

MICHIGAN QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION
Meeting of the Board of Directors
August 19, 2025

President Chris Perniciaro called a meeting of the MQHA Board of Directors to order at 6:35 p.m. at the Farm Bureau Pavilion at MSU, classroom B. The following Directors and staff were present: Linda Barnes, Heather Boggetta, Heather Coe, Kevin Cubitt, Venessa Knoblock, Danielle Lindsay, Jeff Moody, Monty Montgomery, Kelly Nichols, Chris Perniciaro, Katherine West and Kris Woroniecki. Nicole Veldhoff was excused. Youth President, Dana Moody was also present.

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

REVIEW OF MINUTES: Heather Boggetta made a motion to approve the July 21, 2025 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 July 2025. The total assets of the Association as of July 31, 2025, are listed at \$723,580.26; the total liabilities at \$274,421.96 and the total members' equity is listed at \$449,1583.30. The net income as of the end of July is \$126,830.51 compared to \$97,942.19 for the same period in 2024. Income is up 14.465% to date, with expenses up 12.03%. Jeff Moody made a motion to accept the July 2025 financial statement. Kelly Nichols seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed. The cd's that matured in July, 2025 are showing as new accounts on the July statement. The four new cd's will mature in March of 2026.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Kris Woroniecki presented the checks written report for July 2025. There were checks written totaling \$229,558.09 for the month. Kelly Nichols made a motion to approve the July check detail report. Heather Boggetta seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed. The amount was high due to the Ludington shows.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: President Perniciaro met with some potential sponsors for both the Futurity and the Association. There was discussion about ways to help advertise sponsors.

COMMITTEE REPORTS –

CLINIC AND EDUCATION: Linda Barnes reported that there will be an in-person meeting with the clinic committee soon. The committee is waiting for the return of the contract from the clinician. The "save the date" fliers have been created and shared with various groups including the 4H extension offices. Heather Boggetta will also work to promote it on Facebook.

CONVENTION: Nicole Veldhoff, Kris Woroniecki and Heather Bielecki will meet with Experience Grand Rapids staff at two hotels on September 24 in Grand Rapids to tour two possible venues for the 2027 Convention.

FACEBOOK/WEBSITE: Heather Boggetta will get the Equine Connection Clinic information on Facebook as well as posting sponsors for the Futurity. Kris will send her a current list of sponsors.

FUTURITY: Chris Perniciaro said that everything is in good shape for the upcoming Futurity. He indicated that he has secured Tribute Feed to do a \$1000 sponsorship for the Friday evening exhibitor luncheon. The committee discussed the addition of trail to the Futurity. The trail pattern was finalized. It will be published with the Great Lakes Classic patterns. Trail will be set and then a walk through only allowed. There will be no practice for it. Heather Boggetta will order the publicity checks for the photos. Monty Montgomery is contacting Saginaw Valley Vet to confirm their details. A vendor has

been approved to park on the green wall. He will work out of the end of the trailer, so we will leave the stall blocks set as originally determined. The committee will offer pizza for lunch on Wednesday prior to the concession opening on Thursday. All staffing has been secured.

HARBOR CLASSIC: The Harbor Classic profit and loss was reviewed for the Board. The show increased in stalls (18), camping (14), NSBA entries (11) and AQHA entries (1653). The event showed an overall increase in revenue from 2024 without considering the portable stalls we now own.

HARVEST CLASSIC: The committee is completing the task of narrowing down awards. All approvals are complete. Everyone will work on more details of the event after the Futurity.

NOMINATIONS: Chris Perniciaro reminded the Board to notify the MQHA office if they intend to run again in the upcoming election. There are five positions that will be opening up.

PUBLICITY: Venessa Knoblock would like to collect video of exhibitors during the Futurity to post on Facebook. She would like to promote fun and show that MQHA is an attainable goal.

QUEEN: The queen contract will have some changes made to it for next year. Linda Barnes spoke about how involved Princess Tenley has been. She attended the state 4-H show and has a list of other shows and events she would like to attend. The Board agreed that it was a good idea and encouraged her to participate.

RULES: Chris Perniciaro reminded the Board that rule changes should be submitted soon for inclusion in the 2026 Rulebook.

SPARTAN SPECTACULAR: The Spartan profit and loss was reviewed for the Board. The show increased substantially over 2024. The stalls were up (49), camping was up (31), NSBA entries were up (84) and the AQHA entries were up (1312) over 2024. The overall revenue was up from 2024.

STALLION SERVICE SALE: – Kris Woroniecki stated that the requests for the stallion breeding donations go out in October. Heather Bielecki has them ready to go because she will be on vacation in October. Heather Boggetta requested a flier to hand out describing the program. There was discussion about adding a QR code which would drive someone to the stallion list.

YOUTH: Katherine West said that the World Show went very well this year. She felt like it was one of the best shows MQHYA has had in a few years. There were 27 youth with 34 horses. The team had no issues while they were there. Additionally, the NYATT team is being pulled together and will be submitted before the August 25 deadline. Rye Gill was announced as the 2025 NSBA Foundation's Youth of the Year! The Board would like to send him an item congratulating him on the achievement. The MQHA office staff will take care of getting him something fun.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. by unanimous consent without objection. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 23 at the MSU Pavilion, 6:30 p.m., classroom B.