published on the website and on the official MQHA FB page. Kevin Cubitt seconded the motion. Motion carried with no objection. Kris also reminded the board again that the VPE letter of intent is due at this meeting and will be voted on at the next.

QUEEN: There was discussion that Queen Katie Hartman did a great job at the Futurity and was very helpful with her Queen duties. She is leaving for Congress soon and the Board wishes her the best of luck!

RULES: Kris Woroniecki reminded the Board that rule changes are due soon. Constitutional changes must be presented by the October 28 meeting since there is no November meeting, and rule changes no later than the December meeting. Kelly Nichols stated that she has one she is working on.

STALLION SERVICE SALE: – Kris Woroniecki stated that the requests for the stallion breeding donations are almost ready to be sent. There are about 135 breeding contracts to go out.

YEAR END AWARDS: Monty Montgomery has been in contact with the year end committee and they hope to meet soon to finalize ideas for the awards.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m. by unanimous consent without objection. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 28 at the MSU Pavilion, 6:30 p.m., classroom B.