

**MICHIGAN QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION**  
**Meeting of the Board of Directors**  
**November 12, 2019**

President Kathy Christensen called a meeting of the MQHA Board of Directors to order at 7:03 p.m. at the MSU Pavilion, Classroom A. The following Directors and staff were present: Kathy Christensen, Barb Foster, Sasha Glover, Megan Hirschman, Danielle Lindsay, Monty Montgomery, Denise Morgan, Allyson Thompson and Kris Woroniecki. Heather Coe, Austin Gooding, Mike Huntoon and Rob Kirkpatrick were excused. Huntoon participated via phone without voting rights.

**AGENDA:** Megan Hirschman made a motion to approve the agenda. Denise Morgan seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

**REVIEW OF MINUTES:** Monty Montgomery made a motion to approve the September 4, 2019 Board of Director minutes. Danielle Lindsay seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

**REVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT:** Megan Hirschman reviewed the August 2019 statement. The total assets of the Association as of August 31, 2019 are listed at \$555,741.85 the total liabilities at \$130,625.12 and the total members' equity is listed at \$425,116.73. The net income as of the end of August is listed at \$106,844.46 compared to \$127,669.56 for the same period in 2018. Danielle Lindsay made a motion to approve the August 2019 statement. Monty Montgomery seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

Megan Hirschman reviewed the September 2019 statement. The total assets of the Association as of September 30, 2019 are listed at \$554,625.48; the total liabilities at \$128,043.12 and the total members' equity is listed at \$426,582.36. The net income as of the end of September is listed at \$108,310.09 compared to \$122,277.46 for the same period in 2018. Barb Foster made a motion to approve the September 2019 statement. Danielle Lindsay seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

Megan Hirschman reviewed the October 2019 statement. The total assets of the Association as of October 31, 2019 are listed at \$485,978.21; the total liabilities at \$81,794.85 and the total members' equity is listed at \$404,183.36. The net income as of the end of September is listed at \$85,911.09 compared to \$108,190.71 for the same period in 2018. It was then explained that there was an error on the statement and that the income is understated by \$13,724 which has to do with a liability account that should have zeroed out once the Futurity was paid out. Barb Foster made a motion to approve the October statement with the correction discussed. Allyson Thompson seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Kris Woroniecki presented the checks written report for August 2019. There were checks written totaling \$31,773.80 for the month. Barb Foster made a motion to approve the August check detail report. Denise Morgan seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed. Kris Woroniecki presented the checks written report for September 2019. There were checks written totaling \$162,148.36 for the month. Monty Montgomery made a motion to approve the September check detail report. Denise Morgan seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed. Kris Woroniecki presented the checks written report for October 2019. There were checks written totaling \$107,518.25 for the month. Barb Foster made a motion to approve the October check detail report. Danielle Lindsay seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

**OFFICE REPORT:**

2020 Show Calendar – the tentative calendar was shared with the Board. The dates are pending approval from AQHA. The calendar will be updated once AQHA has responded to the requests made.

Office move – Kris explained that the MQHA office has a new location. It is about four miles from where it was before. The old office building sold. The new physical address is: 14633 Lincoln Lake Ave. NE, Gowen 49326. The PO Box remains the same. The fax number has changed, and the new fax line is: 616-200-5491. The website will be corrected with the new physical address once the google listing update has been approved.

Prepaid Horse Show Season (PPHS)- Kris asked the Board what they wanted to do with the PPHS for 2020. There was discussion that there has been no increase in cost for three years. Megan Hirschman made a motion to increase the cost of the yearly program from \$1750 to \$1800. Danielle Lindsay seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed. This increase equates to just a few dollars increase per judge for the season.

Credit Card Processing – Kris and Megan explained that we have changed the processing company that handles the credit card transactions. We are still working through Fifth Third Bank but are now on Swipe Simple which will allow us to swipe cards on the cell phone if we are away from the office. It also allows more detail on the receipts when we are running cards in the MQHA office. It should eliminate some of the fees we were being charged and will give us a better rate on the transactions, which continued to increase. It will be a few months before we are able to really compare and see what it is costing us to process the cards, but we are hopeful that we will not need to increase any fees to the membership for the foreseeable future.

Nominations – Kris Woroniecki stated that there are two people on the ballot for the Board of Directors. Tessa Dalton and Sarah Switek have indicated their intention to run for the Board for one open position.

The Year End Awards letters will be sent once we get confirmation from AQHA on the status of an exhibitor. The process is being held up as the exhibitor eligibility will affect several classes. It is hoped that this can get finalized within the week and the letters can be sent to the membership. Monty, Stacy Montgomery and Danielle Lindsay are working on the preliminary list of awards that will be ordered.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**CLINICS/OTHER:** *Allyson Thompson presented her report:*

*Tessa & Christopher Dalton will be clinicians for the showmanship and horsemanship portions of the clinic. Taylor Fabus has arranged to pay them. The format will begin with the presenter and then go to practice groups with the youth mentors and the presenter moving from group to group making comments over the microphone. They would like to end the session with a competition. Allyson suggested MQHA donate something for the competition prize.*

*There will be volunteer sessions. Mike Huntoon will present on halter and Meggen Morrow Baynes will present on braiding. Allyson will get with Taylor to determine how many youth mentors might be needed.*

*If the board thinks we might offer another clinic at Harbor, a suggestion box might be a good idea or possibly posting a notice on FB for member input.*

**CONVENTION:** *Heather Coe submitted her report:*

*We had a conference call Sunday evening. Good progress was made. We are on track with the Comfort Inn. Reviewing the schedule and flyer that will be sent out in next couple of weeks. Logo is also in progress. We are currently reviewing room rates and dinner rates. The dinner choices will remain the same. Planning on the Cocktail hour Friday and hoping to add some live music. Enter to win a back number at the Cocktail hour. Must be present to win. Numbers drawn will be determined with number of people present. Working on glass prices and other items to go on the table at the dinner. Working on clinic ideas.*

**FINANCE:** Megan Hirschman made a motion that the Vice President Elect be the Finance Director with the Vice President serving on the committee. Sasha Glover seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

**FUTURITY:** Kris reported that the Futurity financial report would be given next month since the error that was found earlier directly affects the report. The event appears to have done as well as last year even with the increase in the added money for the Futurity classes.

**HARBOR CLASSIC:** Barb Foster presented the financial report for the Harbor Classic. There was a total of 6,570 AQHA entries and 478 NSBA entries. We were up 51 stalls, 12 campers and 126 total AQHA entries. The expenses were up by \$20,000 with the changes made this year, including the addition of the exhibitor party back into the budget. The overall income will be about what it has been over the past few years.

**HARVEST CLASSIC:** Danielle Lindsay presented the financial report for the Harvest Classic. The format of the show changed from four judges to three judges. There were 18 more stalls and total entries of 2,826 which was down from last year, however, if the fourth judge was added back, the entries would have increased. The overall income was down a little over \$2,000 from last year. The show was well attended. It will move to November for 2020 and 2021.

**QUEEN:** *Kathy Christensen submitted a written report:*

*I had a great time attending Congress last month. I had tickets to Freestyle Reining, and brought my 10- year old niece, Aliyah to watch this and see the Queen crowning. We shopped for the 2020 MQHA Queen Contest and took pictures of Kate during the events that weekend. Kate was very beautiful, as she always is! Kate placed 6<sup>th</sup> in the Interview, and 7<sup>th</sup> on the Test. Her horse didn't want to turn to the right, so she didn't place in horsemanship. After Freestyle Reining, Val Pol and Smith Horse Company hosted a Queen Party for Kate in the Adequan barn. Abby Kunzleman was GLQHA Queen this year and did compete in the Queen Contest. She did not place in any of the categories. I heard from Kate that this year's test had questions about the OQHA website, and the AQHA website. I will remember to recommend to the 2020 Queen to review these websites and social media before the next Congress event.*

**STALLION SERVICE SALE:** *Austin Gooding submitted his report:*

*Hello all. For the stallion service I was able to get multiple new sires into the program. Many that I think will garner quite a bit of interest (Machine Made, Heart Stoppin, The Next Detail, When In Chrome, Eazy on The Eyes). Hopefully all previous stallions involved will continue as well. Once contracts are in and stallion owners send their stud pictures in, I would like to try and promote the stallions involved on Facebook. I think they would appreciate the free advertising and should also help get more people involved in the sale.*

**YEAR END AWARDS:** Monty Montgomery stated that the committee has been busy discussing ideas for awards. They have decided against bringing saddles back for this year. Several ideas were shared, and he also requested new ideas from the Board.

**YOUTH:** The Youth Advisors met prior to the Board meeting to discuss the Letter of Intent for 2020. They are changing the deadline for both letters to be the same date to help avoid confusion. They are also working to restructure the service hours and better define what constitutes as a service hour. The NYATT teams did well, placing 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> overall.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**VICE PRESIDENT ELECT** – Barb Foster has submitted her Letter of Intent to run for the Vice President Elect position. As she is unopposed, Mike Huntoon made a motion to accept Barb Foster as the incoming VPE for 2020. Megan Hirschman seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

**TACK SALE** – Kris stated that the mailing list for the tack sale was cleaned up and almost 500 forms were sent out in early October. There are about 65 spaces reserved at this point.

**MISCONDUCT COMPLAINT** – Two complaints were received about an incident with some dogs at the Futurity. A letter will be sent to the parties involved acknowledging the situation. The owner of the dog who caused the issue will be asked to not bring the animal to a future MQHA sponsored event.

**NATIONAL DIRECTORS** – Correspondence was shared with the Board by Kris regarding the current status of our AQHA National Directors. Kelly Chapman will move up to Director at Large at the AQHA Convention in 2020. Currently our state population of Quarter Horses does not warrant filling Kelly's position as the number of directors for each state are determined by the number of horses in the state. Chris Baldwin will move up to Director at Large in a couple of years and there will be a vacancy created. An appeal has been put in place by Christa, Kelly and Ken Mumy, requesting that the numbers be reviewed considering the status of AQHA and their software. Christa explained via email, the importance of having representation at AQHA for MQHA and the show industry in general. Updates for the Board will be provided as they are received. Kathy will request additional information on the process of nominating a National Director for AQHA once a vacancy is confirmed.

**TRAIL EQUIPMENT** – The MQHA Board was informed that the trail equipment being stored at MSU has been used by other groups. We have learned that in lieu of a storage fee, MSU has allowed other shows to use our equipment when it was needed. The Board agrees that we need to purchase a trailer to store the jumps on to

prevent loss and damage to the equipment between events. The process for determining the cost and the type of trailer will move forward with a report back to the board.

**EKG SHOW MANAGEMENT** – EKG has notified MQHA that they will not be managing the MQHA shows for 2020. Kris met with them and the Executive Committee will be working to obtain quotes for show management. EKG will also submit a quote for the work that was being done outside of the show management, as well as a quote for the rental of some of the equipment that EKG owns. EKG has done a nice job for MQHA and we maintain a good relationship with them wishing them the best as their family expands.

**HALL OF FAME** - The Hall of Fame Committee has chosen the horse and have the person narrowed down to three choices. The office will be notified this week of the decision.

A motion to adjourn was made at 9:50p.m. by unanimous consent.

The next meeting is Wednesday, December 11 at 7 p.m. at the MSU Pavilion.