

MICHIGAN QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION
Meeting of the Board of Directors
April 7, 2021

President Mike Huntoon called a Zoom meeting of the MQHA Board of Directors to order at 7:03 p.m. The following Directors and staff were present on the call: Jennifer Bluhm, Heather Coe, Barb Foster, Sasha Glover, Austin Gooding, Megan Hirschman, Mike Huntoon, Rob Kirkpatrick, Danielle Lindsay, Monty Montgomery, Sarah Switek, and Kris Woroniecki.

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

REVIEW OF MINUTES: Rob Kirkpatrick made a motion to approve the March 9, 2021 Board of Director minutes. Barb Foster seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

REVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Heather Coe presented the financial statements. The total assets of the Association as of March 31, 2021 are listed at \$516,176.10; the total liabilities at \$149,635.74 and the total members' equity is listed at \$366,540.36. The net income as of the end of March is listed at \$19,799.65 compared to -\$15,844.96 for the same period in 2020. Barb Foster made a motion to accept the March 2021 statement. Austin Gooding seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Kris Woroniecki presented the checks written report for March 2021. There were checks written totaling \$25,137.31 for the month. Barb Foster made a motion to approve the March check detail report. Danielle Lindsay seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: President Mike Huntoon stated that the Futurity/SSS committee had a good meeting recently. The results of the meeting would be shared under new business.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: No Report

OFFICE REPORT: The office staff received a call from Scott Rancour, MSU Pavilion manager and he indicated that he has been informed of a July 1 restart date at the Pavilion for events. They will still operate under state mandated guidelines, but there is at least a start date on the calendar now.

Current stall and camping counts:

Summer Series: 374/132

Spartan Spectacular: 260/98

Harbor Classic: 434/184

All judges are hired. The judge contracts need to be finished along with hotel arrangements for the season. Kris is currently working on the 2020 tax return information for the CPA. The quarterly tax reports were filed yesterday. We had to purchase the QuickBooks 2021 update. Heather continues to work Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. Amanda is still laid off.

Both raffle licenses that were applied for have been approved by the state. Raffle tickets are being printed.

The office will be closed on Friday, April 23. Heather can come in and check messages Friday after 2 if needed.

Western Dressage Association – waiting for Kristin Kill to finish the parameters for the year end awards.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FUTURITY: Mike Huntoon stated that the Futurity committee met and agreed to go to Shiawassee prior to the news about the pavilion. The committee will need to review the new information and decide if they will pursue Shiawassee or go back to MSU. Additional information will be discussed in new business with the minutes.

HARBOR CLASSIC: Barb Foster stated that the awards are ordered for all arounds and high points. She is still collecting items for first place. There has been good feedback on the trail sweepstakes. She will start working on sponsorships upon her return from being out of town.

HARVEST CLASSIC: Danielle Lindsay stated that now that it appears the MSU Pavilion will be open for the November show, the committee can begin to move forward with plans for the event.

QUEEN: Kathy Christensen reported via email: *Lily Atkinson will be continuing as Queen and does understand her accepted responsibilities with being the 2021 Queen. I will be starting to work on the Princess Contest for Harbor.*

SPARTAN SPECTACULAR: Barb Foster reported that the High Points are done. She will finish working on the first place awards.

SUMMER SERIES: Rob Kirkpatrick is working on patterns. Monty Montgomery is dealing with the prizes. Sarah Switek has the caterer lined up for the exhibitor party.

YOUTH: Sasha Glover informed the Board that the Youth meeting that was held last week. There are two raffle fundraisers that are approved. There will be a 50/50 at Midland and a cash prize drawing held at Harbor Classic. The youth launched their #MYWHY campaign which is in conjunction with the AQHA theme. The kids are working to determine the prize for the sponsor fundraiser. The Thayne Miner awards are taken care of.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Board Vacancy – Brenda Schrader submitted a letter of resignation to the MQHA Board. Barb Foster made a motion to accept Brenda's letter of resignation. Heather Coe seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed. Her term was through 2024. The vacancy will be an appointment for the seat through the end of 2021. Megan Hirschman made a motion to appoint Tessa Dalton to the vacancy for the remainder of the year. Rob Kirkpatrick seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

Futurity minutes - After review of the minutes, Megan Hirschman made a motion to allow \$1000 from the SSS Discretionary Fund to be used for the purpose of the new 3-Year-Old SO/MO Western Pleasure Class. Danielle Lindsay seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

Rob Kirkpatrick made a motion to accept the SSS recommended percentages, effective with the 2022 sale, as follows: 32% to weanling fillies (mare owners/ stallion owners), 32% to weanling colts or geldings (mare owners/stallion owners), 7% to the stallion/ mare owner yearling western long line, 7% to the stallion/mare owner yearling hus long line, 9% to the stallion/mare owner 2 year old western pleasure, 5% to the stallion/mare owner 3 year old hunter under saddle and 5% to the stallion/mare owner 3 year old western pleasure. The remaining 3% will be placed in the established discretionary fund account to provide for larger awards and start up paybacks. Barb Foster seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

Sasha Glover made a motion to accept the SSS recommended rule change. Heather Coe seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

25. SSS Class Format

F. 1. In the event a Stallion owner wishes to give another person authorization to exhibit an entry by their stallion in the appropriate stallion owner class, a letter of authorization must be sent to the Michigan Quarter Horse Association office. No exhibitor will be allowed to show in stallion owner classes without an authorization letter. ~~The authorization letter must indicate how any winnings will be dispersed, however 25% of money earned by the entry in the designated Stallion Owner class will automatically be returned to the stallion owner/manager who authorized the entry, unless directed in written correspondence.~~

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Futurity/Great Lakes Classic, March 15, 2021 Meeting Minutes

On Monday, March 15, 2021, Mike Huntoon called a MQHA Futurity/SSS Committee meeting to order via Zoom at 7:33 p.m. Those present were: Heather Coe, Kevin Cubitt, Barb Foster, Austin Gooding, Mike Huntoon, Rob Kirkpatrick, Monty Montgomery, Stacy Montgomery, Jeff Moody, Chris Perniciaro and Kris Woroniecki.

Chris Perniciaro made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Austin Gooding seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

Chris Perniciaro made a motion to accept the January 11, 2020 meeting minutes. Austin Gooding seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed. Monty Montgomery made a motion to accept the July 29, 2020 minutes. Kevin Cubitt seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

Venue – Mike Huntoon stated that as of today, we are unsure when or if the MSU Pavilion will be available to host horse shows again. We have an option to go to Shiawassee County Fairgrounds for the same September dates we are booked at MSU for. There have been some improvements made at the venue since MQHA last ran a show there. There was discussion about the grounds. Chris Perniciaro made a motion that the Futurity be moved to Shiawassee Fairgrounds for 2021 only. The move would be pending a favorable visit to the facility the end of April. Austin Gooding seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

Financials – Kris Woroniecki reviewed the financial statement. Kevin Cubitt made a motion to approve the financial statement. Austin Gooding seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

Futurity Entries 2020 – The number of entries per class were reviewed, compared to the 2019 entries. There were 233 futurity/sss class entries in 2020 compared to 219 entries in 2019. The overall purse increased from \$75,711 to \$77,770 in 2020.

Futurity Class List – The classes and format were discussed. Kevin Cubitt made a motion that due to a lack of participation, and to make consistent with the other Stallion Service Sale classes, the Stallion Owner 2-Year-Old WP and the Mare Owner 2-Year-Old WP be run as one class. Austin Gooding seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed. Kevin Cubitt made a motion that we add a Stallion and Mare Owner 3-Year-Old WP to the schedule. Monty Montgomery seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed. Monty Montgomery made a motion that we add \$1000 from the discretionary fund to the new 3-Year-Old SO and MO WP class. Jeff Moody seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

Showbill – Discussion with the committee was that the show ran extremely late. There were several contributing factors. Prior to 2020, the schedule was good for several years, ending each day around dinner, unless there were special classes (Tom Moore sale class, MSBA classes, etc), but the main classes were complete. In 2020 the show was larger, we had a new venue, we had lengthy patterns and several other factors that contributed to the show running late. If the show moves to Shiawassee, we can utilize their (close to) 400 stalls. We would not get portables to increase the overall numbers. This decision will keep the show manageable within the time frame we had dealt with at MSU. We should be able to run the event with the existing showbill with just a few minor tweaks, within the standard four-day time frame. There was also concern about saturating the facility with too many horses, therefore not having enough room to warm up and ride. The schedule will remain close to the same with a few minor changes that Kris will make and send back to the committee for review. The discussion about running trail came up again. The committee reiterated, there is just not the time needed to allow several hours of trail to run twice within the four days. The show schedule needs to focus on the Futurity and the events where exhibitors are competing for the purse money.

Rules – The current rule regarding the purse structure reads as follows:

23.PAYBACKS:

A. The purse structure is as follows: 34% to weanling fillies (mare owners and stallion owners), 34% to weanling colts or geldings (mare owners and stallion owners), 17% to the 2-year-old snaffle bit class entries (mare owners and stallion owners) 7% to the yearling long line (mare owners and stallion owners) and 5% to the 3 Year Old Hunter Under Saddle (mare owners and stallion owners). Classes with fewer than 5 entries may be run concurrently and awarded by mare owner and stallion owner division. A 3% discretionary fund is established, and its use will be decided by the committee on an annual basis. It will provide for larger awards and start up paybacks.

After Discussion, Jeff Moody stated the following: A motion is made to amend the current purse structure to the following new percentages, effective with the 2022 sale. 32% to weanling fillies (mare owners/ stallion owners), 32% to weanling colts or geldings (mare owners/stallion owners), 7% to the stallion/ mare owner yearling western long line, 7% to the stallion/mare owner yearling hus long line, 9% to the stallion/mare owner 2 year old western pleasure, 5% to the stallion/mare owner 3 year old hunter under saddle and 5% to the stallion/mare owner 3 year old western pleasure. The

remaining 3% will be placed in the established discretionary fund account to provide for larger awards and start up paybacks. Monty Montgomery seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

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Kevin Cubitt made a motion that the rule should read: **25% of money earned will be returned to the stallion owner unless otherwise authorized.** Austin Gooding seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed. Austin also stated that to further help with the confusion, we should amend the stallion owner entry form to include this updated language. The committee agreed and the office will move forward to update that.

Rule 23 update will be made effective in the 2022 rule book per MQHA Board approval. The rule 25 update should be made effective immediately for clarification when dealing with the 2021 Futurity. This will also go to the MQHA Board for approval.

Discussion closed with the need to add the new 3 year old so/mo western pleasure class somewhere on the schedule. Suggestions will be made for the placement of that class. The committee will have the next meeting after the visit to Shiawassee and will finalize the showbill and other information at that point so that the AQHA show application can be completed and the showbill published by the first part of May.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:16 p.m. by unanimous consent without objection. The next futurity meeting will be announced.

PrePaid Show Season – Kris indicated that there are still several people asking about the status of the prepaid season. Danielle Lindsay made a motion to suspend the prepaid horse show season program for 2021. Sarah Switek seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

Advertising - The GoHorseShow advertising package is up for renewal. The cost is \$770. It comes with 6 standard advertising pages. The Board agreed to renew the advertising. Sasha Glover then made a motion to authorize up to \$770 in additional advertising costs with Premier Sires magazine. Austin Gooding seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed. Austin will contact Premier Sires and see what they might have for us.

Support of Venues – Kris explained that both Lowell and Midland are in the middle of fundraising campaigns for their facilities. Mike Huntoon mentioned that MQHA might want to consider making a contribution of some kind. Megan Hirschman had an idea regarding fundraising and matching funds. Mike asked the board to think about it and see what they might come up with for the next meeting.

Show Management - Sasha made a motion to accept Kris' resignation as show management. Danielle seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

A motion to adjourn was made at 9:52 p.m. by unanimous consent without objection. *The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 4 at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom.*