

**MICHIGAN QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION**  
**Meeting of the Board of Directors**  
**February 5, 2020**

President Megan Hirschman 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: Heather Coe, Tessa Dalton, Barb Foster, Sasha Glover, Austin Gooding, Megan Hirschman, Mike Huntoon, Danielle Lindsay, Monty Montgomery, Denise Morgan, Sarah Switek, Allyson Thompson and Kris Woroniecki. Past President, Kathy Christensen was also on the call.

**AGENDA:** Mike Huntoon made a motion to approve the agenda. Barb Foster seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

**REVIEW OF MINUTES:** Mike Huntoon made a motion to approve the January 10, 2020 Board of Director minutes. Denise Morgan seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed. Mike Huntoon made a motion to approve the January 12, 2020 Board of Director minutes. Monty Montgomery seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

**REVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT:** Megan Hirschman explained that Barb Foster would be giving the financial reports beginning in March. Barb will get brought up to speed on the reports between now and the next meeting. Megan explained the finance report to the new directors. She gave the numbers and explained that timing for the events will likely skew the monthly reports.

Megan Hirschman presented the financial statement. The total assets of the Association as of January 31, 2020 are listed at \$457,106.71; the total liabilities at \$102,534.87 and the total members' equity is listed at \$357,571.84. The net income as of the end of January is listed at -\$802.50 compared to -\$6,524.66 for the same period in 2019. Barb Foster made a motion to approve the January 2020 statement. Denise Morgan seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Kris Woroniecki presented the checks written report for January 2020. There were checks written totaling \$96,502.27 for the month. Heather Coe made a motion to approve the January check detail report. Danielle Lindsay seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Megan Hirschman welcomed the new directors. She stated she is excited about the upcoming year. She asked the new committee chair people to help the new directors by bringing them up to speed on the status of the individual projects. Megan said she is happy to answer questions and welcomed everyone.

**OFFICE REPORT:** Kris Woroniecki asked the Board about retiring back numbers. There was significant discussion with the directors. Mike Huntoon made a motion that the subject be added back for the March meeting/Old Business. Allyson Thompson seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Vice President Mike Huntoon stated he tried to put people on the committees they had requested.

**CONVENTION:** – Heather Coe explained that she had a discussion with the hotel about some of the statements made about the food. She stated that the chef was apparently upset that there were some negatives about the food this year. The committee will work to change the menu a little bit for 2021. Heather said she was comfortable working with the hotel and continued to believe that they were very accommodating for our group and things went quite smoothly this year. Heather asked for input regarding the 2021 Convention. Barb Foster made a motion to return to the Comfort Inn, Mt Pleasant for the 2021 convention. Danielle Lindsay seconded the motion. Motion carried with none opposed.

**EASTER:** Monty Montgomery stated that the committee is working on the awards. They are also confirming sponsors.

**HALL OF FAME:** Mike Huntoon stated that Julie Leek reached out to him and was very appreciative of the induction. She was sorry to have missed the presentation. She lost her stallion on the day she was supposed to be there for the Hall of Fame.

**HARBOR:** Barb Foster stated that the committee is changing the start time on some of the activities to allow more people, including the trainers, to be able to attend the festivities. They will also be offering a cornhole tournament in place of the euchre. The show bill will be finalized soon and will include that the Princess contest will be on Saturday at Harbor.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Danielle Lindsay said that the booth is reserved for the Michigan Horse Council Expo. She is working on getting help lined up for the three-day event. She has a few ideas for the booth that she will share soon.

**NOVICE SHOWS/CLINICS:** Allyson Thompson shared information on the Clinic at the February tack sale.

All sessions were reasonably well attended. The fewest were at the 2:30 session, which could suggest only earlier sessions in the future. The auditorium worked well. The mentoring by MQHA youth in Showmanship worked out. Awarding of gift baskets went well. Drawing for the grooming tub donated by MQHA and the cowboy/cowgirl basket donated by MPHA was well received. Consider doing gift bags for all participants in the future might be a better suggestion for the future event.

Allyson also indicated that she would reach out to prospective clinicians for the Harbor Classic. She will update the committee.

**QUEEN:** Kathy Christensen updated the Board on the Queen Contest. Minae Kroeze is helping with the contest again this year. She has heard of two possible contestants. There is a reminder posted on the FB page and the post includes the application link. The test is written. The saddle, the crown and the sashes are all ordered. The princess contest will still be at the Harbor Classic. The Warren English family will cover the \$700 Queen application fee again this year. The committee is contacting sponsors.

**SPARTAN SPECTACULAR:** Barb Foster reported that the youth will have their \$20 class sponsorship fundraiser. The Thayne Miner items are being ordered. Other awards are being discussed.

**SUMMER SERIES:** Allyson Thompson reported on her committee. The Midland Fairgrounds continues to be the location. The showbill is close to being finalized. Looking at tank tops, beach tables and towels as awards. Construction at the Fairgrounds was delayed – updates are being sent as they are offered. Circuit awards and prizes will be ordered soon. Suggestions are welcome. Mary Wilkosz has graciously offered to sponsor breakfast.

**TACK SALE –** Kris Woroniecki stated that she would like to discuss the idea of having commercial and noncommercial pricing for the spaces at the sale. The financial report will be available in March as we don't have the bill for the tables yet.

**YOUTH –** Sasha Glover reported that the bake sale was a success making \$408. The membership drive went well with parents and youth helping for both of these events during the tack sale. He stated that the youth also helped in the show pen during the Saturday clinics. The Youth Meeting calendar is set and they have decided to offer meetings in various locations with some held during the shows and some held away from the shows in an attempt to reach out to more kids and relieve the pressure of the showing climate where possible. They have had a great start to the year.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**SHOW MANAGEMENT UPDATE:** Megan Hirschman explained that no formal decision on show management for 2020 has been made, but one individual has been contacted to attend the Easter show and help as an additional staff member. It is thought she might be a good fit for what we already have established, and she is familiar with the software we are using.

**TRAILER:** Kris Woroniecki stated that MQHA was successful in purchasing a new 20 x 8 enclosed double axel cargo trailer. The trailer is insured, registered and licensed. The rails are loaded and now stored off MSU property. There was discussion about the need to purchase a few rails each year and to consider painting the existing rails.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:** Mike Huntoon made a motion to loan the West Michigan Fair Association \$25,000 to allow them to purchase material to build 88 stalls for their new barns. Monty Montgomery seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed. *The agreement will be between MQHA and the Western Michigan Fair Association (here after known as WMFA). MQHA would make a loan of \$25,000.00 to the WMFA for the purpose of designing and fabricating 88 horse stalls for use inside the existing barns on the Mason County Fair Grounds, beginning with the 2020 Harbor Classic Horse Show. WMFA will match the loan amount. The repayment terms of the loan would be 10 years; however the balance of the loan may be paid off at any time by WMFA. During the period of this agreement the WMFA agrees not to raise fees to MQHA more than 2% from the present base rate.*

A motion to adjourn was made at 7:55 p.m. by unanimous consent.

**The next meeting is Tuesday, March 10 at 7 p.m. at the MSU Pavilion.**