

**MICHIGAN QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OCTOBER 20, 2020**

President Megan Hirschman called a Zoom meeting of the MQHA Board of Directors to order at 7:03 p.m. The following Directors and staff were present on the call: Heather Coe, Tessa Dalton, Barb Foster, Sasha Glover, Austin Gooding, Megan Hirschman, Mike Huntoon, Danielle Lindsay, Monty Montgomery, Denise Morgan, Sarah Switek, Allyson Thompson, Katherine West and Kris Woroniecki. Past President, Kathy Christensen was also in attendance.

President Megan Hirschman explained that the purpose of this special meeting was to discuss 2021 and the status of the Association due to the ongoing COVID pandemic.

In 2020, the Harbor Classic was the first event for the Association due to the ongoing protocols for Covid which included social distancing. The Harbor was well attended with close to 500 stalls sold. Megan discussed policy regarding stall and camping reservations and ideas that would help support the office. It was agreed that reservation with payment, adhering to cancellation dates and other similar issues need to be solidified. The committee, staff and board worked hard to accommodate the large number of reservations taken this year. The size of the events needs to be taken into consideration considering the limitations of the venues that are available. All of this will be discussed further at another time.

The Convention was discussed. It is likely that the Board will go to a one-day event. During this day, the annual membership meeting and the stallion service sale will be held. It is hoped that there can be some member recognition. This will be determined once the financial status of the Association is reviewed after the financial statements from September and October can be finalized. There will need to be contingencies if we are not allowed to gather with the ongoing pandemic. A Zoom option will be explored as well. Mike Huntoon made a motion that we purchase a zoom meeting package for MQHA. Austin Gooding seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed. Kris will cancel the phone conference calling subscription that we currently have.

Ballot counting will be done in person with a designated group of people regardless of the status of the meeting type. The Convention committee is looking at January 9, 2021.

Tack sale – the mailing will go out to the participants. The information will include a statement that checks won't be cashed, nor the credit cards run, until it is determined if we will be able to host the event.

Easter Show and Spartan Spectacular – there is concern about being able to run these two shows. We don't have many options for locations. Kris will contact Midland and Mason to see if there are possibly any open dates at all if we have to reschedule. Other options will be explored for the events should MSU remain closed.

Megan reminded the Board that help is needed at the shows and we need Board members to step up whenever possible.

Ballots need to go out soon. To date, we have two directors who are going to run again. We have interest from two additional people.

Hall of Fame – Mike Huntoon made a motion that we do not select Hall of Fame Inductees this year due to the unusual circumstances with the pandemic, and the unknown status of the annual meeting and dinner. Sasha Glover seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

Kris reminded the board that the AQHA applications and showbills for 2021 need to be submitted to AQHA at least 120 days prior to the event.

Megan Hirschman thanked the Board for their participation all year and for doing their best to serve the membership.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. by unanimous consent without objection.