

MICHIGAN QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION  
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Meggen Baynes called a conference call meeting of the MQHA Board of Directors to order at 7:00 p.m. The following Directors and staff were present on the call: Meggen Baynes, Kathy Christensen, Barbara Foster, Sasha Glover, Megan Hirschman, Mike Huntoon, Rob Kirkpatrick, Monty Montgomery, Chris Perniciaro, Allyson Thompson, Morgan Warda, Jeff West and Kris Woroniecki.

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

**MINUTES:** Megan Hirschman made a motion to approve the January 13, 2018 Board of Director minutes as presented. Monty Montgomery seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed. Megan Hirschman made a motion to approve the January 14, 2018 Board of Director minutes as presented. Monty Montgomery seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

**REVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT:** Megan Hirschman presented the financial statement for the period ending January 2018. The income for the month of January is down almost \$10,000. Megan explained the differences in the income for the two years compared. The expenses for the month of January are down about \$6,000. The total assets of the Association as of January 31, 2018 are listed at \$392,180.96; the total liabilities at \$115,343.04 and the total members' equity is listed at \$276,837.92. The net income as of the end of January is listed at \$6,747.07 compared to \$9,898.28 for the same period in 2017. Mike Huntoon made a motion to accept the January financial report as presented. Monty Montgomery seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The January 2018 checks written report was presented by Kris Woroniecki. There were checks written totaling \$39,734.01 for the month. Megan Hirschman made a motion to approve the January checks written report. Chris Perniciaro seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** President Baynes asked if the Directors had reviewed the committee assignments from Vice President Christensen and if anyone had any questions. She encouraged board members to seek help from people who are not on the Board for their committees. She asked that the committees meet prior to the Board of Directors meetings and bring ideas to the Board for approval. She indicated that she is happy to help any committees if they just reach out and ask. Meggen stated that she has signed the EKG Show Management contracts for 2018. The new contract clarified some items, but overall there are not a lot of changes. Meggen also said that she has had a lot of people approach her about helping and sponsoring for the upcoming season. The office staff will pull together a new handout for sponsorships after a meeting next week.

**VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Vice President Christensen encouraged Directors to approach people outside of the board for assistance on the committee. She indicated that the MQHA Board needs to continue to get more people involved and asking for help on a committee invites them in on an entry level. Kathy will work on the outlines for committees and get the information sent out to the new Board members.

**OFFICE REPORT:** Kris Woroniecki reported on the tack sale. The overall revenue was down \$440. There was \$214 more spent on advertising this year as compared to last year. There were 194 tack sale spaces and six vendor spaces in 2018 as compared to 197 spaces and four vendors in 2017. Overall profit was \$4,578.

Kris shared a thank you note from Gary, Colleen and Bobby Miller for the induction into the Hall of Fame.

Kris stated that she is working on getting the information prepared to be sent to the CPA for the 2017 tax return. She also mentioned that the new website is up. She hoped that people have had an opportunity to go through it. The advertising banners and the store are the last pieces to be put on there. She hopes that it will be completed in March. Kris also stated that she will be meeting with Amy Atkinson to help develop some more ideas regarding sponsorships and advertising and she will bring the ideas back to the Board. The 2018 Show Approval meeting

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will be scheduled in March. She will update the Board on the status of that. The MQHA new member letter was updated and they were sent out to people who applied for memberships over the last two months.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**CONVENTION:** Sasha Glover reported that the 2018 Convention showed a loss of \$151. Sasha has been in contact with the Mount Pleasant Comfort Inn and Suites where we held Convention a few years ago. The Comfort Inn has spent a few million dollars in renovations. Sasha did a rough numbers comparison between the Ramada and the Comfort Inn. It would cost more to make a move, but it was agreed that it is time to find a new location. Kris Woroniecki also indicated that she had been in contact with the Chambers of Commerce in Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo and Jackson. There is nothing to report at this time, but the committee will come back with information on additional venues if something becomes a viable option.

**EASTER SHOW:** Monty Montgomery shared that there are 183 stalls and 56 campers reserved as of today. He is getting a lot of support from sponsors. Monty thanked Meggen Baynes for her efforts helping with sponsorships. Monty is still working on rest of class prizes and circuit awards. The committee hopes to add some fun activities including something that the youth might be able to do. He is looking for a third person to help scribe. Additional help is also needed for various jobs. Meggen Baynes is organizing a team tournament at the Easter show.

**FUTURITY:** Futurity rule changes were presented as a result of the January 2018 Futurity meeting. Kris Woroniecki explained the decision by the Futurity Committee to open the futurity up to any horses, any breeds. She indicated that the mission statement will need to be considered and rewritten.

### **SECTION 1 – MQHA BREEDERS' FUTURITY**

#### **MISSION**

The purpose of the Michigan Quarter Horse Breeders' Futurity is to promote and showcase American Quarter Horses resulting from Michigan breeding programs.

#### **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

1. All entries are eligible ~~under any one of the following guidelines:~~ provided the entry is registered with a breed association that is recognized by the NSBA or WCHA.
  - A. ~~if the sire of the entry sold in the Stallion Service Sale in the current year sale~~
  - B. ~~if the sire of the entry sold in the Stallion Service Sale the year of conception or as a carry over breeding~~
  - C. ~~if the entry is Michigan owned~~
  - D. ~~if the entry is Michigan bred – which is defined as the sire or the dam resides in Michigan, or the owners of those reside in Michigan.~~
2. All owners of record, open and non-pro/amateur exhibitors must be members in good standing of MQHA and their breed's registry.
  - A. Any person on suspension or otherwise denied privileges from MQHA will be ineligible to exhibit or have horses exhibited at the Futurity if the Futurity is held during the specified dates of said suspension. All horses which are recorded in the name of such person, or owned in whole or part by such person, are not eligible to participate in said Futurity.
  - B. Any horse on suspension from MQHA will be ineligible to be exhibited at the Futurity if the Futurity is held during the specified dates of said suspension.
  - C. Any violation of NSBA or WCHA rules, which the Michigan Quarter Horse Breeders' Futurity adheres to ~~as if the Futurity is an AQHA approved show~~, could result in the following: 1) Forfeiture of all monies and awards and 2) the exhibitor of the entry could be ineligible for exhibiting horses in the following year's Futurity.

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**3. Weanlings:** Weanlings may be shown at halter as follows: open and/or non-pro fillies; and open and/or non-pro stallions/geldings.

A. The MQHBF will follow WCHA halter rules.

**4. Yearlings:** Yearlings may be shown in open western long line, open HUS prospect long line and/or non-pro-western/hus combined yearling long line.

A. The MQHBF will follow NSBA yearling long line rules.

**5.** All horses two and older may be shown in performance classes in open and/or non-pro. All MQHBF riding classes will follow NSBA rules.

~~Two Year Olds: Two year olds may be shown in performance classes in open and/or non-pro.~~

~~6. Three Year Olds: Three year olds may be shown in performance classes in open and/or non-pro.~~

~~7. Four Year Olds & Over: Four year olds & over may be shown in performance classes in open and/or non-pro and are exempt from the Futurity eligibility requirements.~~

~~8. Horses entered in riding classes must adhere to AQHA and/or NSBA equipment rules. three year old performance may be shown one handed in a bit or two handed in a snaffle bit or bosal.~~

**9.** The Michigan Quarter Horse Breeders' Futurity will be shown each year at such place as may be designated by the Board of Directors.

**10.** All classes will be judged by a qualified judge or judges.

**11.** All fees and dues dates will be published on the MQHA ~~Journal~~ Website.

#### CLASS ENTRY REQUIREMENTS AND FEES

**13.** To enter a ~~Michigan-Bred~~ 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. ~~in either the appendix or numbered section of the AQHA Stud Book.~~

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. Yearlings and older must be registered by the appropriate breed association. ~~with either the appendix or numbered registry of the AQHA Stud Book and.~~ A copy of the registration papers must accompany the payment of fees.

D. If an entry is gelded, it is the owner's responsibility to notify the Futurity office in writing no later than ~~check-in at the Futurity.~~

**14.** Each class entry fee is a one-time payment, with the fee progressively greater based on postmark date. The class entry fee schedule is published on the MQHA Website.

**15.** All owners of record and open and non-pro exhibitors must be members of MQHA or pay the appropriate membership fee.

A. ~~Amateur exhibitor status will be determined according to current AQHA amateur respective breed association rules. All amateurs/non-pros must in the Michigan Quarter Horse Breeder's Futurity is required to hold an AQHA amateur card and submit a copy of the amateur/non-pro card with the entry or prior to the class showing.~~

B. All exhibitors must be declared at least one class prior to the start of their class. Exhibitors in the first class of the day must be declared at least one-half (1/2) hour prior to the start of the show day.

**16.** All payments to the Futurity must be made to the Michigan Quarter Horse office. Canadian entrants must make payments payable in U.S. funds. Entries will not be accepted by telephone. Entries may be faxed or emailed to the MQHA Office if accompanied by a Visa, MasterCard, Amex or Discover number.

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Non-sufficient Funds

**19.** Any entry whose payment of fees is returned by the bank for non-sufficient funds, a declined credit card or any other reason will be assessed late/penalty fees. Such entry will be ineligible to show until all such fees have been paid by cash, certified check, credit card or money order. Payment in full must be received by the day of the Futurity.

DISPUTED ENTRIES

**26.** In the case that a back number is not present on the gate sheet, the entry will be allowed to show to allow time for verification of entry. If the entry is deemed ineligible for any reason, including class criteria, class not entered, non-sufficient funds, etc., the placing and any potential money earned by the ineligible entry will be forfeited and all other entries moved up one placing.

JUDGING, EXHIBITING, EQUIPMENT AND ARTIFICIAL APPLIANCES

- 27.** 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. Riding classes will be split at the discretion of the show management.
  - C. The Futurity Committee follows all NSBA/WCHA rules and regulations for showing horses, including weanlings. Further, the event management reserves the right to do a random check in all classes for artificial devices or equipment. If there are any violations discovered, it shall be reported to NSBA/WCHA for further action.

DRUG TESTING

- 28.** All horses exhibited at the MQHBF are subject to the current drug testing rules and regulations.
- A. Every exhibitor at the Michigan Quarter Horse Breeders' Futurity shall upon request permit a specimen of urine, saliva, blood or other substance to be taken for testing. Refusal to comply with such request shall constitute grounds for immediate disqualification of the animal from further participation at the show and forfeiture of all awards earned by that animal.
  - B. Any person entering the arena with a horse for the purpose of having his/her horse judged shall be deemed to have given his or her consent to have said horse submit to testing.
  - C. If a positive drug test occurs at the MQHA Futurity, it will result in forfeiture of all monies and awards earned by that horse and owner/exhibitor in that current year's Futurity.
    1. The MQ Board will follow NSBA/WCHA drug testing guidelines.

**SECTION 2 - MQHA STALLION SERVICE AUCTION, FUTURITY AND SNAFFLE BIT**

**30.** The Procedure:

- D. Purchase of a service must be paid for on the day of the auction. Cash, money order, Visa, Mastercard, Amex or personal check will be accepted.
- E. September 10<sup>th</sup> is the cut-off date to purchase unsold stallion services from the MQHA Stallion Service Sale.

**31.** PAYBACKS:

- A. The purse structure is as follows: 34% to weanling fillies (mare owners and stallion owners), 34% to weanling colts or geldings (mare owners and stallion owners), 7% to the yearling long line (mare owners and stallion owners), 17% to the 2-year-old snaffle bit class entries (mare owners and stallion owners) and 5% to the 3-Year-Old Hunter Under Saddle (mare owners and stallion owners). A 3% discretionary fund is established, and its use will be decided by the committee on an annual basis. It will provide for larger awards and start up paybacks. Classes with fewer than 5 entries may be run concurrently and awarded by mare owner and stallion owner division.

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1. For the weanlings, the total weanling purse will be divided equally between the four weanling classes and the paybacks will be:

- a. (6) places for 32 or fewer entries - 30%, 24%, 18%, 12%, 9% and 7%.
- b. More than 32 entries, the payback will go to seven (7) places - 29%, 23%, 15%, 11%, 9%, 7%, and 6%.
- c. If there are only five (5) showing - 31%, 25%, 19%, 14% and 11%.
- d. If there are only four (4) showing - 33%, 28%, 24% and 15%.

2. The yearling longe line, the two year-old and the three year-old SSS classes will follow the SSS Payback Schedule.

B. In the event of a tie, the tie breaker judge will decide who receives the award and ribbon, but monies will be combined and divided equally, the tie positions shall be designated as co-position (example: two-way tie for 1<sup>st</sup> place will be designated Co-Champions of said class).

**32. General Rules:**

G. There will be four weanling halter classes at the Futurity (Mare Owner Colts/Geldings and Mare Owner Fillies, Stallion Owner Colts/Geldings, and Stallion Owner Fillies), one Yearling Longe Line class for mare owner and stallion owner entries, two 2-year old western pleasure snaffle bit classes: mare owner snaffle bit and stallion owner snaffle bit, and one 3-year old hunter under saddle class for mare owner and stallion owner entries.

N. Retainments will determine the class purse. ~~Entry fees, late fees and any added money, less no more than 10% for expenses, will determine the class purse. The entry fee will be due by September 1<sup>st</sup> of the calendar year. A late fee in addition to the entry fee will be assessed for entries received after September 1<sup>st</sup> and up to the day of the show.~~

**33. Stallion Service Sale Class format (need to correct numbering)**

H. The Stallion Service Sale Weanling halter classes will follow current WCHA rules.

1. The weanling mare owner class entry must be out of the mare declared during the breeding year one year prior, or the result of a rebreed the following year. The mare owner is allowed a free entry.

2. The weanling stallion owner class entry is an entry by a stallion donated one year prior, and declared by the stallion owner (agent) that signed the breeding contract. The stallion owner is allowed a free entry.

3. All weanlings that are eligible for the weanling halter classes must declare their intent to show in the respective class by sending in the entry form by September 1<sup>st</sup>. Entries will be accepted from September 2<sup>nd</sup> to the start of the class but will be subject to a late fee.

I. The Stallion Service Sale Yearling Longe Line Class will follow current NSBA Longe Line rules.

1. The yearling longe line mare owner entry must be out of the mare declared during the breeding year two years previously, or the result of a rebreed the following year. The mare owner is allowed a free entry.

2. The stallion owner yearling longe line entry is an entry by a stallion donated two years previously and declared by the stallion owner (agent) that signed the breeding contract. The stallion owner is allowed a free entry.

3. All yearlings that are eligible for the yearling longe line must declare their intent to show in the respective class by sending in the entry form by September 1<sup>st</sup>. Entries will be accepted from September 2<sup>nd</sup> to the start of the class but will be subject to a late fee.

J. The Stallion Service Sale 2 year-old western pleasure will follow NSBA rules.

1. The two year old mare owner snaffle bit entry must be out of the mare declared during the breeding year three years previously, or the result of a rebreed the following year.

2. The two year-old stallion owner snaffle bit entry is an entry by a stallion donated three years previously and declared by the stallion owner (agent) that signed the breeding contract. The stallion owner is allowed a free entry.

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3. All two year olds that are eligible for the MSSS snaffle bit classes must declare their intent to show in the respective class by sending in the entry form by September 1<sup>st</sup>. Entries will be accepted from September 2<sup>nd</sup> to the start of the class but will be subject to a late fee.
- K. A Three Year Old Hunter Under Saddle will follow NSBA rules.
  1. One class for all mare owner and stallion owner entries will be offered.
  2. The three year-old hunter under saddle mare owner entry must be out of the mare declared during the breeding year four years previously, or the result of a rebreed the following year.
  3. The three year-old hunter under saddle stallion owner entry is an entry by a stallion donated four years previously and declared by the stallion owner (agent) that signed the breeding contract. The stallion owner is allowed a free entry.
  4. All three year-olds that are eligible for the SSS 3 YO HUS class must declare their intent to show by sending in the entry form by September 1<sup>st</sup>. Entries will be accepted from September 2<sup>nd</sup> to the start of the class but will be subject to a late fee.

Megan Hirschman made a motion to approve the rule changes as presented making them retroactive for January 2018. Barb Foster seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed. Kris Woroniecki reminded the Committee that the mission statement will need to be reworded.

**HARBOR CLASSIC:** The committee held a conference call on February 8 to review the showbill. Several changes were made to allow for shorter days. The show will start on Monday and run through Sunday. Portable stalls from American Stall Rental are confirmed for the event. Meggen Baynes has secured some sponsors including a Mexico themed happy hour. She will be working on a team tournament for the event. The committee is hoping to reinstate the euchre tournament, the volleyball tournament as well as some other fun activities.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Kathy Christensen reminded the board that the MHC Expo coming up. She is reaching out to youth and youth parents as well as other members to get volunteer help and she is still in need of people to fill in.

**PUBLICITY:** Morgan Warda reported that she has been in contact with Gohorseshow.com to see if they are willing to extend the same price on the horseshow advertising package that they have offered us the last couple of years. It was discussed which shows might benefit from the package. Morgan also asked the editor if the magazine would be interested in including some of our Convention highlights. She has also been in contact with Horse Circuit News and offered some information on advertising there.

**QUEEN:** Kathy Christensen indicated that there was a phone conference with the Queen Committee members. The committee has divided up the responsibilities. They are also working to reach out and recruit Queen candidates. The recruiting will also include information on some of the great prizes that a queen may win by being involved in the Congress Queen Contest. Kathy also indicated that the July date for the contest may need to be changed to something earlier.

**STALLION SERVICE SALE:** Chris Perniciaro reported that the sale has reached \$38,300 as of the meeting. There are still a few pending payments. The committee has purchased gift boxes from the Blueberry Store. These have been shipped to the stallion owners whose stallion breeding has sold. The stallion owners should be receiving them this week.

**YOUTH:** Sasha Glover stated that Jeff West has been working on a sponsorship program with a youth parent. This will be an updated way to raise money. Sasha also stated that the youth were grateful for split on convention auction revenue. He also thanked the Easter show committee for offering the youth a class/fundraiser at Easter show.

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**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** Gumby bucks – President Baynes explained that she wants to offer bucks that would be given at the Summer Series show to start with. They could be used for ribbon placings or for random drawings. She will come back to the Board with more info after more discussion with Toledo Ticket.

President Baynes also stated that she was involved in a conversation about the Midland County Fairgrounds with Trish Steele, the grounds manager. Meggen gave input on an all-purpose building, which is several years from being started. She was also part of the group that discussed the footing in the arenas, trail equipment, an addition of an outdoor arena, upgrades to the existing arenas, upgrades to camping and an increase in the size of the stalls. All these items are being talked about within a five-year plan.

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:27 p.m. by unanimous consent.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting is March 14, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the MSU Pavilion, East Lansing.

**ELECTRONIC BOARD CORRESPONDENCE:** *MQHA rules now allow for electronic voting when necessary. Any information voted on electronically between meetings will be recorded on the next set of minutes in this section:*