

MICHIGAN QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION
Meeting of the Board of Directors
March 5, 2024

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

AGENDA: Monty Montgomery made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Kevin Cubitt seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

REVIEW OF MINUTES: Kelly Nichols made a motion to approve the February 13, 2024 Board of Director minutes. Jeff Moody seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

REVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Kevin Cubitt presented the financial statements for February 2024. The total assets of the Association as of February 29, 2024, are listed at \$604,033.75; the total liabilities at \$274,255.42 and the total members' equity is listed at \$329,778.33. The net income as of the end of February is \$17,824.90 compared to \$23,882.42 for the same period in 2023. Kelly Nichols made a motion to accept the February 2024 statement. Chris Perniciaro seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Kevin Cubitt presented the checks written report for February 2024. There were checks written totaling \$65,589.60 for the month. Heather Boggetta made a motion to approve the February check detail report. Kelly Nichols seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: President Kirkpatrick spoke to the Board about their committees and inviting people who are not on the board to be a part of the committees. There were several people who ran for positions on the board, and they would be a good pool of people to start with. The committees need workers so please reach out.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Vice President Perniciaro had no report.

OFFICE REPORT: Kris Woroniecki gave the financial report for the tack sale. The sale was up in 2024 by 11 spaces. The cost of the Pavilion increased as did the cost of the table rentals. We didn't want to charge more for the spaces, so we eliminated including the table in the cost of the reservation. That seemed to be a good move which saved us about \$600. The profit from the event was about \$5,000 which was up \$700 from last year.

CLINICS/EDUCATION: Linda Barnes, the new chair for this committee stated she has some questions and will get with Kris before the committee moves forward.

CONVENTION: Kris Woroniecki reviewed the financial statement for the Convention. The event cost \$12,965 this year compared to just under \$10,000 last year. We had 173 dinners. We did not hit our room minimum, so we incurred an additional fee of almost \$1000. The Convention dates are January 17-19 at Firekeepers in 2025.

EASTER: Monty Montgomery explained that the committee has a meeting scheduled in a few days to finalize the details for the event. The committee will finalize the awards, food and sponsorships. The camping is on a waitlist and the stalls are sold out in the main barn.

FACEBOOK/WEBSITE: Heather Boggetta said she has been sharing the post for the saddle raffle tickets. The office is keeping up with the website updates.

HALL OF FAME: Kevin Cubitt indicated that the committee has already received several nominations for Hall of Fame for the coming year. They will meet and review the information over the next few months.

QUEEN: Katherine West said she has been in contact with Kathy Christensen and things are moving along for the contest. She has the contest judges secured. The committee is working on the last-minute items, but we do not have any candidates at this time.

RULES AND CONSTITUTION: Rob Kirkpatrick mentioned that there was work started on the rules and cleaning up some items including the succession plan. He invited anyone who might be interested in helping to reach out to him.

SPARTAN SPECTACULAR: Katherine West reported that the showbill is close to completion. The committee is meeting in a few days to finalize a few items, but it should be done after that meeting. The youth voted on the schedule of classes including where the Thayne Miner is going to run. The youth are also doing their \$20 class sponsorship fundraiser.

STALLION SERVICE SALE AND FUTURITY: Chris Perniciaro stated that the committee will meet the end of March to review information for the 2024 Futurity.

SUMMER SERIES: Rob Kirkpatrick said that the showbill is online, and reservations will open soon. The committee will get working on the details soon. He reminded the Board that the show runs four days instead of five as it has in the past.

YOUTH: Danielle Lindsay stated that the youth advisors have met several times and things are coming together. The Letters of Intent are close to being complete. The youth have discussed their fundraisers. They also voted to appoint three additional youth members so there are 15 kids on the board now. The next youth meeting will be in person on Sunday, March 24. They have some activities scheduled.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Kris Woroniecki mentioned that she wants to get the cargo trailer in to have the wheels and tires checked over and get a spare for the trailer since we do not have one. She reminded the board she would be on vacation in March. She also mentioned that the new stalls should be delivered to Ludington soon. Jeff Moody will contact the WMFA if they are going to be delivered while she is gone. Kris discussed the building of the racks for storage of the stalls. She also updated the board on some work being done at the Fairgrounds. They are tearing down the quonset and replacing it with a new storage building. The second arena footing should be redone once the weather breaks. They are also still working on installing the wifi for use in the show office.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. by unanimous consent without objection. The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 16 at the MSU Pavilion.