

MICHIGAN QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION
Meeting of the Board of Directors
February 10, 2026

President Kevin Cubitt called a meeting of the MQHA Board of Directors to order at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom. The following Directors and staff were present: Linda Barnes, Heather Boggetta, Kevin Cubitt, Ashlynn Kenoyer, Venessa Knoblock, Danielle Lindsay, Jeff Moody, Monty Montgomery, Kelly Nichols, Chris Perniciaro, Nicole Veldhoff, Katherine West and Kris Woroniecki.

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

REVIEW OF MINUTES: Kelly Nichols made a motion to approve the January 23, 2026, Board of Director minutes. Danielle Lindsay seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

REVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Kris Woroniecki presented the tentative financial statements for January 2026. The total assets of the Association as of January 31, 2026, are listed at \$635,524.82; the total liabilities at \$258,018.12 and the total members' equity is listed at \$377,506.70. The net income as of the end of January is -\$14,116.49 compared to \$5,501.39 for the same period in 2025. Income is up 15.2% for 2026, with expenses up 34.6%. The tack sale income and expense hit January instead of February this year. The sale was on January 31 so that reflects about \$11,000 more income for January than last year. Additionally, the deposits for the venues were paid in January instead of February which is \$11,245 booked in January that wasn't in 2025. The convention expenses are up some and the new Equine Connection Clinic expenses are new for 2026. The Clinic Committee needs to meet with the other partners in the project. There should be a report at the next meeting. Heather Boggetta made a motion to accept the January 2026 financial statement. Monty Montgomery seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Kris Woroniecki presented the checks written report for January 2026. There were checks written totaling \$114,932.07 for the month. Danielle Lindsay made a motion to approve the January check detail report. Kelly Nichols seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: President Cubitt thanked everyone for their efforts at the Convention. He said everyone really pitched in to help and it was all appreciated.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Vice President Moody indicated that the Committee list was shared with the Board and asked if anyone had questions or concerns. Hearing none, the Committee assignments are complete for 2026.

OFFICE REPORT: Kris Woroniecki reported that Heather Bielecki has signed up for the AQHA Show Management certification per the discussion at the January meeting. She is currently enrolled and has started working on the materials. Kris also stated that she has been in contact with Amy Atkinson and is discussing changes to the website. There isn't a quote yet, but we should receive it soon. The Clinic and MQHA Tack Sale went well. She will have the chairperson of the Clinic give that update, but the tack sale was well attended. There were some who stayed for Sunday. She discussed the need for increased marketing of the tack sale and hopes that Heather Boggetta can help more with that in 2027. Ashlyn Kenoyer also made some suggestions to help. Ashlynn will help Heather when it is time to start promoting it. It appears that the sale income will be similar to other years. Ashlynn Kenoyer stated that she will help round up some people to get the tables delivered and picked up for the tack sale to try to take some pressure off Kris and Heather at the event. Kris reminded the Board that she and Heather will be on vacation, leaving February 20 and returning to the office on March 2. After discussion with President Cubitt, the office answering machine will indicate that the office is closed for that week, but people can email and those will be responded to during the week. Kris will set aside time each day to respond to emails. Kris also said that she investigated going to the AQHA Convention and thought it might be better to plan it for 2027 since it may require being gone longer than she originally anticipated when it was discussed previously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CLINIC AND EDUCATION: Linda Barnes stated that the Equine Connection Weekend had a lot of great feedback. She said that the clinician, Ryan Cottingim, did an amazing job explaining to the various talent levels that were present. He was very patient. There were a lot of great comments on his sessions. There were many auditors present. The classroom sessions went over very well. The process of taking registrations needs a little tweaking. The group signups were not quite correct, but we worked through everything. The Clinic group stuffed the gift bags on Friday before the clinics. People commented on all the nice items that were provided. The MSU Horsemen's Association and the Michigan Equine Scholarship Fund had tables there. Overall, everything went very well. Venessa Knoblock and Kelly Nichols were also part of the weekend and worked hard to keep things moving and organized.

CONVENTION: Nicole Veldhoff stated that the Convention cost MQHA a little over \$14,000. The benefit auction made \$2545 which was down about \$225 from last year. We sold 261 dinner tickets this year compared to 256 last year, but we had 31 kids' dinners sold compared to 18. The addition of the photographer (\$400) and the magician (\$800) increased the expenses. We also sold fewer ads in the Honor roll which decreased the revenue by about \$625. The printing and publishing cost of the Honor Roll was comparable to last year. Nicole thanked the Board for allowing her son to give the prayer prior to dinner. The Board thanked him for doing an amazing job on it. Nicole heard great feedback on the awards this year.

We have received the contract for the 2027 Convention in Grand Rapids. Kris has not had time to go through it and since it is a new facility, it will require some time to be sure we know what we are getting into. We hope to set up a tasting some time this summer.

EASTER: Monty Montgomery said that the main barn is almost full and the camping is sold out. The circuit award sweatshirts were ordered, and the logo is being put on them. The Committee will start working on more details after the first of next month but the high points for the regular divisions are done.

FACEBOOK/WEBSITE: Heather Boggetta stated that she would start working on posting the stallions that are still available.

FUTURITY: Chris Perniciaro reminded everyone about the saddle raffle tickets. The drawing is at the Easter show. Chris also stated that the Committee would meet after the zoom meeting to discuss the potential of adding a Rail Horse class at the Futurity.

MEMBERSHIP: Ashlynn Kenoyer just received this committee. She is anxious to get started and try to see what can be done to help increase membership in MQHA.

QUEEN: Katherine West stated that Katie Hartman did a great job at the Convention. She has ordered the sashes. The crown and buckle are in production. She has a sponsor letter prepared to go out. Venessa Knoblock is going to chair the committee this year with Katherine's commitment to school taking up more time. Katherine will loop Venessa in so she can take over some of the bigger parts of the contest going forward.

STALLION SERVICE SALE: Chris Perniciaro said that the Committee is focused on getting the remaining stallions sold.

YEAR END AWARDS: Monty Montgomery reported that the 2025-year end awards expense came in at \$62,341 which was just under the \$65,000 budget. Some items purchased were moved into 2026 for this year. He thanked everyone who helped with the awards. He appreciated all the help, especially on Saturday morning when he wasn't feeling well. He said everyone, including some youth members, really helped them finish up and be organized.

YOUTH: Danielle said that the Youth met at the Convention. They had a great time, and she stated that it is a really amazing group of kids. Dana Moody is President again this year. She said the kids were excited about the bake sale at the Tack Sale. There was good camaraderie at the sale and that the kids set up, sold and tore down without much input from her. They seemed to work hard to be inclusive in the group and very welcoming toward each other. She is hoping that the season is fun for the kids at the shows. Their next meeting is coming up on Sunday.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Year End Awards Declaration: Kris explained that often people end up earning year end awards who really aren't interested in getting them. Our rules state that the points are accrued with membership and that anyone earning at least the threshold number of points gets a year-end award. We order an item for them. We must pack it up unclaimed at the Convention and often have trouble getting everything back to the office. We then inventory these items at a certain point then store them. We have a form already that asks questions such as exhibitor size, horse size, and whether someone wants to have their awards bundled into gift cards or items. The committee and the office are suggesting that we make the form mandatory for year end awards. The form can be completed at any point through the season – right up to the Harvest Classic. The points process does not change, and everyone will still be listed in the point standings, but when we go to purchase items, we will sort through those who have committed to getting their items and those who are not interested. Monty Montgomery made a motion that we enact the new process. Kelly Nichols seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed. The new process will be posted at the shows, on the website, on the FB page and with each point standing update.

Kevin Cubitt stated that he and Tim Bush met with a representative of Lansing Sports who wants to help us market the events at the Pavilion. This is a contact that Tim Bush made originally. Kevin isn't positive where it will go from here, but Lansing Sports gets their budget from the hotel taxes. They hope to be able to help us.

Kevin added that he really appreciated everyone kicking in and working together. He is really proud of everyone and appreciates it all very much.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. by unanimous consent without objection. The next meeting will be March 10 at the MSU Pavilion.