

MICHIGAN QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION
Meeting of the Board of Directors
April 18, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Meggen Baynes called a meeting of the MQHA Board of Directors to order at 7:00 p.m. at the MSU Pavilion, Classroom B. The following Directors and staff were present: Meggen Baynes, Kathy Christensen, Sasha Glover, Mike Huntoon, Megan Hirschman, Rob Kirkpatrick, Monty Montgomery, Chris Perniciaro, Allyson Thompson, Morgan Warda, Jeff West and Kris Woroniecki. Excused was: Barb Foster.

AGENDA: Megan Hirschman made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Kathy Christensen seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

MINUTES: Megan Hirschman made a motion to approve the March 14, 2018 Board of Director minutes as presented. Mike Huntoon seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

REVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Megan Hirschman presented the financial statement for the period ending March 2018. The total assets of the Association as of March 31, 2018 are listed at \$423,034.20; the total liabilities at \$128,490.08 and the total members' equity is listed at \$294,544.12. The net income as of the end of March is listed at \$24,535.59 compared to \$28,297.00 for the same period in 2017. Mike Huntoon made a motion to accept the March financial report as presented. Chris Perniciaro seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The March 2018 checks written report was presented by Kris Woroniecki. There were checks written totaling \$44,226.22 for the month. Megan Hirschman made a motion to approve the March checks written report. Rob Kirkpatrick seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed. The Accounts Payable report and the Accounts Receivable report were reviewed. Megan Hirschman made a motion to accept the AR/AP report. Mike Huntoon seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: President Baynes stated that she thought the Easter show went well. She, along with Taylor Fabus, worked on the Team Tournament. There were 45 people who entered the Team Tournament. Nicole Veldhoff and Rick Barnes sponsored the event for a total of \$300 in added money which was paid back to the winners. Meggen explained that comradery is difficult with the MSU venue, but she is looking forward to doing it again at Harbor Classic. She will be tweaking things a bit to make tracking the points a little easier. She also reminded the Board that the show committees have the option of using the Gumby cash for their individual events. Participating vendors will accept the cash and MQHA will reimburse the vendor.

OFFICE REPORT: Kris Woroniecki reviewed action taken by the Executive Committee.

Executive Committee Business - The Year End Awards Committee made a request to hold some 50/50 raffles at the shows throughout the season. Kathy Christensen approved of the raffles which will take place at East Lansing and at Ludington during various horse shows. Meggen Baynes and Megan Hirschman both supported the request.

Kris received information on Team USA for the AQHYA World Cup. Youth President, Lily Atkinson has been chosen as a member of the Team. The Team is looking for sponsorships. The event takes place June 28-July 8 in Bryan Station, Texas. Sasha Glover made a motion to support Team USA with a donation of \$250. Mike Huntoon seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CONVENTION: Sasha Glover indicated that he cancelled the April Comfort Inn, Mt Pleasant tour due to the weather. He will reschedule the visit and let the board know when.

EASTER SHOW: Monty Montgomery thanked the committee and Board members who helped at the show. There were a lot of complaints about the shavings that MSU is providing. Scott at MSU needs complaints in writing. The Easter show was up 105 NSBA entries, down 477 AQHA entries, down 18 stalls and 5 campsites. Suggestions were made regarding the schedule and the committee is working to revamp that for next year.

HARVEST CLASSIC: Meggen Baynes reported that we recently finalized the showbill for September. There are four judges and the event will be NSBA dual approved under 1 judge.

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QUEEN: Megan Hirschman made a motion to approve the following rule changes. Mike Huntoon seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

SECTION 5 - MQHA QUEEN RULES & REGULATIONS

70. Candidates will:

D. Be a member in good standing with AQHA and MQHA and be a Michigan resident. ***A residency exception may be granted with the following criteria met:***

1. Candidate can prove involvement with the Michigan Quarter Horse Association for at least two years before competing in the contest. Involvement can be defined as showing, volunteering, or other activities the Queen Committee may seem a good fit for a prospective Queen candidate.

2. The exception must be granted first through the Queen Committee and then brought to the MQHA Board of Directors for final approval.

H. Be approved by the Queen's Committee and the MQHA Board of Directors

71. Queen will:

5. Five additional MQHA sponsored shows of the committee choosing **events that are approved by the Queen's Committee and are based on Queen's availability.**

Kathy Christensen also announced that the Warren English family will once again sponsor the cost of the Queen Contest application to OQHA. The buckle and crown are ordered. Morgan Warda mentioned that she has been invited to help hand out awards at the Novice Championship.

SUMMER SERIES: Submitted by Meggen Baynes: *Barb and I have decided that we are going to give 50 cent Gumby tokens for 2nd thru 6th place. Then we will give various denominations of Gumby cash for each class under 1 judge to one random person who place 7th, 8th, 9th or no place at all. So those who were 1st through 6th under any of the 2 judges in the class will be ineligible for the random draw. Additionally, we have 20 \$10 giftcard giveaways (courtesy of Northfork Farms and Totally Outfitted) to give to random exhibitors. We will not be giving out ribbons or first place prizes as first place gets \$6. We have a wine and cheese party sponsored by McCarthy Warda Performance Horses, Light breakfast everyday sponsored by Mary Wilkosz and a hospitality area sponsored by Winter Performance Horses. We will be working on ring crew and trail course grooming. Kris has ordered shavings, we will pre-deliver all bedding.*

YOUTH: The Spartan Spectacular is currently at 225 stalls and 80 campers. Lily Atkinson, Youth President stated that the Easter Egg Fundraiser made the youth \$1290. Lily also explained that the youth helping with trail grooming will be wearing a badge while working as trail crew. The youth currently are in need of trail help for Spartan. The Thayne Miner pattern has been released. Katherine West is showing and because her sister would do the pattern as is traditional for the prior year winner, the youth have decided to release the pattern early. The Thayne Miner winner will get a belt buckle, saddle pad, neck ribbon and a Smart Pak gift certificate for \$25. Reserve will earn the same items without the buckle. Kathy Christensen will be there to do pictures.

The Youth have been given a saddle pad to raise money. Megan Hirschman made a motion that the youth offer the pad in an online auction. Mike Huntoon seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Allyson Thompson suggested that the MQHA Board find representatives to attend the June 2/3 Introductory show in Gaylord. Mike Huntoon, Allyson Thompson and Sasha Glover all offered to represent MQHA at the event. Sasha Glover will work to update the MQHA flyer.

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:17 p.m. by unanimous consent.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is May 16, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the MSU Pavilion, East Lansing.

ELECTRONIC BOARD CORRESPONDENCE: *MQHA rules now allow for electronic voting when necessary. Any information voted on electronically between meetings will be recorded on the next set of minutes in this section:*