

MICHIGAN QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION
Meeting of the Board of Directors
April 14, 2026

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

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

REVIEW OF MINUTES: Danielle Lindsay made a motion to approve the March 10, 2026, Board of Director minutes. Kelly Nichols seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

REVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Kris Woroniecki presented the financial statements for March 2026. The total assets of the Association as of March 31, 2026, are listed at \$699,542.48; the total liabilities at \$281,247.87 and the total members' equity is listed at \$418,294.61. The net income as of the end of March is \$23,354.42 compared to \$26,547.58 for the same period in 2025. Expenses are up 3.67% net through March, 2026. Kelly Nichols made a motion to accept the March 2026 financial statement. Monty Montgomery seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Kris Woroniecki presented the checks written report for March 2026. There were checks written totaling \$35,551.69 for the month. Danielle Lindsay made a motion to approve the March check detail report. Katherine West seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: President Cubitt commented that we had a good first show of the year, with the Easter Show just concluding. He thanked everyone who worked to make the event a success.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Vice President Moody thanked everyone who helped to get the saddle tickets sold for the drawing that was held at the Easter show. He said that the fundraiser made a little over \$7000 for the 2026 Futurity. There was discussion about doing the drawing for the saddle during the Queen's crowning, which would be earlier in the day so there would be better attendance when the winners were chosen.

OFFICE REPORT: Kris Woroniecki expressed sympathy to the Moody family on the loss of MQHA Past President, Jacque Moody. Monty Montgomery made a motion to donate \$500 to the Michigan Equine Scholarship in memory of Jacque. The money would be from both the MQHA Board of Directors and the MQHA Youth Association. Chris Perniciaro seconded the motion. Motion passed with no objections.

Kris mentioned that she re-ordered the 10 trail poles from Equi-jumps in Dryden, MI. She made sure to specify that these are trail poles, not round jump rails. They will be ready in 4-6 weeks. Kris then updated the Board on a request made to AQHA regarding affiliate funding for financial help with the new website. The funding request was declined.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CLINIC AND EDUCATION: Jeff Greaves has agreed to be the 2027 Clinician. The committee will meet mid-May for a Zoom meeting to discuss the event for next year.

CONVENTION: Kris Woroniecki told the Board that Firekeepers has penciled us in for January 21-23, 2028. We will know more once they have their entertainment schedule confirmed. The Sheraton in Grand Rapids has also provided an updated contract. It will be reviewed and responded to shortly.

EASTER: Monty Montgomery stated that the Easter Show went well despite the weather. The stalls were down 40 from last year. The campers were down 12. AQHA entries were down 585 from 5439 to 4854 and the NSBA entries were down from 627 to 477. The event was still well attended. There were concerns going into the show that it might be down. The fuel prices and the weather didn't help going into the show. The financial report will be completed soon.

FINANCE: Kris updated the Board on the status of the CD's. The rate had changed from what was discussed with the Board in March. Because of that, the four CD's that came due in March were put in the savings account pending further discussion by the finance committee. Once the fifth CD matured in early April, all five CD amounts were used to purchase three – three-month CDs. Two of them were \$80,000 and the third was for \$86,923.79. These will mature in July, at which time we will need to reinvest them again. The three-month rate was the best rate at this time. The transaction will be reflected in the April financial statements.

HARBOR CLASSIC: The Spartan Spectacular and Harbor Classic Committees will meet immediately following this Board meeting.

MEMBERSHIP: Ashlynn Kenoyer discussed a letter that the office prepared that could be emailed to new AQHA members from Michigan. AQHA provides a list of names monthly. Ashlynn made a motion that we start sending the letter to the new AQHA members, inviting them to be part of MQHA. If they do, they can receive a “thank you gift”. Kelly Nichols seconded the motion. Motion carried. Linda Barnes made the motion to order some backpacks that were shown to the board and send them as a thank you gift, spending up to \$300. Danielle Lindsay seconded the motion. Motion carried.

QUEEN: Venessa Knoblock emailed a Queen Report to the Board. *The 2026 Queen Contest was held at the Easter Show. There were four well-qualified contestants. The contestants competed in the areas of Interview, Test on the AQHA Rulebook, and a Horsemanship pattern. The ladies placed as follows: Queen - Emelia Perez. First Runner Up – Paige Kreps. Second Runner Up – Selena Mertz. Third Runner Up – Karina Bader VanDyke. Queen Emelia is looking forward to representing MQHA at the Level 1 Championships in Wilmington, Ohio. Emelia will be getting lots of quality time with Congress Queen, Ashlyn Gonzalvez, as they are sharing a hotel room in Wilmington. The Queen committee extends their heartfelt thanks to all of the generous sponsors.*

SUMMER SERIES: Ashlynn Kenoyer reported that there are 130 stalls spoken for. The circuit awards are done. The judges are working on their patterns. The Committee is handling the trail and ranch patterns. She asked for help on showmanship and trail days. The committee will be holding a stick horse race, and they will need to get some prizes.

OLD BUSINESS: High point qualifications – The Board had discussion about requiring halter in order to be eligible for high point in some of the divisions. A new statement will be added that will give an exclusion to horses that have excessive white indicated on their AQHA papers. Those horses will not have to show halter but will still be eligible for high point.

NEW BUSINESS: Marketing – Chris Perniciaro discussed some ideas for marketing the shows and encouraging sponsorships. Ashlynn has someone who does similar work for the reining shows, and she will reach out to them for a quote to give the Board.

Jeff Moody made a motion that MQHA financially support a show where MQHA could increase attendance at shows by offering a reduced entry fee or something similar. The show needs to be centrally located and at a venue that can handle some growth. Chris Perniciaro seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m. by unanimous consent without objection. The next meeting will be on May 5 at the MSU Pavilion.