

MICHIGAN QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION
Meeting of the Board of Directors
December 5, 2018

Meggen Baynes called a meeting of the MQHA Board of Directors to order at 7:02 p.m. at the MSU Pavilion, Classroom B. The following Directors and staff were present: Meggen Baynes, Kathy Christensen, Barb Foster, Sasha Glover, Mike Huntoon, Rob Kirkpatrick, Monty Montgomery, Chris Perniciaro, Allyson Thompson and Kris Woroniecki. Excused was Megan Hirschman, Morgan Warda and Jeff West.

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

MINUTES: Sasha Glover made a motion to approve the November 7, 2018 Board of Director minutes as presented. Mike Huntoon seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

REVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Kris Woroniecki presented the financial statement for the period ending November 2018. The total assets of the Association as of November 30, 2018 are listed at \$441,709.51; the total liabilities at \$72,552.41 and the total members' equity is listed at \$369,157.10. The net income as of the end of November is listed at \$98,221.28 compared to \$64,420.41 for the same period in 2017. Monty Montgomery made a motion to accept the November financial report as presented. Mike Huntoon seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The November 2018 checks written report was presented by Kris Woroniecki. There were checks written totaling \$11,317.11 for the month. Monty Montgomery made a motion to approve the November checks written report. Mike Huntoon seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

The Accounts Payable report was reviewed. Mike Huntoon made a motion to approve the report as presented. Chris Perniciaro seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Vice President Christensen reminded the Board to prepare their annual committee reports for the Membership meeting during Convention.

OFFICE REPORT: Proposed 2019 calendar – Kris Woroniecki reviewed the updated 2019 Board meeting calendar. Kris shared an update from Marcia Hansen regarding the Ludington fairgrounds. Marcia explained that pending fair approval, they are going to move ahead on tearing down two barns and replacing them immediately with two barns that are identical to the other new barns. These will have a 44-stall capacity each which will net us an additional 50 stalls. They are not sure if they will have stalls fabricated or purchased for the new barns by the Harbor Classic. She will keep us updated. They have also received the approval for additional campsites.

The Michigan Equine Scholarship Fund Board is requesting the MQHA mailing list for the sole purpose of sending out scholarship information to the MQHA members. All requests for the MQHA membership list must come before the Board. Mike Huntoon made a motion to allow the MESF to utilize the MQHA mailing list for one mailing in order to send information regarding the scholarship to the membership. Monty Montgomery seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

The ballot mailing went out and included the Convention information. Year end placings letters also went out in the same mailing. Ballots are due by January 4.

Kris requested \$200 to purchase two gift cards for the two girls working in the office as a thank you from the board. Chris Perniciaro made a motion to allow the purchase of the two gift cards. Mike Huntoon seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CONVENTION: Sasha Glover explained that the Convention Committee met at the Comfort Inn in Mount Pleasant a couple of weeks ago and did another walk through. The group is now comfortable with the rooms and the layouts. The final BEO's are being completed with any corrections necessary. Sasha reminded the Board that they need to work to encourage attendance in order to fulfill our room requirements per the contract. It would be great to see people attending the Cocktail

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reception also. Sasha reminded the board about the silent auction donations. The final schedule of events should be ready soon. The folders and the credentials for the registrants have been finalized and ordered as well as the gifts for the tables. The final room diagram includes the head tables for both the board and the youth board.

EASTER SHOW: Monty asked if the board thought there would be any interest from the membership in doing a sort of "Challenge" using points from Easter and Harbor to offer some sort of a prize. Ideas were discussed and will be pursued.

HALL OF FAME: The person has been chosen. The horse is finalized. The pins are ordered, and the certificates will be made. Mike will coordinate dinner arrangements for the families.

HARBOR CLASSIC: Meggen Baynes suggested we consider doing a trail clinic during the horse show. She will follow up with a proposed clinician and get back to the Committee.

QUEEN: Kathy Christensen stated that there would be a table set up at the Convention with the past Queen's represented.

RULES: The following Futurity rule changes are being proposed.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

4. Yearlings:

A. The horse should be judged with its suitability as a future performer under saddle in mind. This class should define what it means to be a "western pleasure prospect" or "hunter under saddle prospect." Because these are yearlings, they are not expected to demonstrate the behavior or quality of a finished show horse, but only that performance necessary for a reasonable presentation to the judge.

B. A horse may not be shown in both the open western longe line and the open HUS prospect longe line.

CLASS ENTRY REQUIREMENTS AND FEES

9. To enter a horse in an open and/or non-pro halter or performance class at the Futurity, the following conditions must be complied with:

A. A weanling must be eligible to be registered with a breed association that is recognized by the WCHA. All horses must be registered with respective breed association. No pending papers will be accepted. Please send copy of registration papers as soon as papers are processed by breed registries.

B. Weanling sire and dam information, as well as the foal's date of birth must be included with original weanling entry. ~~If the foal is not yet born by the payment due date, the sex and foaling date information must be provided as soon as possible.~~

C. Horses entered in a Non-Pro class must provide registration papers showing horse is owned by the exhibitor or family member.

E. If a junior division is offered in the open and non pro weanling classes, foals born January 1 through March 15 will be considered senior and foals born March 16 and later will be junior.

JUDGING, EXHIBITING, EQUIPMENT AND ARTIFICIAL APPLIANCES

23. Judging begins when the gate is closed. The in-gate will not be re-opened once judging has begun.

A. Failure by exhibitor to wear correct number(s) in a visible manner shall result in disqualification.

B. Draws: Weanlings will enter the area and be lined up according to foaling date, youngest horses first.

C. Riding classes will be split at the discretion of the show management

Mike Huntoon made a motion to accept the rule changes as presented. Chris Perniciaro seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

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Discussion was held regarding the current status of the year end points. Kris explained the complexity of the calculations for the software. There are two different point scales. One for halter classes and one for everything else. The software is calculating the best 75% of the shows. The software is programmed to pick up and drop off the lowest scores at the point the reports are run, which has been very confusing to many exhibitors. There are halter points to be pulled through for the select amateurs and the requirement that only one set of halter points be used for all around computations. All of these things have made the results unreliable with all of the parameters. This has led to lengthy posting of points and confusion throughout the season.

Due to the complexity of the issue, the year end points software discussion was moved to email discussion and email voting. *Monty Montgomery made a motion to return the halter classes to the point scale used for the rest of the classes. One point per horse up to nine points maximum. Jeff West seconded the motion. Voting in favor: Montgomery, West, Christensen, Glover, Huntoon, Kirkpatrick, Thompson. Voting against: Foster, Perniciaro, Warda. Motion passed with majority.*

Monty Montgomery made a motion to count all shows for year end points calculations (removing the 75% rule). Rob Kirkpatrick seconded the motion. Voting in favor: Montgomery, Kirkpatrick, Christensen, Foster, Glover, Huntoon, Perniciaro. Voting against: Thompson, Warda and West. Motion passed with majority.

Monty Montgomery made a motion to accept new amateur select rule changes presented. Rob Kirkpatrick seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

- *If a class is offered on a showbill with both a select and amateur division, and the classes are combined for whatever reason, the points will be split back out for the purpose of the year end awards and year end high point. (Individual show managements will need to determine what to do for their own circuit and all-around awards.)*
- *If a class is offered as only an amateur class, the select points will not be pulled out.*
- *If a show management ends up combining classes, they must notify MQHA with the show results so that the manual entries can take place for the purpose of year end standings.*

STALLION SERVICE SALE: The 2019 sale currently has 63 stallions enrolled. The catalog will be up on the website in the next day or two.

TACK SALE: Kris Woroniecki stated that 98 of the 120 spaces for the tack sale are sold.

YEAR END AWARDS: Monty Montgomery reported that most of the awards are ordered. Everything should be ready.

OLD BUSINESS: No old business

NEW BUSINESS: MEMBER OF THE YEAR – A unanimous decision was made to name Tom Carter the MQHA Member of the Year.

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:55 p.m. by unanimous consent.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is Convention weekend, January 11-13 at the Mt Pleasant Comfort Inn and Suites.