

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

President Kevin Cubitt called a Zoom meeting of the MQHA Board of Directors to order at 6:35 p.m. The meeting was rescheduled as a zoom due to the weather. The following Directors and staff were present: Linda Barnes, Heather Boggetta, Kevin Cubitt, Ashlynn Kenoyer, Venessa Knoblock, Jeff Moody, Monty Montgomery, Kelly Nichols, Nicole Veldhoff, Katherine West and Kris Woroniecki. Excused were: Danielle Lindsay and Chris Perniciaro.

**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:** Heather Boggetta made a motion to approve the February 10, 2026, Board of Director minutes. Katherine West seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

**REVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT:** Kris Woroniecki presented the tentative financial statements for February 2026. The total assets of the Association as of February 28, 2026, are listed at \$658,230.53; the total liabilities at \$253,921.12 and the total members' equity is listed at \$404,309.41. The net income as of the end of February is \$12,686.22 compared to \$23,849.17 for the same period in 2025. Income is down 1.14% for 2026, with expenses up 6.05%. Monty Montgomery made a motion to accept the February 2026 financial statement. Kelly Nichols seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Kris Woroniecki presented the checks written report for February 2026. There were checks written totaling \$29,501.05 for the month. Katherine West made a motion to approve the February check detail report. Kelly Nichols seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** President Cubitt thanked the board for their attendance and for their willingness to switch to a zoom call because of the impending weather.

**OFFICE REPORT:** Kris Woroniecki reported that Heather Bielecki has completed the AQHA Show Management certification. She also updated the Board that she is compiling the information for the tax return and is hoping to get that to the CPA soon. Funnware has a weekend class that will run from April 23-25 at Ohio Quarter Horse Association. Kris said she would like to have Heather, Peighton and herself attend if it is cost-effective and if it appears that there will be information that would be helpful. She has reached out to them for more information, but they have not responded yet. Kris spoke about the renewing of the QuickBooks software for 2026. She also reminded the Board that there were three computers that will need to be replaced in 2026. Kris also read an email from a representative from the Legacy Equine Summit. They are asking MQHA for a Sponsorship. Princess Tennley has also requested to set up a table to promote MQHA at the event. After discussion, the Board agreed that since the event was only a little more than two weeks away, there was not enough time to properly support it. Linda Barnes will reach out to Princess Tennley and her mother. The office will send an email response and request that we get information sooner for the 2027 event when we would be in a better position to consider a request for support.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**CLINIC AND EDUCATION:** Linda Barnes shared the financial report from the Equine Connection Weekend. MQHA's investment in the event was just under \$4600. The event made \$4505 between the three groups. Venessa Knoblock made a motion that we leave our share of the profit alone and do not request payment from MSU. The share of our profit will be used as seed money for 2027. Heather Boggetta seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. President Cubitt added that he was really impressed with what he was able to watch of the Clinic with Ryan Cottingim. He said Ryan did an amazing job breaking down his explanations of maneuvers. Kevin said that the event seemed well run, he heard lots of positive comments and the committee should be proud of the job they did.

**CONVENTION:** Nicole shared that the Sheraton GR sent the contract to the office. Kris reviewed it and returned some questions on February 16 and again on March 3. She hasn't heard back but she will follow up this week. Kris also reiterated a request for a date at Firekeepers in 2028 but hasn't heard back on that either.

**EASTER:** Monty Montgomery stated that there were some more awards that needed to be finalized. They are working on the rest of the sponsors. The committee is backing off on the pork bbq meal for this event as the stall count is falling off some. Monty said they are going to be careful with the expenses. Kris mentioned that she would like to offer Gumby cash to any exhibitors willing to help in the arena with showmanship and trail. The Board agreed we may need to pay for the assistance.

**FACEBOOK/WEBSITE:** Heather Boggetta started a post for the Stallion Service Sale. She has the event pages done through Summer Series.

**FINANCE:** Kris told the Board that there are four CDs that will need to be renewed in March. There is also another one that will renew in April. There was discussion about the rates and what to do with the money. Linda Barnes made a motion to purchase two cds at the 8 month rate that is currently shown, provided it doesn't change much when Kris meets with the Bank. Pending the rate of return on the savings account, either put the other two cds into the savings, or also put those into two more cds, whichever has a better rate. The final cd for about \$27,000 that comes due in April could be moved to the savings account to help pay for upcoming expenses for the website, hardware and software purchases needed. Jeff Moody seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**FUTURITY:** Jeff Moody discussed the new Rail Horse Association that wants to add a class at the Futurity. There is the potential to add \$40,000 to the event as they have four divisions and will add \$10,000 per division. The Futurity committee is interested in continuing to pursue the addition of one HUS Rail Horse Association class. Jeff also reminded everyone to sell their saddle raffle tickets. The drawing is coming up quickly on April 4.

**HALL OF FAME:** Kevin Cubitt stated that the horse is chosen and the person is being discussed in committee. They will update once they meet and finalize.

**HARVEST CLASSIC:** Heather Boggetta said that the work hasn't started on the show yet, but she expects things to run like what it has in the past. The Ranch classes did well there last year, and she hopes for even better attendance for that.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Ashlynn Kenoyer attended the Michigan Horse Council Expo as a clinician. While there, she handed out MQHA items and coordinated with Stephanie and Princess Tenley Kelts to help promote MQHA. She has also been talking with Kris about reaching out to those on the new AQHA member list. They will get together and finalize a plan for that.

**QUEEN:** Katherine West reported that there will likely be four Queen Contestants. Venessa Knoblock is the chairperson this year and she is working to get up to speed with Katherine so she can be of more help. Ashlynn asked if the Queen could be asked to attend the Michigan Horse Council Expo as there were a lot of other queens present during the event. The Committee will discuss it and confirm if that event could be added.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** Website proposal – a proposal to update the existing MQHA Website was shared with the Board. Linda Barnes made a motion to move forward with the exploration and development of the new website through Acorn Marketing at a cost of up to \$11,200. Kelly Nichols seconded the motion. Motion carried with none opposed. Linda will offer input in the layout. Other Board members were encouraged to do the same.

President Cubitt also shared that he is still in discussion with the representative from the sports development program in the Lansing area. They are trying to get hotel discounts, restaurant discounts and publicity for us. He mentioned he would like to come to one of our meetings. Kevin will invite him to the April meeting and put him on the agenda at the beginning if he would like to attend.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. by unanimous consent without objection. The next meeting will be April 14 at the MSU Pavilion.