

MICHIGAN QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION
Meeting of the Board of Directors
June 2, 2026

President Kevin Cubitt called a meeting of the MQHA Board of Directors to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Farm Bureau Pavilion at MSU. The following Directors and staff were present: Linda Barnes, Heather Boggetta, Kevin Cubitt, Venessa Knoblock, Danielle Lindsay, Jeff Moody, Kelly Nichols, Nicole Veldhoff, Katherine West and Kris Woroniecki. Directors who were excused were: Ashlynn Kenoyer, Monty Montgomery and Chris Perniciaro.

AGENDA: Kelly Nichols made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Heather Boggetta seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

REVIEW OF MINUTES: Linda Barnes made a motion to approve the May 5, 2026, Board of Director minutes. Kelly Nichols seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

REVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Kris Woroniecki presented the financial statements for May 2026. The total assets of the Association as of May 31, 2026, are listed at \$726,513.92; the total liabilities at \$280,661.23 and the total members' equity is listed at \$445,852.69. The net income as of the end of May is \$65,622.30 compared to \$54,650.44 for the same period in 2025. Income is up 6.02% and expenses are up 4.04%. Danielle Lindsay made a motion to accept the May 2026 financial statement. Linda Barnes seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed. Kris mentioned that the three cd's at Fifth Third Bank will come due right after the Harbor Classic. She will need to take care of them once she is back.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Kris Woroniecki presented the checks written report for May 2026. There were checks written totaling \$100,394.28 for the month. Venessa Knoblock made a motion to approve the May check detail report. Jeff Moody seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: President Cubitt welcomed the Board to the meeting and thanked them for attending.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Vice President Moody congratulated the Summer Series committee on a phenomenal horse show. He heard very positive comments about how the show and the office were run. "Well done everyone!"

OFFICE REPORT: Kris Woroniecki reported that the office received a thank you note from Mrs. Mumy and from the Moody/Lewis family regarding their family's losses. We also received a thank you card from Emelia Perez for MQHA's support of the Queen's contest.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CLINICS AND EDUCATION: Linda Barnes stated that the committee will be scheduling another meeting soon for planning the 2027 event. She is reaching out to the committee to get a date.

CONVENTION: Nicole Veldhoff reported that the Convention contract for 2027 was returned to the Sheraton, Grand Rapids with the deposit for the event. She will work on setting up a tasting during later summer, early fall.

FACEBOOK: Heather Boggetta said she is working on promoting sponsors for Futurity. Jeff Moody requested re-posting items that are important because they get buried in the feed.

FUTURITY: The Futurity committee met and are finalizing the showbill. Changes to it include the addition of the Rail Horse classes and combining the rookie and level one classes for this show. The Rail Horse Association is bringing \$30,000 guaranteed money to the Futurity event. After some discussion with the Board regarding the rookie and level one classes running together, Kelly Nichols made a motion to not support the recommendation of the Futurity Committee regarding combining the rookie and level 1 classes at this show. Venessa Knoblock seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Those in favor of the motion not to support the decision of the Futurity Committee were - Kelly Nichols, Venessa Knoblock, Linda Barnes, Danielle Lindsay, Nicole Veldhoff. Those who accepted the Futurity Committee's recommendations were: Heather Boggetta and Katherine West. Jeff Moody abstained. The motion to not support the Futurity Committee recommendation passed.

HARBOR CLASSIC: Kelly reported that the barns are full and the awards are ordered. Most of the help has been secured. The last-minute details are all that should be left in the planning. The committee is looking forward to a great show.

HARVEST CLASSIC: Heather Boggetta stated that the work on the show will start soon. The show application is due by July 1.

MEMBERSHIP: Kris Woroniecki let the Board know that the order for the string backpacks has been cancelled. These were going to be used with the new member list. She will look for another product priced similarly.

QUEEN: Venessa Knoblock reported that Queen Emma has been amazing. She did a great job “queening” in Midland for the lead line classes. The princess contest is coming up, and she is working on organizing it.

RULES AND CONSTITUTION: President Cubitt reminded the Board to put forth rule changes for discussion throughout the year. It was also mentioned that there is a new AQHA rule regarding the non pro classes. All exhibitors (or a family member) must own their horses.

SPARTAN SPECTACULAR: Katherine West stated that the awards are done for the event. The stalls are full. The event looks like it will be well attended.

STALLION SERVICE SALE: Kris Woroniecki reported that the 2026 sale is over \$109,000 in revenue.

SUMMER SERIES: Nicole Veldhoff reported that the show went well. We were at 215 stalls, which was up by 28. The entries were up. The profit and loss will be available at the next meeting. The committee discussed the possibility of adding a fifth day back on the show for next year. The show was five days and when it got smaller, it was condensed into four days. The facility is available for the extra day. Nicole Veldhoff made a motion that the show be extended to five days. Jeff Moody seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed. Jeff asked us to confirm how many stalls are available at the Midland Fairgrounds. The show sponsored breakfast burritos one morning and they were well received.

WEBSITE: Kris and Heather were able to get the first look at the new website the other day. We will be able to look at it, roof it and tweak the remaining items soon. There will be a training session on the website after we’re back from Harbor.

YEAR END AWARDS: The year end awards committee met via Zoom and discussed some issues with the addition of the ranch classes as it pertains to year end award standings. There were a lot of scenarios discussed but ultimately, the committee had a proposal which will affect the 2026 year end point standings. The standings have been posted for only the Easter show. Kris asked Heather to hold off publishing them through Midland until this is clarified.

Any horse that is entered in the western pleasure cannot do the working western rail or the ranch riding. Because the ranch horses can do working western rail and ranch riding (but not western pleasure), this gives these horses one additional class to accrue points toward high point. Monty Montgomery made a motion via email: All year end points will include all of the classes within the division (including western pleasure, ranch riding and working western rail) however, at the point where the finals standings will be tallied, we will remove points from either the working western rail OR the ranch riding (which ever has fewer points). This will allow all horses to compete and utilize their “best” toward the year end award. Year end awards for the individual class will still be given based on placings. Nicole Veldhoff seconded the motion. Motion passed with nine “yes” votes from: Montgomery, Veldhoff, Barnes, Boggetta, Knoblock, West, Nichols, Lindsay and Perniciaro.

YOUTH: Danielle Lindsay stated that she sent the raffle tickets out to the kids who returned a Letter of Intent for the World Show or the NYATT team. She said that there is a really nice group of kids again this year. The online link for the world show has been set to the kids. We will know soon who is committing. The deadline is June 24th.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Marketing – Rilynn Lindsay presented the Board with a proposal to give to MSU for installing digital displays at MSU as part of a 2026 marketing plan. Heather Boggetta made a motion to accept the proposal for the installation as presented with an expectation that it will come back to the board with an update and for further discussion including an estimated cost. Kelly Nichols seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

President Cubitt also reminded the Board that MQHA has an office, and the office has a phone number and an email address. If people need to contact the office, they should do so using one of those methods.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m. by unanimous consent without objection. The next meeting will be on July 21 at the MSU Pavilion.