

MICHIGAN QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION
Meeting of the Board of Directors
June 14, 2022

President Barb Foster called a meeting of the MQHA Board of Directors to order at 6:40 p.m. at DaVinci's Restaurant, Frankenmuth, MI. The following Directors and staff were present: Meggen Baynes, Jennifer Bluhm, Kevin Cubitt, Barb Foster, Sasha Glover, Austin Gooding, Megan Hirschman, Rob Kirkpatrick, Chris Perniciaro, Sarah Switek and Kris Woroniecki. Excused were Heather Coe and Monty Montgomery.

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

REVIEW OF MINUTES: Meggen Baynes made a motion to approve the May 10, 2022 Board of Director minutes. Rob Kirkpatrick seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

REVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Rob Kirkpatrick presented the financial statements for May. The total assets of the Association as of May 31, 2022, are listed at \$579,771.94; the total liabilities at \$268,007.50 and the total members' equity is listed at \$311,764.44. The net income as of the end of May is listed at \$21,219.48 compared to \$-30,039.24 for the same period in 2021. Megan Hirschman made a motion to accept the May 2022 statement. Austin Gooding seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Rob Kirkpatrick presented the checks written report for May2022. There were checks written totaling \$81,730.78 for the month. Austin Gooding made a motion to approve the May check detail report. Sarah Switek seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: President Barb Foster stated that after the first day, the weather at the Midland Summer Series show improved and things were much less hectic. Sarah Switek was a big help to her at the show.

OFFICE REPORT: Kris Woroniecki stated that a member had called her and discussed the possibility of adding the EWD (Equestrians With Disabilities) classes to some of the MQHA owned shows. Kris mentioned that she had discussed it with Sarah Switek as a possibility for the Harvest Classic.

Kris mentioned that the MHC Expo is already requesting that booths be reserved for their 2023 event. The price increased and the board discussed the importance of being at the event. The board agreed that there would be a booth there in 2023 again and instructed Kris to return the paperwork. Sasha Glover is going to discuss the idea of setting up an area for breed registries as they have for the trail riding groups. If this is successful, then MQHA can cancel the regular booth space by the deadline for a refund.

Kris explained to the board that she and President Foster have had discussion regarding her contract. She responded to the board with questions and concerns about the contract as it was presented to her by the President.

Kris told the board that AQHA had been in contact with her over an issue concerning the Summer Series. Barb Foster indicated that the issue is being corrected.

Kris also explained to the board that she opened a LLC to operate a non-horse event with a partner later in the year. She asked the Board if there were concerns since she had heard there were some. None were brought up.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CLINICS: Jennifer Bluhm stated that Garth Gooding agreed to do a Ride the Pattern Clinic during the Harbor Classic. A few other names were thrown out as possibilities for clinicians in Ludington.

CONVENTION: Sasha Glover stated that there are no dates or contract yet for the 2023 Year End Awards banquet and Convention, but the committee will begin to working on that.

FINANCE: Kris Woroniecki stated that the draft of the tax return was received today. She will review it and then forward on to the finance committee. The return is normally done earlier, but the board had indicated that they were going to do a review, then there was discussion about an audit before the board settled on doing the return only this year. There will be an audit in 2023.

FUTURITY: Chris Perniciaro stated that the committee is going to move forward with a saddle raffle. They would also like to do a raffle for a Roth Show Halter. He is working to secure a sponsor who would pay to provide giveaway t-shirts to attendees. The committee is meeting soon to continue Futurity event planning.

HARBOR CLASSIC: Barb Foster stated that the show is fully staffed. She requested that NSBA approval be added for the Trail Sweepstakes. There will be a wine and cheese party sponsored by the MQHA Board of Directors. The bouncy horse races will be the same night. The exhibitor party will be on Thursday night with the dog races. Meggen Baynes suggested a silent auction during the exhibitor party. "Outlaw Enterprise" will sponsor the cornhole tournament.

HARVEST CLASSIC: Sarah Switek spoke about the EWD classes as a possibility for the Harvest Classic. She reiterated that she really wanted to focus the show on charity and on giving, especially with the time of year the show is held, just prior to Thanksgiving. She is in discussion with Tina, who works out of the facility Sarah is at. Tina coordinated with the Blue Sky show management for the EWD portion of the show and Sarah is working with her to make something happen in November.

RULES & CONSTITUTION: Megan Hirschman stated that the rules and constitution committee met on June 5. Those members are Barb Foster, Rob Kirkpatrick, Sarah Switek, Danielle Lindsay and Megan Hirschman. They are discussing the current ascension plan and the scenarios of changing to a two-year MQHA Presidential term as some of the Board members have requested. More information will be brought forward after the committee has more in writing.

SPARTAN SPECTACULAR: Barb Foster stated that the fliers are done for the events. She thanked Heather B. for doing such a nice job on them. There are fliers for every activity, and they will be publicized daily up until the events happen. She reminded the Board that this is the Youth show and they are looking for youth to volunteer their time to help with the event. She is short one scribe for the show since one just recently cancelled. There will be a team tournament that Barb has secured sponsors for.

SUMMER SERIES: Meggen Baynes indicated that she had no financial information yet, but the show went well. She liked the texting app and indicated that there is the ability to use it again in Ludington. The facility had some issues with the sound system but they were worked through and it seemed that overall complaints were at a minimum.

YOUTH: Sasha Glover addressed the Board with his report. He explained that AQHA sent an incorrect list of national qualifiers out to the Youth, and they were working to correct that issue. Sasha held the World Show meeting last night. They went over all of the processes to get entered correctly. Sasha will be present at the Youth World Show. The sign-up sheets for volunteering to help at the upcoming MQHA shows were made available to the youth. The 50/50 raffle at Midland made \$318. The winner, Trish Steele, donated her winnings back to the Rising Strong campaign for the Midland County Fairgrounds.

OLD BUSINESS: Rob Kirkpatrick reported to the Board that he has spoken to the MQHA insurance agent about liability insurance regarding show management. He was told that show management should have liability insurance with MQHA listed as additional insured. Rob clarified that Board members are covered under the current policy. There was discussion about a liability form and ensuring that it is signed by exhibitors during the entering process.

NEW BUSINESS: Sasha Glover made a motion to go into executive session. Megan Hirschman made a motion to come out of executive session. A motion was made by Chris Perniciaro. The board has agreed to extend the Executive Secretary's contract until January 2023. The Executive Secretary will be given a contract to review and asked that she decide to accept the contract, and if the contract is accepted, a request is made to have it signed by June 20th, 2022. The motion was seconded by Kevin Cubitt. Motion passed with none opposed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. by unanimous consent without objection.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, August 9 via Zoom.

Email correspondence within days of this meeting produced a clarification of the intention of the silent auction funds mentioned in the Harbor Classic Committee report: Via email, Meggen Baynes made a motion to give one half of the silent auction proceeds to MESF and one half of the auction proceeds to the Year End Awards committee. Austin Gooding seconded the motion via email. Votes returned for the motion. Hirschman, Kirkpatrick, Bluhm, Cubitt, Montgomery, Glover and Coe. With 9 votes, the majority passed the motion.