

**MICHIGAN QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION**  
**Meeting of the Board of Directors**  
**November 17, 2020**

President Megan Hirschman called a Zoom meeting of the MQHA Board of Directors to order at 7:00 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, Allyson Thompson and Kris Woroniecki. Denise Morgan and Sarah Switek were excused.

**AGENDA:** Sasha Glover made a motion to approve the agenda. Mike Huntoon seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

**REVIEW OF MINUTES:** Mike Huntoon made a motion to approve the September 9, 2020 Board of Director minutes. Tessa Dalton seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed. Barb Foster made a motion to approve the October 20, 2020 Special Meeting of the Board of Directors minutes. Mike Huntoon seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

**REVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT:** Barb Foster presented the financial statements. The total assets of the Association as of September 30, 2020 are listed at \$488,016.40; the total liabilities at \$135,855.62 and the total members' equity is listed at \$352,160.78. The net income as of the end of September is listed at -\$2,878.54 compared to \$123,668.48 for the same period in 2019. Mike Huntoon made a motion to accept the September 2020 statement. Austin Gooding seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

Kris Woroniecki presented the October financial statements. The total assets of the Association as of October 31, 2020 are listed at \$469,294.17; the total liabilities at \$88,208.61 and the total members' equity is listed at \$381,084.56. The net income as of the end of October is listed at \$26,045.24 compared to \$101,204.37 for the same period in 2019. Heather Coe made a motion to accept the October 2020 statement. Allyson Thompson seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Kris Woroniecki presented the checks written report for September 2020. There were checks written totaling \$69,347.59 for the month. Mike Huntoon made a motion to approve the September check detail report. Barb Foster seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed. Kris then reviewed the checks written report for October 2020. There were checks written totaling \$188,633.54 for the month. Mike Huntoon made a motion to approve the October check detail report. Tessa Dalton seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Megan Hirschman congratulated the Board on being able to cover expenses for 2020 and ending the year in the black with the pandemic still looming. She stated that a lot of the Board members have really stepped up to help. The shows we held were big and successful with good member experiences. There were a lot of extra meetings this year and she appreciated everyone's efforts to make things work under the circumstances.

**VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Mike Huntoon stated that he felt the Board did a great job. The events were successful, and everyone helped and kept positive attitudes.

**OFFICE REPORT:** Kris Woroniecki reported that the office move is complete. There is still a lot of unpacking to do and some more technology that needs to be set up, but we are in the new space and it is very comfortable so far. The Futurity checks have been mailed and should be received by now. The website is being updated as we have information to post. The Tack sale mailing is not done. Barb Foster made a motion that the tack sale be cancelled for February 2021 at the MSU Pavilion due to the ongoing pandemic. Danielle Lindsay seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed. Per this meeting, there will be a notice on the website and on FB indicating that the event is cancelled. We have sent out the SSS contracts to the stallion owners and we are receiving some back already. We will be sending out the letters to the mare owners for the 2020 sale. Those should be out within 2 weeks. The ballots and the resume/photo page need to be created. The online ballot needs to be completed to allow for voting.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**AWARDS:** Mike Huntoon made a motion that Kris, Monty and Barb will work to come up with an option to have a recognition award for the membership who showed in 2021. Austin Gooding seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

**CONVENTION:** Heather Coe stated that we would try to host a one-day event on Saturday, January 9, 2021. With the latest COVID restrictions, likely we will not be able to gather. Sasha Glover made a motion that the 2021 Convention be moved to a virtual platform unless restrictions lessen, and we are allowed to host an event in person. Heather Coe seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

**FUTURITY:** Mike Huntoon reported that although the Futurity was chaotic and stressful, it appeared to run well and people seemed to enjoy themselves. The financials are being finalized, but it looks like it is going to be profitable. He thanked everyone who stepped up to help.

**HALL OF FAME:** Mike Huntoon reminded the Board that they voted in October to not have a Hall of Fame Inductee for 2021 due to the ongoing pandemic.

**HARVEST CLASSIC:** The Harvest Classic profit and loss was reviewed. The show was up on NSBA entries, camping and stalls. It was down 183 AQHA entries. With the move to Midland due to COVID, and the change in dates, it was well attended, and people seemed to have a good time. The overall event profit was up a little more than \$2,000 from last year.

**NOMINATIONS:** There are five directors with terms expiring. There are currently four people requesting to be on the ballot. Kris reminded the Board to reach out to people to run for the Board of Directors.

**QUEEN:** Kathy Christensen explained that Queen Lily Atkinson would like to be involved if there is a virtual convention. She has had a disappointing year as there have been so few things she has been able to do as the MQHA Queen with COVID canceling most of the events. Lily did do a great job with her attendance and help at the Futurity.

**SSS:** Austin Gooding stated that he is getting a lot of interest in the 2021 Michigan Stallion Service Sale. Several contracts have come in. After the World Show ends, he expects more contracts to arrive.

**YOUTH:** Youth Advisor, Sasha Glover, stated that the Youth had a Zoom meeting a couple of weeks ago. They are moving forward and planning some projects for the upcoming months. Many of the youth will record a quick thank you for support received throughout 2020 and they will then post them. They are also working on fundraising ideas to help cover the remaining expenses for the year. One idea they had is to do an online auction. Carolyn Gornick has offered to help by offering her auction services at her company Bidding Owl. They are trying to come up with ideas and a plan. The Youth are also busy collecting names for their 2021 ballot. There is a need to get more young kids involved with the youth association.

#### **OLD BUSINESS –**

2021 Schedule of Events – Megan Hirschman explained that the Executive Committee met and discussed the show calendar. As of the meeting, there are additional days during our stay at Midland that may allow us to stretch the circuit out. There are also additional days during the Harbor Classic at Ludington. The committees are working to try to find a workable show schedule. Additional locations have been contacted, but there don't seem to be many available dates at the venues.

2021 Ballot – The final ballots will be published. Any other people interested in running for Board positions need to get their information in to the MQHA office in the next seven days.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Vice President Elect - Sasha Glover made a motion to elevate Heather Coe to Vice President Elect. Mike Huntoon seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

NSBA Approvals – Kris explained to the Board that it was likely time to increase the incentives for participating in the NSBA division of the shows. We could consider awards and high points for the divisions of the NSBA. The Board agreed.

Kent County Fairgrounds – Kris reminded the Board to submit contact information for anyone who might be interested in contributing to the new fairgrounds in Lowell. The plan shows a real equestrian venue that MQHA could benefit greatly from if it gets built.

A motion to adjourn was made at 9:00 p.m. by unanimous consent. *The final meeting of the year will be Tuesday, December 8. This will be a zoom meeting.*