

MICHIGAN QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION
Meeting of the Board of Directors
November 10, 2022

President Barb Foster called a zoom meeting of the MQHA Board of Directors to order at 8:04 p.m. The following Directors and staff were present on the call: Meggen Baynes, Jennifer Bluhm, Heather Coe, Kevin Cubitt, Barb Foster, Sasha Glover, Megan Hirschman, Rob Kirkpatrick, Monty Montgomery, Chris Perniciaro, and Kris Woroniecki. Austin Gooding and Sarah Switek were excused. Also on the call were Chris Baldwin, Jacque Moody and Jeff Moody.

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

REVIEW OF MINUTES: Megan Hirschman made a motion to approve the September 6, 2022, minutes. Jennifer Bluhm seconded. Motion passed with none opposed.

REVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Rob Kirkpatrick presented the financial statements for August. The total assets of the Association as of August 31, 2022, are listed at \$664,278.53; the total liabilities at \$240,672.31 and the total members' equity is listed at \$423,606.22. The net income as of the end of August is listed at \$131,414.62 compared to \$83,446.31 for the same period in 2021. Megan Hirschman made a motion to accept the August 2022 statement. Kevin Cubitt seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

Rob Kirkpatrick presented the financial statements for September. The total assets of the Association as of September 30, 2022, are listed at \$675,430.22; the total liabilities at \$236,748.83 and the total members' equity is listed at \$438,681.39. The net income as of the end of September is listed at \$146,489.79 compared to \$90,687.13 for the same period in 2021. Megan Hirschman made a motion to accept the September 2022 statement. Jennifer Bluhm seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

Rob Kirkpatrick presented the financial statements for October. The total assets of the Association as of October 31, 2022, are listed at \$594,114.92; the total liabilities at \$190,445.37 and the total members' equity is listed at \$403,669.55. The net income as of the end of October is listed at \$111,477.95 compared to \$77,264.72 for the same period in 2021. Megan Hirschman made a motion to accept the October 2022 statement. Monty Montgomery seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Rob Kirkpatrick presented the checks written report for August 2022. There were checks written totaling \$58,113.06 for the month. Megan Hirschman made a motion to approve the August 2022 check detail report. Kevin Cubitt seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed. Rob Kirkpatrick then presented the checks written report for September 2022. There were checks written totaling \$104,910.96 for the month. Rob Kirkpatrick made a motion to approve the September 2022 check detail report. Megan Hirschman seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed. Rob Kirkpatrick presented the checks written report for October 2022. There were checks written totaling \$104,532.50 for the month. Monty Montgomery made a motion to approve the October 2022 check detail report. Rob Kirkpatrick seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: President Barb Foster attended Equine Legislative Day which she will report later in the meeting.

VICE PRESIDENT REPORT: Vice President Coe mentioned that she needs to set up the Board meeting calendar for 2023. She requested that the board email her if they have any known conflicts with specific days of the week as well as reviewing their availability of Saturdays during February.

OFFICE REPORT: Kris Woroniecki stated that the MQHA office has been busy. The Futurity committee has met twice since the show and the event has been wrapped up with a profit and loss that Chris Perniciaro will discuss in committee reports. The Futurity checks were mailed out within a few weeks of the show. She heard positive comments about having both TNT and Kris on site during the Futurity. TNT commented to her that they thought it had gone well also. The Convention location came down to two properties, one in Lansing and one in Battle Creek. FireKeepers Casino Hotel in Battle Creek was toured and the decision was made to move forward with that venue. A location for the 2023 Stallion Service Sale has been secured. The 2023 stallion service sale contracts and

information sheets have been sent out. There have been more than 30 returned to the office. The tack sale information was finished and sent out and more than 40 reservations have been sent in. The ballots were prepared for the upcoming election. The letters requesting mare nominations will go out in the next few days. There was a lot of bookkeeping in October with the end of the quarter and a couple months of entries for the bookkeeper to make.

Kris brought up an email from a member - *"I would like to make a suggestion for the 2023 show season. With ranch trail and ranch rail requiring us to qualify for the world shows, is there a way to add these classes to the Ludington show bills. You could replace the reining at the Ludington and Lansing shows. Footing in these 2 arenas are not favorable for reining."* The board agreed that this would be discussed by the show committees.

Kris also shared with the Board an email from a company - *"Silas from Shine N Go Detailing here. I am interested in a sponsorship opportunity for you. We are a detailing company located in Zeeland Mi. We have been doing a lot of horse trailers lately and a lot of people say they can't find anyone that washes them. So next spring we will be starting Mobile Detailing, and we would like to get into some shows to do some mobile washing at events. We've been around for about 8 years so mobile detailing will be a change, but we are doing a couple shows next year and would like to get into some more. So wondering if you would be interested in Shine N Go coming to some shows to do some washing and waxing. I think there is quite a demand for it, so that's why we're willing to do a sponsorship so that its worth your time as well."* Megan Hirschman made a motion to allow them to come if they pay a vendor fee. Monty Montgomery seconded the motion. Motion carried. Megan suggested especially the earlier shows.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CLINICS: Jennifer Bluhm reported that she has the mugs that Megan donated, and she has the thank you notes. She will do the same thing for next year. She is going to reach out to clinicians for next year by the end of this year.

CONVENTION: Sasha Glover discussed the FireKeepers Casino Hotel in Battle Creek. We are currently working on a contract, so nothing has been signed, but we have verbally committed to January 20 and January 21 there. The basic details were reviewed with the Board. FireKeepers rooms are a bit more expensive at \$232 but we have secured a block of rooms at a sister property, Quality Inn for \$120 a night. This hotel runs a shuttle between the casino and the Quality Inn. The Committee hasn't chosen the menu yet and there was a discussion about ensuring the food be hot and whether a plated dinner or a buffet dinner would be best. We were assured that the plated dinners would be served hot as long as we adhered to our predetermined serving time.

EASTER SHOW: Monty Montgomery stated he has been in contact with the MQHA office regarding the showbill for the April show. It will be finalized by the first of next month.

FINANCE: Rob Kirkpatrick requested input from the Board about developing policy to cover expenses at the show. We closed the debit card connected to the special event checking account which is the account on site at the shows.

FUTURITY: Chris Perniciaro reported that the Futurity went very well. The main and south barns stalls sold out as well as all of the camping. The event paid out over \$81,900 in paybacks for a four-day show. The payout last year was \$70,700. It was a really good show and people seemed happy. Chris stated that he has some new sponsors on board for next year already. Kris Woroniecki added that we sold 413 stalls, up 64 from 2021. AQHA entries were over 4000 and there were 700 NSBA entries.

HALL OF FAME: Kevin Cubitt stated that the committee is working on the presentation for both the horse and the person. They are also discussing some ideas on the Hall of Fame award.

HARVEST CLASSIC: Barb Foster said that there were 200 stalls sold. The Youth activity during the show went well. Class entries were up. The staff did a great job. Kevin Cubitt added that there was an issue that happened prior to the western riding. There was a communication error, and the western riders didn't get a warmup. People were upset. Kevin explained that there was a block of time that the judges had taken a break and left the arena. During that time, it took a while to take down the fencing that had been used. The arena was then drug and then the pattern was set. The judges arrived shortly after the horses were allowed back in the arena and did not understand that the riders had not had any time on course. Kevin said that he felt bad about the whole issue.

NOMINATIONS: Megan Hirschman remarked that we have a final slate of nine candidates with one of the largest turnouts of potential board members vying for three open spots. There was discussion about how to handle the election. Kevin Cubitt made a motion to accept the process listed below. Sasha Glover seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

- Ballots received – if there are duplicate votes for a member, the first vote is the only one that counts.
- Review all ballots at the office to confirm membership numbers prior to Convention
- Rob Kirkpatrick or Megan Hirschman will put all membership id numbers into a document to ensure that people know their vote was recorded.
- Put Cognito form, announcement and board member bios on the website and on FaceBook. Rob & Megan will be granted access to the form
- All members will also be mailed an envelope which will include a ballot, description of the candidates and a self-addressed envelope. Convention information will also be included.
- The same process will apply with the youth ballots.

RULES & CONSTITUTION: Chris Perniciaro made a motion to approve the following Futurity rule changes for 2023. Kevin Cubitt seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

SECTION 1 – MQHA FUTURITY

GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. All entries are eligible provided the entry is registered with a breed association that is recognized by the NSBA or WCHA.
2. All owners of record, open and non-pro/~~amateur~~ exhibitors must be members in good standing of MQHA and their breed's registry.

A. Any person on suspension or otherwise denied privileges from MQHA will be ineligible to exhibit or have horses exhibited at the Futurity if the Futurity is held during the specified dates of said suspension. All horses which are recorded in the name of such person, or owned in whole or part by such person, are not eligible to participate in said Futurity.

B. Any horse on suspension from MQHA will be ineligible to be exhibited at the Futurity if the Futurity is held during the specified dates of said suspension.

C. Any violation of NSBA or WCHA rules, which the Michigan Quarter Horse Futurity adheres to, could result in the following: 1) forfeiture of all monies and awards and 2) the exhibitor of the entry could be ineligible for exhibiting horses in the following year's Futurity.

3. Weanlings: Weanlings may be shown at halter as follows: open and/or non-pro fillies; and open and/or non-pro stallions or geldings.

A. The weanling classes will follow WCHA rules.

4. Yearlings: Yearlings may be shown in open western longe line, open HUS prospect longe line and/or non-pro-western/hus combined yearling longe line. The horse should be judged with its suitability as a future performer under saddle in mind. This class should define what it means to be a "western pleasure prospect" or "hunter under saddle prospect". Because these are yearlings, they are not expected to demonstrate the behavior or quality of a finished show horse, but only that performance necessary for a reasonable presentation to the judge.

A. The MQHA will follow NSBA yearling longe line rules.

B. A horse may not be shown in both the open western longe line and the open HUS prospect longe line.

CLASS ENTRY REQUIREMENTS AND FEES

5. To enter a horse in an open and/or non-pro halter or performance class at the Futurity, the following conditions must be complied with:

A. A weanling must be eligible to be registered with a breed association that is recognized by the WCHA. All horses must be registered with respective breed association to enter the arena. ~~No pending papers will be accepted.~~ **Payback checks will not be issued until registration papers are received by the MQHA office.** Please send a copy of registration papers as soon as papers are processed by breed registries.

B. Weanling sire and dam information, as well as the foal's date of birth must be included with original weanling entry.

C. ~~If a junior division is offered for weanlings, foals born January 1 through March 15 will and later be considered senior and foals born March 16~~ **Foals born March 1 and later will be eligible for the junior division, if offered.**

D. Horses entered in a Non Pro class must ~~provide registration papers showing the horse is~~ **be** owned by the exhibitor or a family member per breed registry rules.

E. Yearlings and older must be registered with the appropriate breed association. A copy of the registration papers must accompany the payment of fees.

F. All horses two and older may be shown in performance classes in open and/or non pro. All riding classes will follow NSBA rules.

G. If an entry is gelded, it is the owner's responsibility to notify the Futurity office in writing no later than check-in at the Futurity.

H. The Michigan Quarter Horse Futurity will be shown each year at such place as may be designated by the Board of Directors.

I. All classes will be judged by a qualified judge or judges.

J. All fees and due dates will be published on the MQHA website.

6. Each class entry fee is a one-time payment, with the fee progressively greater based on postmark date. The class entry fee schedule is published on the MQHA Website.

7. All owners of record, open and non-pro exhibitors must be members of MQHA or pay the appropriate membership fee.

A. ~~Amateur~~ **Non Pro** exhibitor status will be determined according to current respective breed association rules. All amateurs/non-pros must submit a copy of the amateur/non-pro card with the entry or prior to the class showing.

B. All exhibitors must be declared at least one class prior to the start of their class. Exhibitors in the first class of the day must be declared at least one-half (1/2) hour prior to the start of the show day.

8. All payments to the Futurity must be made to the Michigan Quarter Horse office. Canadian entrants must make payments payable in U.S. funds. Entries will not be accepted by telephone. Entries may be faxed or emailed to the MQHA Office if accompanied by a Visa, MasterCard, Amex or Discover number.

REFUNDS

9. No entry is liable for more than the amount paid in, but there will be no return of a payment unless the showing of the Futurity is called off in any and all divisions. The right is reserved to reject an entry, and to bar any entry from competition for failure to comply with the conditions of the Futurity.

10. In the event of the death of a Futurity horse prior to the Futurity, a refund will be allowed. The MQHA office must be notified in writing and a death certificate from a veterinarian must be submitted within 30 days of the horse's death.

NON-SUFFICIENT FUNDS

11. Any entry whose payment of fees is returned by the bank for non-sufficient funds, a declined credit card or any other reason will be assessed late/penalty fees. Such entry will be ineligible to show until all such fees have been paid by cash, certified check, credit card or money order. Payment in full must be received by the day of the Futurity.

PRIZE FUND

12. The value of the prize fund of the Futurity each year will be the total amount of money paid in entry fees, less 20%.

13. The payback format used in all open & non-pro classes will be based on the number of horses entered. (SEE CHART)

14. Any money remaining from the operating fund after expenses will be included in the following year's operating fund.

15. Six ribbons will be awarded per class for all MQHBF classes.

16. Tie-breaker system: All placings will be determined on a point system.

A. In the event there is a tie for first place, the following rules will be in effect: Prize monies for the tied entries will be added together and divided equally. The entries will be listed in the official results as tied and will receive equal publicity. Only one award will be given. The recipients of the first place award will be determined by the use of a tie breaker judge. All tied first place winners will receive first place ribbons.

B. In the event there is a tie for any placing other than first, the following rules will be in effect: Prize monies for the tied entries will be added together and divided equally. The entries will be listed in the official results as tied. The recipient of the ribbon for the tied placing will be determined by the use of a tie breaker judge.

C. An additional two horses will be placed beyond horses paid in each class.

SSS Payback Percentages 2 Year Old only					
Number of Paid Entries					
	1	2	3	4	5
# of Places	1	2	3	4	5
% Paid	\$2000	\$2000	\$2000	\$1750	\$1600
		\$1750	\$1750	\$1500	\$1400
			\$1500	\$1250	\$1000
				\$750	\$750
					\$500
			5250	5250	5250

POST ENTRIES

17. A post entry shall be defined as an entry made during the Futurity. Post entries will be accepted at the Futurity accompanied by the appropriate fees under the following conditions:

- A. Once the in-gate opens for a class, no more post entries will be allowed for that class.
- B. Once the gate is open, only those whose back number appears on the recorder sheet shall be allowed to enter the ring.

DISPUTED ENTRIES

18. In the case that a back number is not present on the gate sheet, the entry will be allowed to show to allow time for verification of entry. If the entry is deemed ineligible for any reason, including class criteria, class not entered, non-sufficient funds, etc., the placing and any potential money earned by the ineligible entry will be forfeited and all other entries moved up one placing.

- A. It shall be the owner's responsibility to verify the accuracy of all entry information and to notify the MQHA office immediately if any corrections are necessary in the published list of entries.

JUDGING, EXHIBITING, EQUIPMENT AND ARTIFICIAL APPLIANCES

19. Judging begins when the gate is closed. The in-gate will not be re-opened once judging has begun.

- A. Failure by exhibitor to wear correct number(s) in a visible manner shall result in disqualification.
- B. Draws: Weanlings will enter the arena and be lined up according to foaling date with the youngest horse first.
- C. Riding classes will be split at the discretion of the show management.
- D. The Futurity Committee follows all NSBA/WCHA rules and regulations for showing horses, including weanlings. Further, the Futurity show manager reserves the right to do a random check in all classes for artificial devices or equipment. If there are any violations discovered, it shall be reported to NSBA/WCHA for further action.

DRUG TESTING

20. All horses exhibited at this event are subject to the current testing rules and regulations. **The MQ Futurity Board will follow NSBA/WCHA drug testing guidelines.** (moved here from below)

- A. Every exhibitor at the Michigan Quarter Horse Breeders' Futurity shall upon request permit a specimen of urine, saliva, blood or other substance to be taken for testing. Refusal to comply with such request shall constitute grounds for immediate disqualification of the animal from further participation at the show and forfeiture of all awards earned by that animal.
- B. Any person entering the arena with a horse for the purpose of having his/her horse judged shall be deemed to have given his or her consent to have said horse submit to testing.
- C. If a positive drug test occurs at the MQHA Futurity, it will result in forfeiture of all monies and awards earned by that horse and owner/exhibitor in that current year's Futurity.

SECTION 2 - MQHA STALLION SERVICE AUCTION & FUTURITY

21. THE CONCEPT:

- A. To provide a select, direct entry Futurity for the benefit and promotion of both stallions and mares through participation in this Futurity.
- B. To develop a high-money Futurity funded by the sale of donated stallion services.
- C. This Futurity will be known as the MQHA Stallion Service Sale Futurity. It is only for foals resulting from the Stallion Service Sale. ~~Classes offered are: weanling halter, yearling longe line, two-year-old snaffle bit, and three-year-old hunter under saddle. The MQHA Stallion Service Sale Futurity is completely separate and different from the regular MQHA Futurity. (removing this because it repeats in 24G)~~
- D. All foals showing in the Stallion Service Sale Futurity (mare owners and stallion owners) must be eligible to be registered with a known breed association.

22. THE PROCEDURE:

- A. The MQHA Stallion Service Sale Futurity **Classes** will be held in conjunction with the MQHA Futurity and judged by three judges. One judge can be a non-AQHA approved judge.
- B. A stallion owner will be eligible to enter a foal from the stallion he/she donates. A stallion owner may donate more than one service if he/she wishes to do so. The stallion owner (agent) shall notify MQHA in writing, **(before)** September 1st of the year shown, the choice of which entry will represent the stallion. Entries will be accepted from September **12** to the start of the class but will be subject to a late fee. The stallion owner (agent) is the owner (agent) who signed the breeding contract for the year the foal was conceived. Any conflicts will be decided by the SSS Committee. All decisions are final.
- C. ~~Proceeds of the auction will be divided as follows after expenses: 20% MQHA, 40% Stallion Owner's purse, 40% Mare Owner's purse.~~
 1. ~~Stallion Service Sale pays MQHA 20% for MQHA contribution, which provides the Stallion Service Sale/Futurity Secretary. Stallion Service Sale will pay all additional expenses directly related to the Stallion Service Sale and a percentage of expenses incurred directly at the MQHF/SSS circuit. Any expenses arising from prior sales will affect the current year's purse.~~
- D. ~~Purchase of a service must be paid for on the day of the auction cash, money order, Visa, Mastercard, Amex or a personal check will be accepted.~~
- E. September 10th is the cut-off date to purchase unsold stallion services from the MQHA Stallion Service Sale.

23. PAYBACKS:

- A. The purse structure is as follows: 32% to weanling fillies (mare owners and stallion owners), 32% to weanling colts or geldings (mare owners and stallion owners), 7% to the stallion/mare owner yearling western longe line, 7% to the stallion/mare owner yearling HUS longe line, **5%** to the stallion/mare owner 2-year-old western pleasure, **7%** to the stallion/mare owner 3 Year Old Hunter Under Saddle and **7%** to the stallion/mare owner 3 Year Old Western Pleasure. A 3% discretionary fund was established, and its use will be decided by the committee on an annual basis. It will provide for larger awards and start up paybacks. Classes with fewer than 5 entries may be run concurrently and awarded by mare owner and stallion owner division.
 1. For the weanlings, the total weanling purse will be divided equally between the four weanling classes and the paybacks will be:
 - a. (6) places for 32 or fewer entries - 30%, 24%, 18%, 12%, 9% and 7%.
 - b. More than 32 entries, the payback will go to seven (7) places - 29%, 23%, 15%, 11%, 9%, 7%, and 6%.
 - c. If there are only five (5) showing – 31%, 25%, 19%, 14% and 11%.
 - d. If there are only four (4) showing – 33%, 28%, 24% and 15%.
 2. The yearling longe line, ~~the two-year-old~~ and the three-year-old SSS classes will follow the payback chart. **The two year old SSS class will offer a fixed payback. Refer to the 2 year old payback chart. Any money remaining in the 2 year old retainment account because of the fixed paybacks, will be moved to the 3 Year Old SSS Classes. It must be used for the same sale year where the 2 year old money derived from.**
- B. In the event of a tie, the tie breaker judge will decide who receives the award and ribbon, but monies will be combined and divided equally, the tie positions shall be designated as co-position (example: two-way tie for 1st place will be designated Co-Champions of said class).
 3. **In an effort to adjust to equine industry changes and standards, the Stallion Service Sale committee reserves the right to reallocate money designated to a specific year's retainment within the classes from the same sale year. This adjustment must be approved by the MQHA Board of Directors.**

24. GENERAL RULES:

- A. The primary means of raising revenue will be an auction, to be held at the MQHA Annual Convention.
- B. Cut-off date for all Stallion Service donations will be the day of and prior to the start of the MQHA Stallion Service Sale auction.
- C. Foals from this breeding will not be automatically paid up in the regular MQHA Breeders' Futurity.
- D. Any disputed contracts will be arbitrated by the MQHA Stallion Service Sale Committee and all decisions of this committee will be final. **(moved from "E" below) Terms and conditions of the auction will apply and be strictly adhered to.**
- E. All entries of the MSSS must have the correct back number on or they will be disqualified.)
- F. A stallion's service must sell in order for the Stallion owner's foal to be eligible.
- G. There will be four **SSS** weanling halter classes **held during** at the Futurity (Mare Owner Colts/Geldings and Mare Owner Fillies, Stallion Owner Colts/Geldings, and Stallion Owner Fillies), two Yearling Longe Line classes ~~for mare owner and stallion owner entries (WP and HUS), a 2-year-old western pleasure snaffle bit classes, mare owner snaffle bit and stallion owner snaffle bit, and one two 3 year old classes (WP and HUS) a 3-year old hunter under saddle class~~ **which will be** for mare owner and stallion owner entries **only**. Retainments will determine the class purse. ~~The SSS Yearling Longe Line Hunter Under Saddle Prospect class will derive a \$1000 purse out of the discretionary fund and will be distributed using the payback chart.~~

25. SSS CLASS FORMAT:

- A. The Stallion Service Sale Weanling halter classes will follow current WCHA rules.
 - 1. The weanling mare owner class entry must be out of the mare declared during the breeding year one year prior, or the result of a rebreed the following year. The mare owner is allowed a free entry.
 - 2. The weanling stallion owner class entry is an entry by a stallion donated one year prior and declared by the stallion owner (agent) that signed the breeding contract. The stallion owner is allowed a free entry.
 - 3. All weanlings that are eligible for the weanling halter classes must declare their intent to show in the respective class by sending in the entry form **prior to** ~~by~~ September 1st. Entries will be accepted **until** ~~from~~ ~~September 2nd~~ to the start of the class but will be subject to a late fee.
- B. The Stallion Service Sale Yearling Western Longe Line and Yearling Hunter Under Saddle Prospect Longe Line Class will follow current NSBA Longe Line rules.
 - 1. The yearling longe line mare owner entry must be out of the mare declared during the breeding year two years previously, or the result of a rebreed the following year. The mare owner is allowed a free entry.
 - 2. The stallion owner yearling longe line entry is an entry by a stallion donated two years previously and declared by the stallion owner (agent) that signed the breeding contract. The stallion owner is allowed a free entry in **each of the HUS and WP yearling longe line classes.**
 - 3. All yearlings that are eligible for the yearling longe line must declare their intent to show in the respective class by sending in the entry form by **September 1st**. Entries will be accepted from **September 2nd** to the start of the class but will be subject to a late fee.
 - 4. A horse may not be shown in both the western longe line and the hunter under saddle prospect longe line.
- C. The Stallion Service Sale 2 year-old western pleasure will follow NSBA rules.
 - 1. The two year old mare owner snaffle bit entry must be out of the mare declared during the breeding year three years previously, or the result of a rebreed the following year.
 - 2. The two year-old stallion owner snaffle bit entry is an entry by a stallion donated three years previously and declared by the stallion owner (agent) that signed the breeding contract. The stallion owner is allowed a free entry.
 - 3. All two year olds that are eligible for the MSSS snaffle bit classes must declare their intent to show in the respective class by sending in the entry form by **September 1st**. Entries will be accepted from September 2nd to the start of the class but will be subject to a late fee.
- D. Three Year Old Hunter Under Saddle **and Three Year Old WP** will follow NSBA rules.
 - 1. One class for all mare owner and stallion owner entries will be offered **in each the HUS and WP classes.**
 - 2. The ~~three year old hunter under saddle~~ mare owner entry must be out of the mare declared during the breeding year four years previously, or the result of a rebreed the following year.
 - 3. The ~~three year old hunter under saddle~~ stallion owner entry is an entry by a stallion donated four years previously and declared by the stallion owner (agent) that signed the breeding contract. The stallion owner is allowed a free entry **in each of the HUS and WP 3 Year Old classes.**

4. All three year-olds that are eligible for the SSS 3 YO ~~HUS~~ class must declare their intent to show by sending in the entry form by **September 1st**. Entries will be accepted **from September 2nd** to the start of the class but will be subject to a late fee.

E. All yearlings, two year-olds and three year-olds must show registration papers on the day of the futurity or ~~mail~~ **submit** a copy with the entry. Late entries must show registration papers upon making entry.

F. Stallion owners may show any of their stallion's get (as long as the foal is eligible or already registered with a known breed association).

1. In the event a Stallion owner wishes to give another person authorization to exhibit an entry by their stallion in the appropriate stallion owner class, a letter of authorization must be sent to the Michigan Quarter Horse Association office. No exhibitor will be allowed to show in stallion owner classes without an authorization letter. 25% of money earned will be returned to the stallion owner unless otherwise **indicated** ~~authorized~~.

G. If a mare owner sells his/her horse, the eligibility goes along with the horse.

H. Bids for all stallions in the MQHA Stallion Service Sale Auction will start at sixty (60%) percent of their advertised breeding fee or a minimum of \$400.00. ~~Mail in bids~~ **Breedings sold after the close of the auction** will be ~~sold~~ available at 60% ~~or highest bid over 60%~~ **of the original breeding fee or a minimum of \$400.00**. There will be an additional \$25 office fee added to each transaction for each stallion sold.

I. ~~All entries of the MSSS must have the correct back number on or they will be disqualified.~~

Megan Hirschman discussed the term "Member in good standing". Sasha Glover made a motion that the Board move into executive session. Rob Kirkpatrick seconded the motion. Motion passed with no opposition. Megan Hirschman made a motion to come out of executive session. Rob Kirkpatrick seconded the motion. No further discussion took place.

STALLION SERVICE SALE: Chris Perniciaro, Austin Gooding, Heather and Kris have been working on the Stallion Service Sale. Austin and Heather will be discussing the possibility of doing part of the auction on the online auction platform. Chris stated that the committee is working hard to keep the contracts rolling in.

SUMMER SERIES: Meggen Baynes went through the profit and loss for the 2022 show. The statement was delayed waiting on a final bill for services. There were 228 stalls sold, 3385 AQHA entries and 462 NSBA entries. The show was down from 2021 but was still well attended.

YEAR END AWARDS: Monty Montgomery stated that the committee has determined the high points and reserve high points as well as some of the first place items. They are working to order items.

YOUTH: Youth Advisor, Sasha Glover was excited to reiterate that the Michigan Quarter Horse Youth team won the NYATT competition for the first time that anyone can recall. He also said that the MSBA team did a great job. He thanked everyone who supported the NYATT competition, the parents who really stepped up and he then thanked MSBA for their partnership. **Sasha did mention that there was a shipping issue for the NYATT shirts so the team had to purchase shirts onsite at Congress.**

Sasha also said that the changes for the Letters of Intent will be worked on. There is a need to add 13 and under classes since the AQHA Youth World Show is offering 13 and under. AQHA has also increased the number of entries allowed by the affiliate so that may necessitate the need for additional changes in the Letter of Intent for the WST.

The Youth ballot is being completed. The Youth officers will be elected at the Convention. Sasha has been talking with the kids to see who is interested in running for officer positions. There was a parent walk-trot class at the Harvest Classic and the kids made about \$600.

Sasha also mentioned that AQHA is offering a rebate to the affiliate on youth membership. Any AQHA youth renewals can use a promo code and for every youth membership renewed with code, the affiliate will get \$5 back.

OLD BUSINESS:

Equine Legislative Day recap – Barb Foster attended the event on September 21 at the Capital but said there was very little traffic. She isn't sure it was worthwhile being there. The Legislators were in session.

Kris Woroniecki added that Trish Steele (on behalf of the Midland County Fairgrounds) and Dr. John Schut (on behalf of the Grand Agricultural Center of West Michigan) were presented an Equine Facilities Leadership Award for the work they have done in promoting these projects for the benefit of the equine communities. Kris also

reiterated that the purpose of attending the event was to show support for the equine industry in the State of Michigan. We are the largest breed affiliate in the state.

Lowell update – Kris Woroniecki reported on the Grand Agricultural Center of West Michigan. The sitework began in July and considerable progress has been made. The building pad is near completion for the phase 2 priority buildings that will get the Kent County Fair onsite for 2023. They expect the first horse barn construction to begin in December, weather permitting. They have also met their goal for the phase 2 fundraising and will be kicking off phase 3 in the new year. They are waiting on the announcement of potential county funding which will bring into focus the next phase of building priorities. The KCYAA board will be updating the map and it should be available for the MQHA meeting in December.

NEW BUSINESS: None

The meeting was adjourned at 10:46 p.m. by unanimous consent without objection. *The next meeting will be Wednesday, December 14, at the MSU Pavilion, Classroom A.*

On Monday, October 3 there was email correspondence regarding an upcoming event. With no October meeting, the Board moved forward with discussion via email. Meggen Baynes made a motion that MQHYA contribute \$500 toward the Top Gold Youth Event which will be held during the QH Congress. Chris Perniciaro seconded the motion. All Directors returned votes in favor of the motion. Motion passed.