

MICHIGAN QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION
Meeting of the Board of Directors
November 26, 2024

President Rob Kirkpatrick called a meeting of the MQHA Board of Directors to order at 6:32 p.m. at the MSU Pavilion, East Lansing, classroom A. The following Directors and staff were present: Linda Barnes, Heather Boggetta, Kevin Cubitt, Austin Gooding, Rob Kirkpatrick, Danielle Lindsay, Monty Montgomery, Jeff Moody, Kelly Nichols, Chris Perniciaro, Katherine West and Kris Woroniecki. Nicole Veldhoff was excused. The youth president Lizzi Smith and her mother Cyndi Smith were also present.

AGENDA: Heather Boggetta made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Jeff Moody seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

REVIEW OF MINUTES: Danielle Lindsay made a motion to approve the September 24, 2024 Board of Director minutes. Kelly Nichols seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

REVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Kevin Cubitt presented the financial statements for September 2024. The total assets of the Association as of September 30, 2024, are listed at \$705,356.15; the total liabilities at \$260,085.06 and the total members' equity is listed at \$445,271.09. The net income as of the end of September is \$138,848.99 compared to \$83,650.65 for the same period in 2023. The total income for 2024 is up 4.76% and the total expenses are down 0.86% compared to the January through September statement last year. Kelly Nichols made a motion to accept the September 2024 statement. Heather Boggetta seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

Kevin Cubitt then presented the financial statements for October 2024. The total assets of the Association as of October 31, 2024, are listed at \$585,509.70; the total liabilities at \$195,566.37 and the total members' equity is listed at \$389,943.33. The net income as of the end of October is \$83,521.23 compared to \$34,100.02 for the same period in 2023. The total income for 2024 is up 3.88% and the total expenses are down 0.89% compared to the January through October statement last year. Austin Gooding made a motion to accept the October 2024 statement. Monty Montgomery seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Kevin Cubitt presented the checks written report for September, 2024. There were checks written totaling \$133,042.72 for the month. After reviewing the checks, Danielle Lindsay made a motion to approve the September check detail report. Chris Perniciaro seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

Kevin Cubitt presented the checks written report for October, 2024. There were checks written totaling \$137,962.87 for the month. Heather Boggetta made a motion to approve the October check detail report. Kelly Nichols seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: President Kirkpatrick reported that the activities for year-end are coming along well. He encouraged the Directors, friends and family to make reservations to attend.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Vice President Perniciaro let the Board know that he and Austin Gooding will be part of the "Fit for Halter" podcast in December. They will use the opportunity to publicize the upcoming 2025 Stallion Service Sale and the Futurity in September.

OFFICE REPORT: Kris Woroniecki shared the tentative Board meeting schedule for 2025. The board agreed with the dates as presented. Kris then told the board that she needs to take the AQHA show management course again which is due every three years. Jeff Moody made a motion to approve the \$250 expense to pay for the show management in 2024 as well as having Peighton Scott take the course in 2025. Danielle Lindsay seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed. Monty Montgomery made a motion to spend up to \$1500 on a new server for the horse show office. Danielle Lindsay seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS -

CONVENTION: Linda Barnes mentioned that the Convention committee met at Firekeepers and did a food tasting. The menu was chosen. The committee is working on decorations. They are looking for good quality silent auction items reminding the Board that the auction helps offset the cost of the Convention.

FUTURITY: Jeff Moody stated that there seems to be a lot of positive discussion about the September event. The Futurity Committee is holding meeting after the Board meeting is complete.

HALL OF FAME: Kevin Cubitt stated that the final selections are done. They are now in the process of gathering information and notifying the inductees. The Hall of Fame pins were ordered from the jeweler in October.

HARVEST CLASSIC: Heather Boggetta reported on the show. It was well attended and the weather cooperated. The class sizes were good. She said that the potato bar went over well. Linda Barnes made chili for it which was new this year. The show revenue will likely be close to the same as last year because the stalls, camping and entries were similar to last year. The financial report will be out for the December meeting.

MEMBERSHIP: Linda Barnes is finishing up the letter which will go out to new AQHA members in Michigan. She is hoping we can send out a small packet of information with a few MQHA items like a sticker, key chain or similar. Our new AQHA Amateur ambassador, Jessi Jo Boulter helped at the Harvest and was excited about her new "job".

NOMINATION AND ELECTION: Rob Kirkpatrick stated that the ballots were printed and made available at the Harvest Classic per the request of the Board. The ballots are available online to print, or they can be completed electronically and submitted. He encouraged the Board and others to vote.

RULES AND CONSTITUTION: Rob Kirkpatrick reminded the board members that the constitutional changes were due at this meeting. He also reminded everyone that rule changes are due by the December meeting.

QUEEN: The Board congratulated Linda Barnes on her daughter, Audrey Barnes winning the Queen's contest horsemanship at the Congress. She placed fifth on the test which was the highest placing for a first-year contestant. Linda shared that Audrey enjoyed the experience.

YEAR END AWARDS: Monty Montgomery shared that the Committee has been working hard to get items ordered for the awards banquet. He stated that the high point and reserve high point awards are already in hand.

YOUTH: Youth Advisor, Katherine West stated that the youth will have a December meeting. Youth Advisor, Danielle Lindsay shared that the NYATT competition at the Congress went really well. There were a few bumps in the process, but everything was taken care of, the kids received their awards and seemed happy. The MQHA team ended up 3rd and the MSBA team ended up 5th. Calla Thomas won the NYATT reining. Dr Cumper and Saginaw Valley Equine sponsored the teams and provided them with their team outfits which were very nice.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Member of the Year – Chris Perniciaro made a motion that Jessi Jo Boulter be the Member of the Year. Austin Gooding seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

Complaint – The MQHA office received a complaint from an exhibitor that attended the Harvest Classic. The complaint was about someone attending the Harvest Classic who had posted videos on a social media platform. The Board discussed the complaint and a response to the complaint. Rob Kirkpatrick will compile a written response. Kelly Nichols agreed to help in the process.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m. by unanimous consent without objection. The next meeting will be Tuesday, December 17 at the MSU Pavilion, classroom A.