

MICHIGAN QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION
Meeting of the Board of Directors
May 10, 2023

President Heather Coe called a meeting of the MQHA Board of Directors to order at the MSU Pavilion, Classroom A, East Lansing, MI at 6:40 p.m. The following Directors and staff were present: Meggen Baynes, Jennifer Bluhm, Heather Coe, Kevin Cubitt, Sasha Glover, Austin Gooding, Rob Kirkpatrick, Monty Montgomery, Jeff Moody, Chris Perniciaro, Nicole Veldhoff and Kris Woroniecki. Heather Boggetta was excused.

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

REVIEW OF MINUTES: Chris Perniciaro made a motion to approve the April 19, 2023, Board of Director minutes. Sasha Glover seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

REVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Chris Perniciaro presented the financial statements for April 2023. The total assets of the Association as of April 30, 2023, are listed at \$703,829.39; the total liabilities at \$316,534.56 and the total members' equity is listed at \$391,003.08. The net income as of the end of April is listed at \$45,518.06 compared to \$52,964.93 for the same period in 2022. Austin Gooding made a motion to accept the April 2023 statement. Kevin Cubitt seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Chris Perniciaro presented the checks written report for April 2022. There were checks written totaling \$148,607.01 for the month. Jeff Moody made a motion to approve the April check detail report. Nicole Veldhoff seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: President Heather Coe reported that we are still on working on opening the new accounts and the coordination of signors for the new Huntington Bank accounts. We are currently waiting for a letter from the IRS. Heather also mentioned that she needs a better response from the board on discussions that come up. She requested that the Board reply in a timely manner.

OFFICE REPORT: Kris Woroniecki revisited discussion on the Back to Berrien show. On April 25 there was discussion regarding allowing MQHA Approval for the Back to Berrien circuit in Berrien Springs. There was a request for the special event which is held on Wednesday, June 21 and the classes held will be the hunter under saddle and the western pleasure. Via email, a motion was made by Austin Gooding and seconded by Jeff Moody to allow approval for 2023 for this event. All directors returned a favorable response. Motion passed with none opposed. Since then, Kris has not received the requested show approval information back in the office. Kris then shared correspondence from Marcia Hansen regarding the proposed covered arena in Ludington. The WMFA received a grant from MDARD for \$100,000. There is other grant information moving through the system which looks favorable and there is a donor who is still willing to provide some funding for the project. They are hopeful that the practice arena will be covered by July of 2024.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CONVENTION: Sasha's sent the following report: *Waiting to hear back from Firekeepers on update of the other group that was tentatively holding space. Kris has reached out via email and phone several times with no responses so far. We will continue to make contact.* Jeff Moody strongly suggested the committee immediately start reaching out to other locations.

EASTER SHOW: Monty Montgomery shared the tentative profit and loss statement for the Easter show. Overall, the show was down slightly but the committee was happy with the results of the event and with the income from the show. There were 324 stalls sold.

FUTURITY: The Futurity committee is meeting after the Board meeting tonight. Jeff Moody discussed the purchase of the saddle for the raffle. He got pricing on two different saddles again. Kevin Cubitt made a motion to spend \$3400 on a Harris saddle. Chris Perniciaro seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed. Jeff will get it ordered and we will submit the paperwork for the saddle raffle after the cash raffle concludes at the Harbor.

SPARTAN SPECTACULAR: Kris Woroniecki and Chris Perniciaro did a site visit at the Ingham County Fairgrounds. There is concern about the parking restrictions the grounds have established. There is also concern about the camping. Chris and Kris discussed these concerns with the fairgrounds representatives and will hopefully get a favorable compromise from them in the next few days. The show details are being worked on by the committee. There are about 170 stalls sold to date.

SUMMER SERIES: Rob Kirkpatrick stated that planning for the show is well under way. The patterns are chosen and the prizes are almost all ordered. Everything should be ready to go by show date.

YOUTH: Sasha's Glover submitted the following report:

1. *Submitted information to MQ office to get raffle licenses - 50/50 at Midland and Cash Raffle for Ludington.*
2. *Communicating with Thayne Miner Committee on getting things ordered.*
3. *Easter Fundraiser did well and profited over \$1,000.00.*
4. *Information has been received from AQ about the Youth World timeline.*
5. *NYATT and World Show Letter of Intent deadlines have passed.*
6. *The next youth meeting will be Sunday, May 13th via Zoom.*

OLD BUSINESS: Executive Secretary/Treasurer contract. Sasha Glover made the motion to go into Executive session. Jeff Moody seconded the motion. Motion passed. Sasha Glover made a motion to come out of executive session. Jeff Moody seconded. Motion passed with no opposition.

NEW BUSINESS: None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m. by unanimous consent without objection. The next meeting will be Wednesday, June 14.