

**MICHIGAN QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION**  
**Meeting of the Board of Directors**  
**May 10, 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, Heather Coe, Kevin Cubitt, Barb Foster, Sasha Glover, Austin Gooding, Megan Hirschman, Rob Kirkpatrick, Monty Montgomery, Chris Perniciaro and Kris Woroniecki. Excused was Jennifer Bluhm and Sarah Switek. Also on the call were Kelly Chapman and Shelley Donovan.

**AGENDA:** Kevin Cubitt made a motion to approve the agenda. Megan Hirschman seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

**REVIEW OF MINUTES:** Monty Montgomery made a motion to approve the April 19, 2022 Board of Director minutes. Megan Hirschman seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

**REVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT:** Rob Kirkpatrick presented the financial statements for April. The total assets of the Association as of April 30, 2022, are listed at \$611,642.87; the total liabilities at \$273,728.07 and the total members' equity is listed at \$337,914.80. The net income as of the end of April is listed at \$47,369.84 compared to \$26,153.01 for the same period in 2021. Monty Montgomery made a motion to accept the April 2022 statement. Kevin Cubitt seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Rob Kirkpatrick presented the checks written report for April 2022. There were checks written totaling \$98,941.84 for the month. Sasha Glover made a motion to approve the April check detail report. Monty Montgomery seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** President Barb Foster stated that things have been pretty quiet. The Summer Series committee is working on getting the shows ready and are keeping an eye on what is going on in Midland.

**VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** No report

**OFFICE REPORT:** Kris Woroniecki gave a quick update on the status of the Grand in Lowell. She stated that the campaign committee has been reassured that \$2.1 million federal grant dollars were making their way through the process and should be in the hands of the campaign before too long. Ground is moving at the facility as they work on the infrastructure.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**FINANCE:** Kris Woroniecki stated that the tax return draft was received. It will be reviewed with the finance committee.

**FUTURITY:** Chris Perniciaro stated that the committee wants to move forward with a raffle on a saddle.

**HALL OF FAME:** Kevin Cubitt mentioned that he received the information on the nominees from Mike Huntoon. The committee will continue their discussion on the horse candidate.

**HARBOR CLASSIC/SPARTAN SPECTACULAR:** Barb Foster stated that the stall and camping numbers look good. She has secured a sponsorship from Dalton Performance Horses for the trail sweepstakes during the Harbor. The committee is working on contacting other prior sponsors. The portable stalls are ordered for community center. She is still working on the awards for both shows. The NSBA high points for Harbor have been ordered. She has decided on custom saddle pads for third place high point. The youth are doing a root beer float fundraiser during the Spartan. Barb is also working on a team tournament and currently has two sponsors secured for the tournament during the Spartan Spectacular. Sasha Glover stated that there is a parent who would like to sponsor a dinner during the Spartan, with the money raised going to the youth association. Sasha also said that the Thayne Miner awards have been ordered which includes saddle bags which have not been done prior.

**RULES & CONSTITUTION:** Megan Hirschman stated that the committee meeting on June 5. The entire board is invited to attend. Any thoughts on rule changes or the officer positions can be sent to Megan Hirschman if someone is unable to attend the meeting.

**QUEEN:** Barb Foster stated that MQHA Queen, Katherine West did a wonderful job presenting awards at the Level 1 Championship show by all reports.

**SUMMER SERIES:** Meggen Baynes said the committee is having discussion about the facility and it not being complete. Discussion with Midland Fair Manager, Trish Steele, has confirmed that the construction is running a few weeks behind due to the weather. The new barn will not be done but there will be 233 stalls available in other barns. All arenas will be available. There was concern about running a show during construction and if it could be a health and safety issue. The Board discussed options for the show and after a lot of input, it was decided that Kris Woroniecki would drive up to Midland and look at the status of the facility. The board would meet the next night for a zoom meeting to make a final decision based on the result of the trip up there. Questions asked by the board include: will there be construction during the actual horse show? Is the area cleaned up of screws, nails and anything else that could hurt a horse or person? What is the path to the arenas? Are the wash racks accessible? Where can people load and unload?

**YOUTH:** Sasha Glover stated that the Youth were in the middle of the NYATT and World Show Team processes. He stated that AQHA has now created a Champion of Champions class. Information on that was shared. AQHA has also increased the number of slots that each affiliate has been given. The AQHA Nationally qualifier list should be sent by AQHA soon, however, all kids that submitted a letter of intent for the World Show team should be able to be on the team provided they fulfilled their requirements. AQHA is now offering a Level 2 division for the 13 and Under. Sasha will be attending a World Show Team Advisor webinar soon. Sasha mentioned that Lizzie Smith is interested in going to the YES Conference and running for a regional youth director position. Sasha is helping her prepare for it. There will be a 50/50 raffle held during the Summer Series and discussion on Harbor fundraisers will happen soon. Sasha also mentioned rude conduct by some youth members during a recent youth board meeting and said he would be dealing with that.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m. by unanimous consent without objection.

*The next meeting will be Tuesday, June 14 at DaVinci's Restaurant in Frankenmuth, MI.*