

MICHIGAN QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION
Meeting of the Board of Directors
May 16, 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, Barb Foster, Sasha Glover, Mike Huntoon, Megan Hirschman, Rob Kirkpatrick, Monty Montgomery, Chris Perniciaro, Allyson Thompson, Morgan Warda, Jeff West and Kris Woroniecki.

AGENDA: Chris Perniciaro made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mike Huntoon seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

MINUTES: Mike Huntoon made a motion to approve the April 18, 2018 Board of Director minutes as presented. Chris Perniciaro seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

REVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Megan Hirschman presented the financial statement for the period ending April 2018. The total assets of the Association as of April 30, 2018 are listed at \$511,984.43; the total liabilities at \$135,741.43 and the total members' equity is listed at \$376,243. The net income as of the end of April is listed at \$106,234.47 compared to \$51,716.82 for the same period in 2017. Mike Huntoon made a motion to accept the April financial report as presented. Chris Perniciaro seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed. Megan Hirschman explained that the timing of the shows has skewed the financial statements again for this month. Once May is closed, the financial picture should be much more accurate.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The April 2018 checks written report was presented by Kris Woroniecki. There were checks written totaling \$102,039.60 for the month. Megan Hirschman made a motion to approve the April 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 the Summer Series show is right around the corner. The committee could use help to deliver bedding.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Kathy Christensen stated that she would be unable to attend the June meeting due to a work conflict. She also shared that Cathy Thaler's father passed away. The office will send a card on the Board's behalf.

OFFICE REPORT: Kris Woroniecki explained that MQHA has had several complaints about the quality of the shavings being sold at MSU. If anyone feels strongly, they must submit a letter to the Pavilion manager. His email address is Rancour2@msu.edu. This is the only possibility of getting a different product in. We had an inquiry from the Pavilion manager, Scott Rancour, asking if we were interested in using Sunday, February 3, which is the tack sale weekend. The board asked if the Pavilion would be available to show in on Friday, with a Thursday move in. Meggen Baynes and Megan Hirschman are willing to work with the office to get something put together for a February show provided the Pavilion is available. Kris will contact MSU and get back with them. The 990 and 990T tax returns were filed on May 14. A thank you note was received from AQHA judge, David Avery, complimenting everyone who worked at the show.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CONVENTION: Sasha Glover reminded the Board that the site tour for the Comfort Inn, Mt Pleasant would be on Friday, May 18. All are invited but please let him know if attending. The tour will include looking at the guest rooms, the conference center and a food tasting. Comfort Inn is holding the January 12 weekend. There was also discussion about looking at the Courtyard Marriot in Mt Pleasant. Sasha will contact them and see if we can stop in there prior to or after the Comfort Inn.

FINANCE: Megan Hirschman explained that the due diligence meeting was held in April. Megan met with Kathy Christensen and Kris Woroniecki in the MQHA office. They reviewed bank statements, insurance, equipment lease, office lease and other information. She has created a document for a future finance person to be able to refer to.

HARBOR CLASSIC: Jimmy Roth will be creating a three-piece buckle set which will be for Reserve High Point at the show. The Kathy's Show Equipment headstalls will be for third place in the high point. The saddles and headstalls are ordered. The portable stalls are confirmed along with the tent.

QUEEN: Kathy Christensen reported that the buckle and crown have been received. The Queen saddle will be ordered. Kris is going to check on interview judges. Kathy is concerned that there may not be anyone to run this year. She will publicize it again and see if anyone is interested. Morgan Warda stated that she did help hand out awards at the Novice Championship. She said she had a great time.

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SUMMER SERIES: Kris Woroniecki stated that reservations for Midland are currently at 245 stalls and 87 campsites reserved. Jeff West stated that he will reserve camping for the Board members and sponsors but that the rest of the camping will be first come, first served. There is another function at the grounds prior to our arrival so many of the camping spots will be occupied. Meggen Baynes stated that she will be awarding rookies a circuit award. There were Tervis mugs available from the 2017 show.

YOUTH: Youth Report submitted by Youth President, Lily Atkinson

Jeans for Teens

As a region 4 Director, I am responsible for running a regional event. So instead of doing a "mini YES" conference like I originally wanted (it seemed to have low interest) I decided to go a different direction. I wanted to embrace the 2018 youth theme and Reach Out and Amplify. So I came up with Jeans for Teens, essentially a denim drive for gently used or new jeans to be donated to local women's and children's shelters. I am planning on running this drive at the Summer Series. I recently contacted Kimes Ranch Jeans and they are in as a core sponsor to help me fund marketing materials such as a social media template and fliers as well as the and donation boxes for all the projects in Region 4 affiliates! They also offered me an opportunity to make Jeans for Teens a joint community service project with something they are doing at the Congress. They have partners with Cotton Inc. to run a denim drive at the Congress called Blue Jeans Go Green where they take unwearable jeans and turn them into insulation for homes for people in need. They would love for us to run our denim drives over the summer at affiliates in Region 4 and any unusable/wearable Jeans would be sent to Kimes (to go toward the Congress project) and they will send back a brand-new pair of Kimes Jeans!

YES Conference

Mvself, Peyton, and Linc will be attending. All registration forms were turned in by the priority deadline of May 15th. I know myself and Linc for sure gave delegate voting status but I am unsure of Peyton because she send in her registration on her own. This year at YES we are doing a community service project called Books and a Blanket. YES attendees will be making fleece tie blankets but they have encouraged officers and directors to try and do an affiliate drive for new blankets as well as kindergarten to elementary level books. Do we see this as something people would participate in or is it too much with also doing Jeans For Teens?

I will also be personally be attending an Equine Issues Forum in Washington DC on June 10-13th with some of my fellow AQHYA officers and directors.

Jeff West shared that there were three youth to hardship out of Michigan and two who came in to Michigan. The Letter of Intent for the Youth World Show is due May 15.

The financial report for the Spartan Spectacular show was reviewed. The show had 141 NSBA entries. The AQHA entries were up by 500, the camping was up by 20 and the stalls were up by 45. Overall the income appears to be up over the 2017 show. Final numbers will be reviewed once all bills are received.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Rookie/Novice concurrent classes. The board had extensive discussion about the pros and cons to offering the concurrent Rookie and Level 1 classes. It was determined that each show committee needs to decide what is best for their event.

The suggestion box comments were reviewed by the Board. Action will be taken where necessary.

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:50 p.m. by unanimous consent.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is June 13, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the MSU Pavilion, East Lansing.