

MICHIGAN QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION
Meeting of the Board of Directors
March 8, 2022

President Barb Foster called a Zoom meeting of the MQHA Board of Directors to order at 7:30 p.m. The following Directors and staff were present: Meggen Baynes, Jennifer Bluhm, Heather Coe, Kevin Cubitt, Barb Foster, Sasha Glover, Austin Gooding, Megan Hirschman, Rob Kirkpatrick, Monty Montgomery, Chris Perniciaro, Sarah Switek and Kris Woroniecki. Also on the call were Kelly Chapman and newly elected National Director, Shelley Donovan.

AGENDA: Megan Hirschman made a motion to approve the agenda. Rob Kirkpatrick seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

REVIEW OF MINUTES: Megan Hirschman made a motion to approve the January 7, 2022 Board of Director minutes. Austin Gooding seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed. Megan Hirschman made a motion to approve the January 9, 2022 Board of Director minutes. Kevin Cubitt seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

REVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Rob Kirkpatrick presented the financial statements for January. The total assets of the Association as of January 31, 2022, are listed at \$557,418.33; the total liabilities at \$225,958.90 and the total members' equity is listed at \$311,459.43. The net income as of the end of January is listed at \$40,914.47 compared to \$7,245.34 for the same period in 2021. Heather Coe made a motion to accept the January 2022 statement. Megan Hirschman seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

Rob Kirkpatrick presented the financial statements for February. The total assets of the Association as of February 28, 2022, are listed at \$566,988.08; the total liabilities at \$233,844.43 and the total members' equity is listed at \$333,143.65. The net income as of the end of February is listed at \$42,598.69 compared to \$3,894.51 for the same period in 2021. Megan Hirschman made a motion to accept the February, 2022 statement. Kevin Cubitt seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Rob Kirkpatrick presented the checks written report for January 2022. There were checks written totaling \$40,870.33 for the month. Austin Gooding made a motion to approve the January check detail report. Rob Kirkpatrick seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

Rob Kirkpatrick presented the checks written report for February 2022. There were checks written totaling \$37,518.03 for the month. Megan Hirschman made a motion to approve the February check detail report. Monty Montgomery seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: President Barb Foster acknowledged and welcomed newly elected National Director, Shelley Donovan. The Board congratulated her on her new position as National Director for the Michigan affiliate. Barb stated that the Board is looking forward to working with Shelley for the coming years. Shelley responded that she is excited for the opportunity. She is looking forward to giving back to the association.

Barb recapped that the Board had met on February 19 for a day long retreat. There were a lot of ideas shared and committees will work on shaping some of the ideas to improve horse shows, sponsorships, and the overall association.

Barb Foster reported that there was a request from the MSU Extension 4-H State Horse Competitions coordinator. The finance committee discussed the request and agreed to support the event. MQHA has sponsored the event as far back as at least 2002, with the exception of the two years during the pandemic. MQHA will provide \$1000 toward the event.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT: No report

OFFICE REPORT: Kris Woroniecki shared a thank you note from the Steele family for the donation to Midland Equestrian Center in memory of Rodney Steele. Kris mentioned that the MQHA website has showbills for Easter and Summer Series. Reservations are open for both of those shows. There has been a lot of activity. The other showbills will be posted once the committees finalize them. All of the judges are hired for the season. All of the AQHA applications and NSBA applications have been sent to the appropriate approving associations for as far out as we can do them.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CONVENTION: Sasha Glover stated that the Convention numbers were down, but it was good to be back in person. The committee will begin to look at other venues for next year. He thanked Bidding Owl for providing the online bidding form and for the help with the back number auction.

EASTER SHOW: Monty Montgomery stated that the awards are finalized. The staff is confirmed with the exception of one afternoon shift. The committee is considering adding some money to the Level 1 equitation and horsemanship classes, paid back based on an average score. The committee would like to do an egg toss and award a prize to a 13 & under and a 14 and older person, hoping to bring back a little bit of fun. Stalls and camping are sold out. Monty has reached out to a couple of the local 4H clubs to see if there was any interest in scribing, walking showmanship or grooming trail.

FINANCE: Rob Kirkpatrick has been working with Sasha's help to get committee budgets started.

FUTURITY: Chris Perniciaro reported that the Futurity committee will be having a zoom meeting in the next week.

HALL OF FAME: Kevin Cubitt indicated that he is waiting on the Hall of Fame information to be passed on to him from the prior committee chairperson. He is hoping to review that information soon.

HARBOR CLASSIC/SPARTAN SPECTACULAR: Barb Foster reminded the Board that the Spartan is preceding the Harbor Classic again this year. Barb stated that the showbills for both events will stay very similar to last year. The Committee is hoping to add a team tournament. An ice cream social is being planned by the Youth Board. Additional activities are expected to be added for the Harbor Classic.

MEMBERSHIP: Meggen Baynes is in charge of the exhibit at the MHC Expo. There are still several time slots open for volunteers. She asked that the Board members get with her if they can work a slot.

NOMINATIONS, ELECTION & RULES: Megan Hirschman will send out a note to Directors to help choose a date/time to start working on a review of the bylaws and constitution. The Board members who volunteered for the committee are Rob Kirkpatrick, Kevin Cubitt, Megan Hirschman, Sarah Switek, Sasha Glover and Danielle Lindsay.

QUEEN: Heather Coe reached out to Past President Kathy Christensen. Kathy indicated to Heather that she is happy to continue to coordinate the Queen contest. The contest will be held at the Easter show this year.

SHOW APPROVAL: Kris Woroniecki stated that all the show committees have been contacted regarding information that is required to be returned to the MQHA office prior to the shows being MQHA approved. Discussion during the retreat led to a motion by Kevin Cubitt which was that every small fry exhibitor can only show one horse per class. The motion was seconded by Megan Hirschman. The motion carried with unanimous support. The Board requested that the wording be added to all of the MQHA showbills for 2022 and included in the 2023 rule book. Kris also reminded the show committees that it was agreed that they would submit patterns for their event no later than 30 days of the show. Kris will then send them to the judges for their input prior to finalizing the patterns and posting them. Sasha is going to help set up a database of patterns as time permits. There was discussion about adding the warmup classes when time allows. It was stated that many of the exhibitors appreciate the opportunity to school.

SUMMER SERIES: Rob Kirkpatrick and Meggen Baynes spoke about the Memorial Weekend show. They indicated that they have been working on awards and sponsors. There is some concern about the timely completion of the project at the fairgrounds, but they hope to have a discussion with Trish at Midland in the not-too-distant future.

STALLION SERVICE SALE: Austin Gooding shared that there are still stallions being sold. The stallion owner gifts will be sent out soon.

YOUTH: Sasha Glover stated that the Youth had a meeting on Saturday that was well attended. He has published a trail sign up for the Easter show and he is hoping to get some youth to work. There are also spots to volunteer at the MHC Expo. Hours volunteering at either location will go toward required team volunteer hours.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Kelly Chapman addressed the Board regarding her attendance at the AQHA Convention. She said that the committees had great discussion which included topics such as excessive white, marketing to new people, and amateurs giving lessons just to name a few. Shelley Donovan added that there was also discussion to add a 13 & Under and 14 to 18 All around Division to the Youth World Show.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m. by unanimous consent without objection.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 5 at 7 pm at the MSU Pavilion.