

MICHIGAN QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION
Meeting of the Board of Directors
February 11, 2023

President Heather Coe called a meeting of the MQHA Board of Directors to order at 12:55 p.m. at the MSU Pavilion, East Lansing, Classroom B. The following Directors and staff were present: Meggen Baynes, Jennifer Bluhm, Heather Boggetta, Heather Coe, Kevin Cubitt, Sasha Glover, Austin Gooding, Rob Kirkpatrick, Monty Montgomery, Jeff Moody, and Kris Woroniecki. Chris Perniciaro and Nicole Veldhoff were excused. In attendance was Dutch Guthrie.

AGENDA: Rob Kirkpatrick made a motion to add “upcoming shows” to new business on the agenda. Heather Boggetta seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

REVIEW OF MINUTES: Sasha Glover made a motion to accept the January 20, 2023 minutes. The motion was seconded by Austin Gooding. Motion passed with none opposed.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT: President Coe thanked everyone for their attendance at the retreat today and at the meeting. She also thanked Dutch Guthrie for facilitating the retreat.

VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT: Rob Kirkpatrick explained that the Board should review the committee options and choose no fewer than three committees to participate on as well as one horse show. These will be collected at the end of the day and assignments given as soon as he is able to.

OFFICE REPORT: Kris Woroniecki stated that the board meeting calendar as well as the director contact forms were included in the board packets today. A Board member suggested a meeting at the new fairgrounds in Lowell. Kris will look into a possible date to do that.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CONVENTION: Kris Woroniecki asked the board for their general feelings on the Firekeepers Casino Hotel. It sounded like everyone enjoyed their time at the new location. Kris said the financial report had not been completed yet, but once it is, the Board will need to determine what the next step for 2024 will be. There was discussion about the Stallion Service Sale and the consensus on the board was that the sale worked well on the first weekend of January, and it allowed a little more relaxed day during the Convention for just those activities. More information will be discussed at the March board meeting.

TACK SALE: Kris Woroniecki stated that the tack sale went well and almost all of the spaces were spoken for. The financial report will be given at the March meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: Kris Woroniecki mentioned that she had checked on CD rates through 5/3 Bank. She will get some more rates and request some input from Dutch and the finance committee before deciding how to move forward.

NEW BUSINESS: Upcoming Shows -Rob Kirkpatrick made a motion to add five bags of bedding to each stall for the Easter show and increase the stall cost by \$50. Jeff Moody seconded the motion. Motion passed with Boggetta opposed. Meggen Baynes made a motion that the class blanket fee be \$325 for Easter. Heather Boggetta seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed. Austin Gooding made a motion to accept the new permanent dates at MSU for the Easter circuit (April 2-7, 2024). Heather Boggetta seconded. Motion passed with none opposed. Austin Gooding made a motion that we give up the floating date over Easter going forward. Meggen Baynes seconded. Motion passed with none opposed. Sasha Glover made a motion that all board members receive their camping at a reduced cost for all shows. Kevin Cubitt seconded the motion. Motion passed with Baynes opposed. There was again discussion on the PPHS program. This discussion was tabled until more pricing can be set for the show season. Jeff Moody made a motion that Heather Bielecki do the AQHA Show Management seminar online to become certified with AQHA, with MQHA paying the fee. Kevin Cubitt seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m. by unanimous consent without objection. *The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 19.*