

MICHIGAN QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION
Meeting of the Board of Directors
December 9, 2025

President Chris Perniciaro called a meeting of the MQHA Board of Directors to order at 6:35 p.m. at the Farm Bureau Pavilion at MSU. The following Directors and staff were present: Linda Barnes, Heather Boggetta, Heather Coe, Danielle Lindsay, Jeff Moody, Monty Montgomery, Kelly Nichols, Chris Perniciaro, Nicole Veldhoff, Katherine West and Kris Woroniecki. Kevin Cubitt and Venessa Knoblock were excused.

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

REVIEW OF MINUTES: Danielle Lindsay made a motion to approve the October 28, 2025, Board of Director minutes. Kelly Nichols seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

REVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Kris Woroniecki presented the financial statements for October 2025. The total assets of the Association as of October, 2025, are listed at \$650,921.99; the total liabilities at \$186,255.59 and the total members' equity is listed at \$464,666.40. The net income as of the end of October is \$142,338.61 compared to \$84,260.11 for the same period in 2024. Income is up 15.58% to date, with expenses up 10.31%. Heather Coe made a motion to accept the October 2025 financial statement. Heather Boggetta seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

Kris presented the financial statements for November 2025. The total assets of the Association as of November 2025, are listed at \$646,098.74; the total liabilities at \$182,552.36 and the total members' equity is listed at \$463,546.38. The net income as of the end of November is \$140,326.03 compared to \$69,668.72 for the same period in 2024. Income is up 15.27% to date, with expenses up 8.74%. Monty Montgomery made a motion to accept the November 2025 financial statement. Jeff Moody seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Kris Woroniecki presented the checks written report for October 2025. There were checks written totaling \$159,991.38 for the month, which included all the Stallion Service and Futurity paybacks. Jeff Moody made a motion to approve the October check detail report. Monty Montgomery seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

Kris presented the checks written report for November 2025. There were checks written totaling \$78,536.43 for the month. The Harvest Classic expenses were paid in November. Monty Montgomery made a motion to approve the November check detail report. Kelly Nichols seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: President Perniciaro updated the Board as to the status of a sponsor he has been working with. He thanked the Board members for a good year.

OFFICE REPORT: Kris Woroniecki presented the Board with a draft of the 2026 meeting calendar. Seeing no objections, the calendar will be finalized and distributed to the Board. Kris then asked the Board to support giving Heather Bielecki a Christmas bonus for her hard work and dedication this past year. Heather Boggetta made a motion to give both Heather and Kris a bonus. Monty Montgomery seconded the motion. Motion carried with no objection. Kris then shared an email from BWHA Quarter Horse Shows in Findlay, Ohio. They had requested MQHA approval for a July 2026 event. After discussion, Jeff Moody made a motion that we decline giving MQHA approval to an out of state event. Monty Montgomery seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Chris Perniciaro asked the office staff to send a response to the inquiry.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CLINIC AND EDUCATION: Linda Barnes indicated that the committees are working on the last details before opening registration. She will be working with Amy Atkinson on some items that we might be able to purchase for giveaways. Kelly Nichols added that she has been in contact with Tribute Feed regarding their topics for Saturday afternoon and providing some giveaways as well.

CONVENTION: Nicole Veldhoff stated that the committee is meeting on Wednesday at Firekeepers to do a food tasting and finalize the menu for the banquet. The logo is done. The committee is working on decorations. She has also reached out to a few different magicians hoping to secure one for the cocktail hours.

EASTER: Monty Montgomery told the Board that the AQHA application for the Easter show has been submitted. The judges are hired and contracts are sent. The showbill is getting some last-minute updates and should be ready to post soon.

FACEBOOK/WEBSITE: Heather Boggetta set up the FB event page for the Stallion Auction. She has sent out a request for photos to be used for the slideshow. She will continue to remind people. She is waiting on the items from the Hall of Fame committee so she can compile the information for those presentations.

FUTURITY: Chris Perniaro shared the profit and loss statement from the Futurity/Great Lakes Classic shows. The show increased AQHA/MQHA class entries (up 1554), NSBA entries (up 250), camping (up 14) and stalls (32). The overall profit on the event increased as well. Many of the increases were due to fundraising and sponsorships and there was a decrease in a few costs of items like awards and hospitality. The Futurity committee met prior to the Board meeting and discussed the 2026 event. One lengthy discussion centered around the two-year-old western pleasure event for the Futurity. The committee will run the class in 2026 with \$500 added but it is possible that if the numbers don't increase, the class will be dropped in 2027. There was discussion about the class schedule and the success of the two new trail classes. The committee will meet again after the first of the year. Jeff Moody made a motion that MQHA request a raffle license for a saddle raffle to be held at the Easter show. There will be 150 tickets sold for \$100 each. Danielle Lindsay seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed. Kris will try to have the tickets available at the Convention.

HALL OF FAME: Kris updated the Board on the Hall of Fame award jewelry pieces. The cost of gold has more than doubled, therefore the cost of the Hall of Fame pins has doubled. As a result, the committee is looking for alternative gifts and have settled on purchasing something crystal. A source has not been located yet but the committee is exploring options.

HARVEST CLASSIC: The Harvest Classic profit and loss was presented to the Board. AQHA/MQHA entries increased by 1184 Camping was up 13, stalls were up 24. The NSBA entries decreased by 38. The overall profit increased slightly over 2024.

NOMINATIONS: Kelly Nichols reminded the Board to vote if they hadn't. The ballots were available at the meeting. Kelly indicated that there will be people available for ballot counting on the Friday of the Convention.

RULES: Heather Boggetta made a motion to approve the changes to Section 5 with one change. Kelly Nichols seconded the motion. Motion carried.

SECTION 5 - MQHA QUEEN RULES & REGULATION

32. *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*

33. *Candidates will:*

- A. *Be between the ages of ~~18 and 25~~ 19 and 26 as of January 1st of the current year.*
- B. *Be single, never divorced, annulled or a single parent. **The candidate must also be a high school graduate and currently employed, in college, or taking a gap year.***
- 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. An exception of residency 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. **In judged categories, the overall scores will be averaged.***
- F. *Ride in the horsemanship competition on any AQHA registered horse.*
- G. *Complete application and 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.*

34. *Queen will:*

- A. *Represent Michigan at **the following mandatory events:***
 1. *All American Quarter Horse Congress*
 2. *~~MQHA Breeders' Futurity~~*
 3. *~~MQHA Convention~~*
 4. *~~Harbor Classic Horse Show~~*
 5. *~~Five additional events that are approved by the Queen's Committee and are based on Queen's availability.~~*

2. AQHA Level 1 Championship East (reach out to Congress Queen for more information)
3. MQHA Spartan Spectacular
 - a. Be in attendance on the day of the Thayne Miner Memorial Horsemanship class and help with the class awards presentation.
4. MQHA Harbor Classic
 - a. Attend show on the day of the M QHA Princess Contest and day of the Queen/Princess Photoshoot
 - b. Organize and run the MQHA Princess Contest
 - c. Hand out awards when applicable
5. Michigan State 4-H Horse Show (August)
 - a. Attend show and hand out awards
 - b. Coordinate a MQHA information table
6. MQHA Futurity
 - a. Attend entire show and hand out awards. Conflicts due to school or work must be determined no later than 14 days prior to the show.
7. MQHA Convention
 - a. Prepare Queen Speech
 - b. Pose for photographs with award winners
 - c. Have MQHA Queen/Princess display for attendees
 - d. Submit a Queen's message 30 days prior to Convention. This will be published in the Honor Roll
8. MQHA Queen Contest (following year)
 - a. Help coordinate the MQHA Queen Contest with the Queen's Committee
 - b. Crown the next year's queen

B. The Queen may also choose to represent MQHA at the following optional events:

1. Present awards during leadline classes at all the MQHA shows during reign.
2. MQHA Tack Sale
 - a. Interact with attendees
 - b. Set up Queen display for attendees
3. The Queen will be encouraged to attend additional events that are approved by the Queen's Committee and will work within the Queen's availability. These include but are not limited to remaining MQHA shows, local fairs, open horse shows, etc.

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

35. ~~The MQHA Queen may be a member of the Congress Youth Team.~~ If the Queen is actively showing a horse on the MQHA circuit the Committee will, on a case by case basis, take into consideration the showing commitments and Queen duties and adjust appropriately.
36. The Queen must not post any improper posts on social media during or prior to her reign. Social media posts should always reflect good judgment, values and professionalism. They should always reflect MQHA positively. Any disagreement with MQHA should be dealt with through the Committee or the MQHA Board of Directors.
37. The Queen must not drink, smoke or vape when representing MQHA in any capacity.

Danielle Lindsay made a motion to approve the changes to Section 3. Nicole Veldhoff seconded the motion. Motion carried.

SECTION 3 - MQHA SHOW/SPECIAL EVENT APPROVAL REQUIREMENTS

25. S/SE Approval, Probations, Violations

A. Obtaining MQHA S/SE Approval:

1. A group must first be an approved sponsor of an AQHA S/SE.
2. ~~The S/SE manager, secretary or a pre-approved representative must attend the annual S/SE approval seminar conducted by the show approval committee.~~

Suggest to read: Prior to March 1, the S/SE manager, secretary or a pre-approved representative must agree to a Show Approval phone conference or zoom meeting with someone from the MQHA staff to review the requirements of maintaining MQHA approval for an event.

~~3. A show packet will be provided to each S/SE, the purpose of which is to help standardize and ease the job of the S/SE management and entry procedures for the exhibitors. The show packet will contain the following:~~

- ~~a. One (1) copy of section three of the MQHA rulebook pertaining to MQHA Show/SE approval requirements.~~
- ~~b. MQHA Membership Forms~~
- ~~c. AQHA rule changes (if available)~~
- ~~d. MQHA code of ethics~~

4. The S/SE manager and S/SE secretary must be current members of MQHA.

5. No new S/SE will be granted MQHA approval if a MQHA S/SE already exists on the requested date. The S/SE that has MQHA approval has precedence over the new requesting S/SE. Exception: A restricted special event may be allowed by the show approval committee provided that there are no event conflicts.

~~6. Any S/SE requiring horses to stay on the grounds for a specified period of time will not be approved.~~

B. Failure to meet requirements may result in probation or possible suspension at the discretion of the show approval committee.

C. When a show is put on probation for violation of a rule or regulation, they will be notified in writing of the probation with only a warning to correct the situation for the first year, the second year of probation will result in a fine of \$250, the third year will be \$300, fourth year will be \$450; for each year after an additional fee of \$150 will be added. This fee will be for a repeat violation of the same offense.

26. Required Forms, Information & Fees to be Submitted to MQHA

A. By the annual ~~Show Approval Seminar~~ Show Approval phone/zoom conference:

- Completed MQHA Horse S/SE Application.
- ~~Typewritten~~ Rough draft of proposed showbill. The show bill should include the following:

1. Date(s) of show(s), starting times and location with map if applicable.

~~2. Starting time.~~

3. Listing of proposed class order with appropriate AQHA class code including MQHA Class Codes if offering MQHA Small Fry, MQHA Youth and Adult Walk Trot Classes and Lead Line.

- a. (900) Small Fry Halter
- b. (901) Small Fry Showmanship
- c. (902) Small Fry Western Pleasure
- d. (903) Small Fry Horsemanship
- e. (904) Small Fry Trail
- f. (905) Small Fry HUS
- g. (906) Small Fry Equitation
- h. (910) MQHA Lead Line
- i. (911) MQHA Intermediate Lead Line
- j. (202) Adult Walk Trot Western Pleasure
- k. (402) Youth Walk Trot Western Pleasure
- l. (203) Adult Walk Trot Horsemanship
- m. (403) Youth Walk Trot Horsemanship
- n. (205) Adult Walk Trot HUS
- o. (405) Youth Walk Trot HUS
- p. (206) Adult Walk Trot Equitation
- q. (406) Youth Walk Trot Equitation

~~4. Location of S/SE, including city and state.~~

~~5. A map to the facility with written directions.~~

6. Lodging - list area motels/hotels with phone numbers.

7. Fees:

- a. Entry fees
- ~~b. Admittance fees~~
- c. Stall fees, camping fee and bedding (where applicable).
- d. MQHA charge of \$1.00 per horse per S/SE
- e. ~~AQHA Drug Testing Fee/~~ Processing Fee per current AQHA rules.

8. Showbill must contain name, address and phone number of an exhibitor contact.

9. S/SE approvals - list each association for which approval has been granted. Designate after each class if the class is approved by other than AQHA for example, show NSBA or NRHA for classes holding such approval.

B. The names of all judges hired must be emailed ~~or called into the show approval committee~~ to the MQHA Office each year. All changes in judges must be reported to the MQHA Office via email ~~show approval committee and MQHA office~~ immediately upon your knowledge of need for a change in judges.

~~C. Prior to January 1st:~~

- ~~• Any hardship requests in writing~~
- ~~• Names of any judges hired~~

~~D. Prior to February 10th:~~ Prior to April 15

- ~~• Copy of the AQHA Confirmation Date Letter.~~
- ~~• Completed~~ Proposed showbill.
- MQHA Show Approval Application

E. Prior to 90 Days of your S/SE:

- Judges names if not already provided
- Check for the appropriate fees payable to MQHA.
- Approval fee for existing shows will be \$200 per show.
- Approval fee for new shows will be \$250 per show.
- Approval fee for shows on probation will be \$200 per show day plus \$250 penalty fee per show.
- Approval fee for special events will be \$100 per approved special event.
- Approval fee for an all novice show will be \$100.

F. Prior to 30 Days of your S/SE:

- ~~• Copy of AQHA Approval letter listing date of show, class codes and judge(s).~~
- Certificate of Liability Insurance naming MQHA as an additional insured. Policy must be at least \$1,000,000.

G. Within Ten (10) Days after the completion of circuit:

- Complete set of results including Grand and Reserve – if sending electronically using Horse Shows for Windows program, this would be the (.TXT files)
- If classes are combined in a manner different than what is stated on the showbill, show management MUST notify the MQHA office when the results are submitted.
- ~~• A copy of the Judges' Cards~~
- Small Fry, Walk Trot & Lead Line results (if applicable & not included in the electronic format)
- PDF Files of the class results, showing how many in the class and results under each judge
- MQHA Membership Forms with payment
- \$1.00 per horse per day fee, with proof of the number of entries (back number list or roster) for each S/SE.

H. Following the completion of the circuit:

Any change(s) to the results received from AQHA must be forwarded to the MQHA Point Secretary at the MQHA office immediately upon receipt.

27. Lead-Line Horsemanship:

A. The maximum entry fee for these classes will be \$1.00.

B. Participants in lead line must be eight (8) years of age or younger as of January 1.

C. Participants must hold a current MQHYA membership in their name to qualify for year-end awards.

D. Participants are not required to own the horse that they exhibit.

E. All participants will be judged on horsemanship.

1. Participants in Lead Line will be assisted by a handler that must be 18 years of age or older. ~~These exhibitors can be placed at the discretion of the show management.~~

2. ~~Participants in Intermediate Lead Line will not be assisted by a handler but must have a sidewalker at least 18 years old. They may be asked to perform a walk only pattern. The exhibitors will be judged and placed.~~ Participants may also exhibit without a handler but must have a sidewalker at least 18 years old. The exhibitors will not be placed.

3. ~~Lead Line & Intermediate Lead Line can be held as concurrent or separate classes at the discretion of show management.~~

F. Proper attire is mandatory - either English or Western for both the rider and the sidewalker.

~~1. A properly fitted ASTM/SEI approved helmet for all Lead Line exhibitors is required in all riding events.~~

G. Participants in Lead Line will not be eligible for any approved AQHA class.

H. All participants in the Lead Line/~~Intermediate Leadline~~ who compete at a minimum of three circuits ~~least three times~~ will receive a like year end award with no designation of year end standing. Only one year-end award will be given to each participant.

28. Small Fry Division:

A. Participants in Small Fry must be nine (9) years of age or younger as of January 1.

B. Gaits in all classes in the Small Fry Division are limited to walk and trot. Classes that can be offered are: halter, showmanship, horsemanship, western pleasure, trail, hunter under saddle and hunt seat equitation.

C. Participants must hold a current MQHYA membership in their name to qualify for year-end awards.

D. Participants are not required to own the horse that they exhibit. Horses or ponies of any breed may be shown. No stallions are permitted.

E. Proper attire is mandatory - either English or Western. For safety purposes, all equipment must fit exhibitor properly.

~~1. A properly fitted ASTM/SEI approved helmet for all Small Fry exhibitors is required in all riding events.~~

F. Participants in Small Fry riding classes will not be eligible for any lope/canter classes during a circuit.

G. All participants in the Small Fry who compete at least three times will be ranked for year end awards.

H. Small Fry performance classes will work both ways in the ring.

~~I. Small Fry Eligibility. If a Small Fry exhibitor earns one of the following at a recognized breed show, they will not be eligible to participate in any MQHA Small Fry classes, except for Halter & Showmanship:~~

~~1. Earning at least ½ breed point in a three-gaited class~~

~~2. Winning a Circuit Championship at any recognized breed show in a three-gaited class—3. Winning a High Point Champion in a three-gaited division at any recognized breed show.~~

31. Walk Trot Division:

A. Participants in MQHA Youth Walk Trot must be 19 or under as of January 1 and the MQHA Adult Walk Trot must be 19 or over as of January 1.

B. The gaits in all classes in the Walk Trot Division Classes are limited to walk and trot. Classes that can be offered are: showmanship, horsemanship, western pleasure, trail, hunter under saddle and hunt seat equitation. Classes offered are at the discretion of the individual show committees and additional classes can be offered.

C. Participants must hold a current MQHA membership in their name and compete at three circuits to qualify for year-end awards.

D. Participants are not required to own the horse that they exhibit. Horses or ponies of any breed may be shown. No stallions are permitted.

E. Proper attire is mandatory - either English or Western.

F. Participants in Walk Trot riding classes cannot participate in a lope/canter class at the same circuit in the same class. (I.e. walk trot western pleasure and youth western pleasure are not permitted, walk trot pleasure and youth horsemanship are permitted.)

G. Performance classes will work both ways in the ring.

38. Order of Go:

A. In all performance classes where each entry performs individually, the order of competition shall be determined by show management drawing lots. Shows with multiple judges and arenas may make trail, western riding and working hunter classes available to exhibitors in a random order and position.

B. Late entries to pattern events can be added in any order to the list at the show's discretion.

~~C. The announcer will announce the final order of go. i.e. if the original order was #100, #200, #300 and #45 is added late and put between #200 and #300, you should announce the new order of go as being #100, #200, #45, #300.~~

39. S/SE Grounds, Facilities, Office

~~A. The entry office must be open a minimum of one hour prior to the start of the show and remain open throughout the duration of the show.~~

~~———B. Unless restricted by individual fairgrounds rules, a S/SE representative must be on the grounds to assist with stalling by 10:00 a.m. on the move-in day of the S/SE.~~

~~———C. All S/SE grounds are subject to inspection by a member of the show approval committee.~~

- ~~———— D. The arena gates should be manned throughout the S/SE. It is recommended that an in and an out gate be used.~~
- ~~———— E. The arena must be ready for the exhibitors to use the evening prior to the event.~~
- ~~———— F. The arena should be serviceably sound, safely constructed and clear of dangerous and distracting objects.~~
- ~~———— G. Exhibitors must be allowed time to work in the show arena during the lunch break.~~
- ~~———— H. It is recommended that classes be split when ring size cannot accommodate visibility of the entrants properly.~~
- ~~———— I. The public address system should be large enough to facilitate exhibitors hearing in the barns and parking areas.~~
- ~~———— J. Watering of arena is recommended.~~
- ~~———— K. A food wagon and horse bedding must be available on the grounds.~~

40. S/SE Personnel: Shall include a ring steward, manager, secretary, and announcer. The duties of each member of the S/SE personnel will be concurrent with those duties outlined for their job as stated in the current AQHA official rulebook.

41. Trophies, ribbons, premiums & paybacks:

- A. MQHA will require that a trophy/award equal to or greater than one half of the value of the entry fee be awarded to the first-place exhibitor in each class.
- B. Grand and Reserve Champion ribbons must be ~~awarded~~ available for all divisions for mares, geldings and stallions.
- C. For AQHA and MQHA approved ~~amateur, youth, novice amateur and novice youth~~ classes, AQHA approved shows are required to have ~~present~~ ribbons or awards through sixth place available.

42. Objectives and Jurisdiction of Show Approval Committee:

- ~~A. The objective of the show approval committee is to aid and guide MQHA S/SEs and exhibitors in necessary rules and regulations to maintain and improve the quality of the show circuit.~~
- ~~———— B. The Point Secretary is automatically a member of this committee.~~
- C. ~~The Show Approval Committee~~ MQHA Board has the authority to grant approval, disapproval or place on probation S/SEs and/or exhibitors according to the standards established by MQHA. ~~The Board of Directors of MQHA, in granting this authority reserves the right of final disposition in any matter.~~
- ~~D. Hardship Clause: Because in any given situation there might arise extenuating circumstances, the Show Approval Committee reserves the right to grant a full approval of a S/SE even if all terms and conditions have not been met providing approval does not conflict with the purposes, policies, and intent of the Michigan Quarter Horse Association.~~
- ~~———— E. The MQHA Show Approval Committee has adopted and asks all exhibitors to follow a Code of Ethics which reads as follows: "All exhibitors will enter the arena unassisted. Exhibitors should have horses ready to show before arriving at the arena entrance. This notice is issued with the desire that compliance is voluntary, and no further Board action is required."~~
- F. MQHA's disclaimer of responsibility for safety of S/SE participants:
 1. S/SE management is responsible for the condition of the premises, including arena and exercise areas; the conduct and competence of S/SE employees and other representatives; implementation of S/SE activities and events and all other aspects of the S/SE.
 2. MQHA does not assume or accept duty or responsibility for safety at the S/SE in regard to participants or any other third parties or for the horses or other property thereof.
 3. As an express condition of the privilege to participate at an MQHA approved show or special event each Michigan Quarter Horse owner, exhibitor, trainer and participant assumes the risks of participation and releases and discharges MQHA, its officers, directors, representatives and employees from any and all liability, whenever or however arising as to personal injury or property damage occurring as a result of participation in an event conducted by the S/SE or on the S/SE grounds thereof. The following wording should be added to a showbill whenever possible: In consideration of the possible injuries or losses which could occur by my being a participant and/or spectator at this horse show, I, the undersigned, release and hold harmless this horse show, its sponsors (including MQHA and AQHA), its personnel, its affiliated person, and/or affiliated entities from any and all liability that may arise from any injuries, damages or losses whatsoever to myself or my personal property (including horses I may own) arising from my involvement in this horse show. Also, by signature hereon, I acknowledge that I am aware of the AQHA / MQHA drug test program and expressly consent to the drug testing of any horse entered by me or on my behalf. I understand that failure to comply or cooperate with the program shall be interpreted as a determination of a positive test result pursuant to the drug program.

43. Restricted Special Events

The MQHA Show Approval Committee has the right to approve "restricted special events". These restricted special events would be dual approved cattle, speed or reining events. Any group applying for restricted special event approval would be subject to the following requirements:

- A. Management must complete a restricted special event application at least 90 days prior to the event.
- B. Show management must return a copy of the showbill or premium book which would include the names of judges, at least 90 days prior to the event. Judges hired for a restricted special event may judge additional MQHA approved events.
- C. ~~A management representative is required to attend the annual MQHA Show Approval seminar or set up a special meeting with the MQHA office staff to review requirements and expectations of the proposed event at least 90 days prior.~~ Replace with the S/SE manager, secretary or a pre-approved representative must agree to a Show Approval phone conference or zoom meeting with someone from the MQHA staff to review the requirements of maintaining MQHA approval for an event.
- D. A Certificate of Liability Insurance naming MQHA as an additional insured must be on file in the MQHA office no later than 30 days prior to the event. Policy must be at least \$1,000,000.
- E. The MQHA Special event fee would be waived for a restricted special event, but a \$1 per horse per show fee and proof of entries would be required to be returned to MQHA within 14 days following the event.
- F. Show results must be returned to the point secretary no more than 14 days following the event. If changes are made to the final results standings once they are processed by the national association, the restricted special event management is required to update the results records with the MQHA point secretary and the MQHA office.
- G. ~~If the classes are offered three or more times per year, year end awards would be made available. All membership and nomination requirements would be required per current MQHA rules.~~

44. Introductory Show Approval

- A. AQHA defers to the state affiliates for approval of Introductory Show dates. MQHA will always consider allowing any introductory show.
- B. An introductory show will be allowed provided that there is no other AQHA approved event in the lower peninsula of Michigan on the same dates requested.
- C. If there is an AQHA approved event in the lower peninsula of Michigan, an introductory show will be allowed provided that:
 - 1. The location of the show is greater than 150 miles shortest driving distance from the AQHA approved event if the event is MQHA owned.
 - 2. If the AQHA event is not MQHA owned, but less than 300 miles shortest driving distance, then the management of the AQHA show must grant permission for the introductory show to be held.
 - 3. The location of the show is less than 150 miles but offering no similar classes.
- D. No introductory show will automatically be granted MQHA approval for MQHA points. Special consideration by the MQHA Board is required if MQHA approval is requested.
- E. Application will be considered by date received in the MQHA office. Requests for approval of introductory shows must be submitted annually.

STALLION SERVICE SALE: Chris Perniciaro reported that there are about 80 stallions in the sale already. He is happy with the response, and he expects we will get about 120. He also stated that the committee has chosen not to offer the online bidding option. Any unsold stallions will be available after the sale at the minimum bid plus the administrative fee.

YEAR END AWARDS: Monty Montgomery stated that the committee has been busy. They had a meeting just prior to Thanksgiving and will have another tonight following the board meeting. The high point and reserve high points are taken care of. The first and second place class awards have been ordered. They are now focusing on the other placings and reaching out to people about bundling awards and gift card options.

YOUTH: Danielle Lindsay stated that the youth did not have a November meeting. The youth committee finalized the Letters of Intent for the World Show and NYATT Teams. These were both reviewed and Kelly Nichols made a motion to accept both the World Show and NYATT Letters of Intent as presented and to update the MQHA Rulebook accordingly. Heather Boggetta seconded the motion. The motion carried with no opposition.

SECTION 6 - MQHA YOUTH WORLD TEAM & CONGRESS (NYATT) TEAM

MQHYA World Team Rules:

For all matters pertaining to the AQHYA World Show, AQHA guidelines will be followed. At the AQHYA Finals, every type of AQHA approved Youth class is offered. Halter classes are divided into yearlings, two-year olds, three year olds, aged and performance for mares and geldings. MQHYA is able to send four youth for each class plus those youth who are nationally invited. In the event that four youth (with letters of intent in the office) are not available for an offered class, the selection committee may choose additional youth to participate on the team. Additional youth may be added as AQHA allows.

1. The Youth must be a current member in good standing of MQHA and AQHA.
2. The Youth will participate in a minimum of two MQHYA Board Meetings within the qualifying period.
3. The Youth will pay all fees assessed by AQHA for exhibiting this horse at the AQHA World Show (class fees, AQHA processing fees, stalls, etc.).

Please note that all Youth attending the World Show must share a tack stall. All tack and feed must be out of the aisle way.

A youth exhibiting more than one horse must complete a Letter of Intent for each horse. The team fee applies per horse.

The youth must submit by the deadline to be considered for a spot on the Youth World Team:

4. The completed Letter of Intent.
5. A \$100 payment (which will be refundable if not selected for the team).

The Youth that is referred to must complete the items below:

6. ~~The Youth must participate in two fundraisers. The family of the youth is required to sell a predetermined number of tickets for the yearly cash raffle.~~
7. ~~The Youth (not a substitute) must provide five MQHA volunteer hours. Volunteer hours are per exhibitor, not per horse entered. If MQHA service hours are not completed by July 10, MQHYA will require a payment of \$125 per hour for each hour missing. The youth and family must secure \$200 in sponsorships. Youth completing requirements for the Youth World Show Team are not required to secure additional sponsorships for NYATT.~~
8. The youth is required to exhibit at one Michigan Quarter Horse circuit during the qualifying period. If a show is not attended, the Youth will be asked to secure an additional \$150 in sponsorships.
9. The Youth is required to attend the World Show meetings in June and July. The dates and times will be announced.

Placement on the team:

10. The team will be determined based on point standings from June 1 through May 31 from the 13 and under, 14 to 18 and all age youth classes. Overall points will be considered when filling the individual classes. An older youth may get priority on team placement.
11. If a Youth is Nationally qualified and wishes to be on the Michigan team, they must fulfill items 1 through 7 to be eligible to receive Michigan Youth Team World Show benefits such as apparel, port-a-cools, night watchman and other items to be determined.
12. If a Youth is asked to fill any class where Michigan qualifying is not an option, they must complete items 1,3,4, 5 and 7.
13. If an out of state Youth wishes to be on the Michigan Team, they must have a valid Change of Affiliation Form on file with AQHA.
14. 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 Youth Advisor or the on-site adult responsible for the Youth team, they ~~may~~ will not be eligible for participation on this team the following year.
15. The Youth Advisor and Selection Committee may waive any of the requirements above for any special conditions that may arise provided the exception is approved by the MQHA Board of Directors. The death or disability of a horse is considered an exception.

MQHYA Congress (NYATT) Team Rules:

Congress Team Tournament classes are showmanship, horsemanship, western pleasure, hunter under saddle, equitation, ranch riding, reining, and barrels. The Michigan Quarter Horse Youth Association will select two youth to participate in each class.

1. The Youth must be a current member in good standing of MQHA and AQHA.
2. The Youth will participate in a minimum of two MQHYA Board Meetings within the qualifying period.
3. MQHA will cover the cost of the class fees assessed for the NYATT entries. NSBA entries are not included

The Youth must submit by the deadline to be considered for a spot on the NYATT team:

4. The completed Letter of Intent
5. A \$100 payment (which ~~will~~ ~~may~~ be refundable if not selected for the team).

The Youth must complete the items listed below:

6. ~~A Youth must participate in two fundraisers. The family of the youth is asked to help sell a predetermined number of tickets for the yearly cash raffle.~~
7. ~~The Youth (not a substitute) must provide five MQHA volunteer hours. Volunteer hours are per exhibitor not per horse entered. If the MQHA service hours are not completed by July 10, MQHYA will require a payment of \$125 per hour for each hour missing. Youth completing volunteer hours for the World Show Team are not required to fulfill additional hours for NYATT. The Youth and family must secure \$200 in sponsorships. Youth completing requirements for the World Show Team are not required to secure additional sponsorships for NYATT.~~
8. The youth is required to exhibit at one Michigan Quarter Horse circuit during the qualifying period. If a show is not attended, the Youth will be asked to secure an additional \$150 in sponsorships to the requirement listed in item 7.
9. Participate in the required NYATT Team meeting. The date and time will be announced.

Placement of the Youth on the Team:

10. The team will be determined based on point standings from July 15 through the Harbor Classic.
11. Two youth will be chosen for each class offered. Older youth may get priority on team placement.
12. If any class is not filled in the above manner, any remaining spots will be filled at the discretion of the youth advisors. If a Youth is asked to fill any open position for NYATT, they are required to provide items #4 and #5 above.
13. ~~Out of state youth must have an AQHA Change of Affiliate Form on file with MQHA. Out of state youth are required to accrue MQHA points at three of the MQHA approved circuits offered during the qualifying period. They must meet all of the requirements above to be eligible for team selection.~~
14. 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 or the on-site adult responsible for the NYATT team, they ~~may~~ will not be eligible for participation on that team the following year.
15. The Youth Advisor and the Selection Committee may waive any of the requirements above for any special conditions that may arise provided that the exception is approved by the MQHA Board of Directors. The death or disability of a horse may be considered an exception.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Jeff Moody made a motion to pay the Grand Agricultural Center our \$7500 pledge for 2025. Danielle Lindsay seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed. Jeff did ask that Kris reach out and request an update on the facility. Kris mentioned that in October the project was awarded a \$1.8 million dollar grant from the State of Michigan.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. by unanimous consent without objection. The next meeting will be on Friday, January 23 at Firekeepers Casino Hotel in Battle Creek, MI as part of the MQHA Convention.