

MICHIGAN QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION
Meeting of the Board of Directors
November 7, 2018

Meggen Baynes called a meeting of the MQHA Board of Directors to order at 7:00 p.m. at the MSU Pavilion, Classroom B. The following Directors and staff were present: Meggen Baynes, Kathy Christensen, Barb Foster, Sasha Glover, Megan Hirschman, Mike Huntoon, Rob Kirkpatrick, Monty Montgomery, Chris Perniciaro, Allyson Thompson, Morgan Warda, Jeff West and Kris Woroniecki.

AGENDA: Megan Hirschman made a motion to approve the agenda. Chris Perniciaro seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

MEMBER COMMENT: Tom Carter and Jacque Moody addressed the board with information regarding the launch of a new scholarship program called The Michigan Equine Scholarship Fund. It is a 501 c(3) and the paperwork for the scholarship is almost complete. It was developed to help youth involved in equine programs but to be eligible they must be a member of MQHA. Tom explained that they wanted the scholarship to benefit MQHA. The Board of Directors for the scholarship will not handle applications. An outside firm has been hired to determine recipients of the money. Tom also explained that the fund is also available to children of disabled veterans involved in an equine therapy program. These applicants are not required to be part of MQHA. Tom and Jacque requested permission to speak during the Year End Banquet. Megan Hirschman made a motion that MQHA support MESC on the website and allow discussion at the Convention. Motion passed with West abstaining. The mission statement reads: The MESF is dedicated to the encouragement and investment in all qualified equine youth and/or the children of our military veterans involved in equine related therapeutic recovery, to offer access to the appropriate or desired post-secondary education, including but not limited to two and four year colleges and universities, community college and vocational and trade schools, regardless of economic circumstances.

MINUTES: Megan Hirschman made a motion to approve the September 5, 2018 Board of Director minutes as presented. Monty Montgomery seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

REVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Megan Hirschman presented the financial statement for the period ending August 2018. The total assets of the Association as of August 31, 2018 are listed at \$530,986.40; the total liabilities at \$133,972.80 and the total members' equity is listed at \$397,013.60. The net income as of the end of August is listed at \$126,077.78 compared to \$81,680.07 for the same period in 2017. Monty Montgomery made a motion to accept the August financial report as presented. Megan Hirschman seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

Megan Hirschman presented the financial statement for the period ending September 2018. The total assets of the Association as of September 30, 2018 are listed at \$500,507.98; the total liabilities at \$108,886.48 and the total members' equity is listed at \$391,621.50. The net income as of the end of September is listed at \$120,685.68 compared to \$86,014.53 for the same period in 2017. Megan Hirschman made a motion to accept the September financial report as presented. Chris Perniciaro seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

Megan Hirschman then presented the financial statement for the period ending October 2018. The total assets of the Association as of October 31, 2018 are listed at \$442,826.38; the total liabilities at \$68,800.29 and the total members' equity is listed at \$374,029.09. The net income as of the end of October is listed at \$103,093.27 compared to \$66,486.02 for the same period in 2017. Megan Hirschman made a motion to accept the October financial report as presented. Chris Perniciaro seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed. Kris Woroniecki stated that there is money remaining in the Stallion Service Sale 2-Year-Old Western Pleasure since there were no entries. After reviewing options, Chris Perniciaro made a motion to roll the money into the current year stallion service sale fund for distribution to the retainment accounts that will be set up at the end of 2018. Megan Hirschman seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

Kris reminded the Board that there are still two months of operating expenses with no additional 2018 income. There is also about \$30,000 to spend for year end awards. Megan Hirschman reminded the board of discussion about replacement of some office equipment. Megan Hirschman made a motion that MQHA purchase equipment not to exceed \$3,000. Barb Foster seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

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TREASURER'S REPORT: The August 2018 checks written report was presented by Kris Woroniecki. There were checks written totaling \$25,657.81 for the month. Megan Hirschman made a motion to approve the August checks written report. Chris Perniciaro seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed. The September 2018 checks written report was presented by Kris Woroniecki. There were checks written totaling \$117,954.52 for the month. Chris Perniciaro made a motion to approve the September checks written report. Mike Huntoon seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed. The October 2018 checks written report was presented by Kris Woroniecki. There were checks written totaling \$100,602.81 for the month. Mike Huntoon made a motion to approve the October checks written report. Barb Foster seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: President Baynes stated that the Winter Spectacular has been approved.

OFFICE REPORT:

Proposed 2019 calendar – Kris Woroniecki reviewed the proposed 2019 calendar. There are some conflicts and she will come back to the Board with some changes.

Kris shared some information from Marcia Hansen with the Ludington fairgrounds. The fair board is working to remove the footing in the main arena this fall. They will inspect and repair the limestone base. They are then going to replace the material with new washed 2NS in the spring. The fair board has also determined that there are several items in the concession that need to be updated. There have also been four bids submitted on a new barn to replace one or more of the existing barns. They are working with Standard Lumber to confirm the cost and determine if the project can be completed. Kris read a note from Patti Carter written to EKG Show Management thanking them for their efforts and complimenting them on the management of the events. Thank You notes from Team USA were shared with the Board. The team was sponsored by MQHA. Suggestion box notes were reviewed from the Great Lakes Classic/Futurity and the Harvest Classic. Kris shared information on the Honor Roll publication from last year. The board agreed to do it again for this year. Kris stated that the ballots for the youth and open board nominations are completed and will be sent out to the membership as well as available online.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CONVENTION: Tom Carter has generously offered to do the MQHA back numbers for the auction again this year. There are extra sets of numbers available and stickers will be put on the bid sheets for those with extra sets for \$5 each after the Convention. Kris shared some notes regarding the format of the convention and suggestions that have come forward. The committee is moving toward a more formal event with more amenities. There will be a required registration fee. It was explained that attendance at other conventions comes with a cost. The money will help to cover the cost of items that will be given to the attendees as well as some of the food and drink that will be offered. There will be two guest panels offering information on topics. The board accepted the suggestions and the committee will move forward with plans.

EASTER SHOW: Monty Montgomery shared the proposed 2019 showbill with the board. The biggest change is that the schedule for Saturday and Sunday were swapped, allowing for a shorter Sunday. Kathy Christensen mentioned placement of the Queen's horsemanship class on Saturday at some point in the day.

FUTURITY: Chris Perniciaro or Mike Huntoon shared the profit and loss for the Futurity. Overall income was up as a result of the stalls camping, futurity entries and AQHA entries being up. The event was successful with the actual futurity classes being up 44% with the change in the format to an all-breed show. Chris stated that the give-away shirts went over well and that the schedule seemed to work. The Futurity committee will be meeting soon for a wrap up meeting prior to getting together during the Convention.

HALL OF FAME: Kris stated that the Hall of Fame pins have been ordered. The person has been chosen. The horse has been narrowed down and will be finalized soon.

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HARVEST CLASSIC: Meggen Baynes shared the profit and loss for the Harvest Classic. The show was down entries, and stalls. Camping and NSBA entries were up. The overall event was down about \$700. The event was moved from November to September to accommodate the MSU schedule and will be in September again for 2019. The show will only have three judges in 2019 since one judge has been moved to February.

QUEEN: Lauren Barnes represented MQHA at the Congress and placed in the Horsemanship class. She did a great job. Kathy Christensen explained that the Queen Application has been updated and the information was shared with the Board. The contest will be held with the Easter Eggstravaganza in 2019. The documentation has been updated to reflect the new deadlines. The updated rules were reviewed. Megan Hirschman made a motion to accept the following rule changes. Chris Perniciaro seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed. Kathy mentioned she wants to set up a table at the Convention with information on prior Queens.

SECTION 5 - MQHA QUEEN RULES & REGULATION

1. The purpose of the MQHA Queen Contest is to select a special lady to represent the Michigan Quarter Horse Association, one who will positively promote Michigan as a great place to visit and show horses and who will be a positive role model for all young women

2. Candidates will:

A. Be between the ages of 18 and 25 as of January 1st of the current year.

B. Be single, never divorced, annulled or a single parent.

C. Not have competed or represented this or any other Quarter Horse Association previously three times.

D. Be a member in good standing with AQHA and MQHA and be a Michigan resident. A residency exception may be granted with the following criteria met:

1. Candidate can prove involvement with the Michigan Quarter Horse Association for at least two years before competing in the contest. Involvement can be defined as showing, volunteering, or other activities the Queen Committee may seem a good fit for a prospective Queen candidate.

2. The exception must be granted first through the Queen Committee and then brought to the MQHA Board of Directors for final approval.

E. Be judged in three categories: Written test, Oral interview and Horsemanship.

F. Ride in the horsemanship competition any AQHA registered horse.

G. Complete application and return it with the \$25.00 fee, a biography, three (non-related) references and a photo received at the MQHA office by the posted deadline. ~~have it with the \$25.00 fee and photo received at the MQHA office no later than June 15 of the current year.~~

H. Be approved by the Queen's Committee and the MQHA Board of Directors.

3. Queen will:

A. Represent Michigan at:

1. All American Quarter Horse Congress

2. MQHA Breeders' Futurity

3. MQHA Convention

4. Harbor Classic Horse Show

5. ~~Five additional MQHA sponsored shows of the committee choosing~~ events that are approved by the Queen's Committee and are based on Queen's availability.

B. Automatically be on the following years' Queen's Committee.

4. The MQHA Queen may be a member of the Congress Youth Team.

STALLION SERVICE SALE: The 2018 sale wrapped up with \$44,000 in sales and 67 stallions sold. The association income on this event is \$8800 for this year. The 2019 contracts were mailed out. There are about 20 of them that have been returned. Chris Perniciaro suggested that the blueberry boxes get sent to the stallion owners again when their breeding sells.

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TACK SALE: We currently have 80 spaces reserved. We have a cap of 120 spaces until closer to the horse show.

YEAR END AWARDS: The committee is currently working to secure awards for year end.

YOUTH: Youth interested in a position as an officer on the Youth board will have a process to follow to be able to run for the position at the Convention. The information has been shared with the youth membership. The NYATT and World Show Teams were well supported by sponsors this year. Lily Atkinson, current MQHYA President will stay on as an advisor on the Youth committee. Jeff West explained that NYATT now has Division 1 and Division 2 teams. The MQHA NYATT team ended up 4th overall. Sasha Glover presented the following rule changes for discussion.

MQHYA World Team Rules:

4. The items listed below must be fulfilled and submitted together to be considered for a spot on the Youth World Team:
 - e. The Youth (not a substitute) must provide volunteer hours. There must be at least ten (10) total volunteer hours, with at least five (5) of the hours volunteered to MQHA. The remaining five (5) hours may be documented community service hours. In the event that the service hours are not completed, MQHA will require a payment of \$50 per hour for each hour missing. Sponsorships for the World Show, acquired prior to the mandatory meeting, may be used to offset the service hours. See advisor for more information. This money will go to offset team costs and team fundraising.
5. The Youth understands that there ~~are~~ may be fundraisers to offset the cost of these trips. ~~The Youth should contact the Youth Advisor for more information.~~ Participation at the monthly MQHYA meetings will include this information.
6. The Youth will be chosen based on their point standings from September 1 through May 31 from all age youth or 14-18 youth classes. The best ten (10) judge's scores will be used to tabulate the qualifying points. Four (4) youth will be chosen for each class offered. Two (2) additional youth per class may be selected where space allows.
11. Any youth seeking a state spot must understand that they must at least share a tack stall. All tack and feed must be out of the aisle way.

MQHYA Congress (NYATT) Team Rules:

4. The items listed below must be fulfilled and sent in a completed packet to be considered for a spot on the NYATT team:
 - e. The Youth (not a substitute) must provide volunteer hours. There must be at least ten (10) total volunteer hours, with at least five (5) of the hours volunteered to MQHA. The remaining five (5) hours may be documented community service hours. In the case of a Youth who has participated on the Youth World Show Team, these hours will be reduced to two (2) hours volunteered to MQHA. In the event that the service hours are not completed, MQHA will require a payment of \$50 per hour for each hour not fulfilled. Sponsorships acquired prior to the NYATT entries being sent in, may be used to offset the service hours. See advisor for more information. This money will go to offset team costs and team fundraising.
5. The Youth understands that there ~~are~~ may be fundraisers to offset the cost of these trips. Participation at the monthly MQHYA meetings will include this information. ~~The Youth should contact the Youth Advisor for more information.~~
6. For the NYATT, Youth will be chosen based on their point standings from September 1 through the Harbor Classic from all age youth or 14-18 youth classes. The best ten (10) judge's scores will be used to tabulate the qualifying points. Any out of state youth must show at four of the MQHA approved circuits offered during the qualifying period and have an approved AQHA hardship on file with MQHA, to be considered for a position on the team. Two (2) youth will be chosen for each class offered.
7. To be fair to all Youth involved, if a Youth accepts a position on a team and does not show in their class without prior written approval of the team Advisor, they will not be eligible for participation on that team the following year.
8. Youth interested in a spot on the NYATT team will participate in the required NYATT meeting in August. The date and time will be announced.

Megan Hirschman made a motion to approve the rule changes as presented. Kathy Christensen seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

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OLD BUSINESS:

FEB SHOW STATUS – Meggen Baynes stated that MQHA has finally received approval from AQHA for the event. Judges are hired and their contracts have been sent out. The NSBA application with one judge has been submitted. Meggen reviewed the showbill for the Board. Mike Huntoon will be announcing the event.

MQHA SCHOLARSHIP STATUS – There was discussion about the proposed MQHA Scholarship and whether or not to move forward with it based on the new Michigan Equine Scholarship Fund. Sasha Glover made a motion that the \$2500 in scholarship money set aside by the Youth, be given to the new MESF fund. Megan Hirschman seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

NEW BUSINESS:

VICE PRESIDENT ELECT – The office has received a letter of intent from Mike Huntoon to run for VPE. The Executive Committee waived the deadline of the September meeting and accepted it.

Misconduct Complaint – Sasha Glover made a motion to move into executive session. Kathy Christensen seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed. Discussion was held regarding a complaint of misconduct at a MQHA event. Sasha Glover made a motion to move into open session. Megan Hirschman seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

Other - Monty Montgomery stated that the Appaloosa Horse Club is interested in renting MQHA's trail poles again for 2019. Sasha Glover made a motion to allow the ApHC to rent the poles for two shows in 2019 at \$150 each. Monty Montgomery seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

A motion to adjourn was made at 9:45 p.m. by unanimous consent.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is December 5, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.