

MICHIGAN QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION
Meeting of the Board of Directors
June 16, 2021

President Mike Huntoon called a Zoom meeting of the MQHA Board of Directors to order at 7:30 p.m. The following Directors and staff were present on the call: Jennifer Bluhm, Heather Coe, Tessa Dalton, Barb Foster, Sasha Glover, Megan Hirschman, Mike Huntoon, Rob Kirkpatrick, Danielle Lindsay, Monty Montgomery, Sarah Switek and Kris Woroniecki. Austin Gooding was excused.

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

REVIEW OF MINUTES: Rob Kirkpatrick made a motion to approve the May 4, 2021, Board of Director minutes. Sasha Glover 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 May 31, 2021 are listed at \$474,081.44; the total liabilities at \$152,216.65 and the total members' equity is listed at \$321,864.79. The net income as of the end of May is listed at -\$26,095.84 compared to -\$50,016.48 for the same period in 2020. Megan Hirschman made a motion to accept the May 2021 statement. Monty Montgomery seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed. Heather stated that it will be difficult to realize our financial position until after the Harbor Classic. The August statements should show things leveling out and comparisons will be more realistic at that point. Megan Hirschman asked for a summary of YTD 2021 compared to YTD 2019 after August so we can compare numbers.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Kris Woroniecki presented the checks written report for May 2021. There were checks written totaling \$106,505.33 for the month. Megan Hirschman made a motion to approve the May check detail report. Rob Kirkpatrick seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: President Mike Huntoon stated that he attended the Summer Series in Midland on Thursday and Saturday. The show appeared to be going well. The weather, however, was awful. He heard good feedback on the awards. Exhibitors liked the 1st – 3rd place High Point recognition as well as the reserve circuit awards. Mike stated that it would be nice to consider these things for other shows.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Barb Foster shared that she heard good feedback on the new barns and stalls at Midland. She said they were nice. There were not a lot of complaints during the show that she was made aware of.

OFFICE REPORT: Kris Woroniecki reminded the board that there was no July meeting. Spartan Spectacular has about 260 stalls reserved, and Harbor Classic is over 400 stalls reserved. Kris also stated she will be meeting with some MQHA members to tour the new Grand Agricultural Center in Lowell the following week.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

BIOSECURITY: Jennifer Bluhm went to a website that Kris had given her. The website includes information on preparedness, updates for diseases, and thoughts about isolation areas should there be an outbreak among other things. There was also information on cleaning and bleaching of stall surfaces. Jennifer will continue to watch the website for additional information.

CLINICS: Jennifer Bluhm and Sarah Switek secured a clinician for the next free clinic series. Chris Dalton will do a trail clinic at the Spartan Spectacular on Thursday evening. This clinic is designed as a "ride the pattern" clinic. Beckey Schooler has agreed to do a clinic at the Harbor Classic. They have also reached out to Mary Luther to host one during the Lisa Terry Memorial. The discipline will be determined after Harbor.

FUTURITY: Mike Huntoon stated that the committee officially decided to keep the event at MSU. Mike is confident that the event will be able to run with limited conditions caused from the ongoing issues with the pandemic.

QUEEN: Kathy Christensen emailed indicting that the princess contest information is posted.

SPARTAN SPECTACULAR & HARBOR CLASSIC: Barb Foster stated that the committees are on top of what needs to be done. The awards are selected. She was able to view a video of the new tent and stalls that are set up for Harbor Classic from the

new tent company. It all looks great. The activities are all coming together. The committee added a cornhole contest during Harbor. There is a \$250 sponsor for it. Barb is hoping to pick up one more sponsor to offer a youth division for the cornhole. The event is very short on golf carts. Jeff West is working on assigning the camping. We are at maximum capacity in the campground.

SUMMER SERIES: Rob Kirkpatrick reviewed some preliminary information from the Summer Series. The show was not held in 2020 due to the pandemic. In 2019, the show was offered with five judges and in 2021, it was a six-judge show.

338 stalls, up 77 from 2019

127 campers, up 33 from 2019

AQHA entries – 6,186 compared to 4,357 which is up 1829 entries with the additional judge

NSBA entries – 414 entries, up 83

Rob stated that the event went well even with the uncooperative weather. Most days were done early with the latest at 8:30 pm. There was discussion that it is difficult for some exhibitors to show in the western pleasure first thing in the morning.

YOUTH: Sasha Glover stated that there was a World Show Information Session held via zoom. There were approximately 30 in attendance. He reviewed the online entry process for the World Show. The academic awards were due to him yesterday. The youth will prepare that information for recognition at the Harbor Classic. The youth will host some upcoming fundraisers which will include root beer floats, bouncy horse races, dog races and the cash raffle. The youth are also offering sponsorship opportunities for \$20 per class during the Spartan Spectacular. The World Show entries are open and due by July 1.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:15 p.m. by unanimous consent without objection.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, August 4 at 7:30 p.m. on Zoom.