

MICHIGAN QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION

Meeting of the Board of Directors

December 13, 2023

President Heather Coe called a zoom meeting of the MQHA Board of Directors to order at 7:03 p.m. The following Directors and staff were present: Meggen Baynes, Heather Boggetta, Heather Coe, Kevin Cubitt, Austin Gooding, Megan Hirschman, Rob Kirkpatrick, Monty Montgomery, Jeff Moody, Nicole Veldhoff and Kris Woroniecki. Jennifer Bluhm and Chris Perniciaro were excused.

AGENDA: Monty Montgomery made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Megan Hirschman seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

REVIEW OF MINUTES: Rob Kirkpatrick made a motion to approve the November 21, 2023, Board of Director minutes. Meggen Baynes seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

REVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Rob Kirkpatrick presented the financial statements for November 2023. The total assets of the Association as of November 30, 2023, are listed at \$602,736.38; the total liabilities at \$240,776.76 and the total members' equity is listed at \$361,959.62. The net income as of the end of November is \$27,207.30 compared to \$98,267.38 for the same period in 2022. Megan Hirschman made a motion to accept the November 2023 statement. Kevin Cubitt seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed. Rob reminded the Board of the money that was used to pay the deposit on the new stalls we are purchasing and how that affects the bottom line.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Rob Kirkpatrick presented the checks written report for November 2023. There were checks written totaling \$160,195.37 for the month. Megan Hirschman made a motion to approve the November check detail report. Rob Kirkpatrick seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed. Rob explained that \$100,000 of the total of the November checks was the purchase of the two new CD's in December per the November meeting motion.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: President Coe took the time to thank the Board for a really good year under some tough circumstances. She said she appreciated the commitment and professionalism by the Board members, and she said that she has enjoyed her year as President. This is the last regular meeting of her term.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Vice President Kirkpatrick discussed the proposed meeting dates with the Board for 2024. After discussion, it was agreed that most of the dates will work. There are two that will be rescheduled, and the Board will receive an updated meeting calendar soon.

OFFICE REPORT: Kris Woroniecki told the Board that the Convention flier is done except for the addition of the Convention logo. She reminded the Board of the dinner ticket link. Kris mentioned that the property is not pet friendly again this year. She also reminded them of the Annual Membership meeting on February 10 and their committee reports that are due. Kris asked the Board about putting an unused year end saddle that is in the office into the tack sale. The Board agreed and the money will go back into the year-end awards account. Kris also asked the Board if they intend to offer the Prepaid Horse Show Program again in 2024. The Board agreed that we will offer it again. The price will need to be determined once the new costs for 2024 are taken into consideration.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA: Monty Montgomery stated that the showbill is finished and will go on the website soon. He wanted to make the Board aware that there were some increases necessary because the MSU Pavilion raised their rates. He explained the changes made and the Board agreed. The showbill will go on the website and the reservations will open just after the first of the year.

FACEBOOK: Heather Boggetta stated that she updated the policy on both facebook pages. It was slightly challenging because she was limited to the amount of space she had for the post.

FUTURITY: Jeff Moody reminded the board about the saddle raffle tickets that are for sale. Heather Boggetta will put up a FB post regarding them.

HALL OF FAME: Kevin has reached out to Julie Leek regarding the stallion. Reagan Watson has also been contacted. The committee is working on photos and write ups of the candidates. They will be published on the MQHA Facebook page once it is complete.

HARVEST CLASSIC: The show profit and loss was discussed and Heather Boggetta confirmed the show remained almost the same for stalls, camping and entries, however the overall profit was up about \$2000 from last year.

STALLION SERVICE SALE: Austin Gooding stated that there were about 80 stallions currently enrolled in the sale. Everything for sale day appears to be on track. The sale will start at 11 am on January 6. We will utilize the online bidding platform for any stallion not sold during the sale on Saturday. All remaining stallions can be purchased at minimum bid.

SUMMER SERIES: Rob Kirkpatrick discussed the show and the possibility of dropping one judge to try to shorten the circuit so there are fewer days off for work and school. The Board discussed many options, but ultimately has chosen to leave it alone for 2024 and begin discussion for the 2025 event due to the need to finalize the showbill in the next few weeks.

YEAR END AWARDS: Monty Montgomery stated the committee is meeting next week via zoom to iron out some more details on the awards. The budget will be around \$46,000 this year because of the addition of all of the walk trot awards.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Member of the Year – Kevin Cubitt made a motion to nominate Linda Moody for Member of the Year. Heather Boggetta seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. by unanimous consent without objection. The next meeting will be Friday, February 9 at the Crowne Plaza, Lansing, MI.