

**MICHIGAN QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION**  
**Meeting of the Board of Directors**  
**August 20, 2024**

President Rob Kirkpatrick called a meeting of the MQHA Board of Directors to order at 6:42 p.m. at the MSU Pavilion, East Lansing, classroom A. The following Directors and staff were present: Linda Barnes, Heather Boggetta, Kevin Cubitt, Austin Gooding, Rob Kirkpatrick, Danielle Lindsay, Monty Montgomery, Jeff Moody, Kelly Nichols, Chris Perniciaro, Katherine West and Kris Woroniecki. Nicole Veldhoff was excused.

**AGENDA:** Monty Montgomery made a motion to approve the agenda. Heather Boggetta seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

**REVIEW OF MINUTES:** Danielle Lindsay made a motion to approve the July 16, 2024 Board of Director minutes. Austin Gooding seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

**REVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT:** Kevin Cubitt presented the financial statements for June 2024. The total assets of the Association as of June 30, 2024, are listed at \$655,478.69; the total liabilities at \$277,225.59 and the total members' equity is listed at \$378,253.10. The net income as of the end of June is \$66,949.27 compared to \$43,455.22 for the same period in 2023. The total income for 2024 is down 3.97 percent and the total expenses are down 7.94 percent compared to the January through June statement last year. Heather Boggetta made a motion to accept the June 2024 statement. Kelly Nichols seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

Kevin Cubitt presented the financial statements for July 2024. The total assets of the Association as of July 31, 2024, are listed at \$683,777.39; the total liabilities at \$273,842.69 and the total members' equity is listed at \$409,934.70. The net income as of the end of July is \$98,630.87 compared to \$32,517.05 for the same period in 2023. The total income for 2024 is up 4.16 percent and the total expenses are down 4.8 percent compared to the January through July statement last year. Kelly Nichols made a motion to accept the July 2024 statement. Danielle Lindsay seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Kevin Cubitt presented the checks written report for June, 2024. There were checks written totaling \$85,384.85 for the month. After reviewing the checks, Austin Gooding made a motion to approve the June check detail report. Monty Montgomery seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

Kevin Cubitt presented the checks written report for July, 2024. There were checks written totaling \$176,144.24 for the month. Chris Perniciaro made a motion to approve the July check detail report. Kelly Nichols seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** President Kirkpatrick reviewed the financial information regarding the cd's and the new savings accounts. We invested in two \$50,000 cds for six months and they matured in July. We earned \$3294 in interest. We invested another \$50,000 in two cds for six months and they matured in August. We earned \$3306. The two cd's netted \$6600. We also opened a new savings account the end of June and it has made a little over \$800 in interest to date. The four cds were moved to new ones which will mature after the first of the year. Rob also followed up on the request for reimbursement for travel expenses that were denied at the last meeting.

**VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** No report

**OFFICE REPORT:** Kris Woroniecki told the board that per the last meeting, she has notified the MSU Pavilion manager that we do not currently want any dates at MSU in May. The saddle raffle for 2024 was approved by the MI Dept of Gaming. The tickets are printed and are currently available to be sold. The drawing will be at the Easter show, 2025. She also reported that the draft for the 2023 tax return will be in the email this week. Kris then asked the Board their opinion on the scoring of the longe line classes at the futurity. They agreed that the average placings for the futurity classes should be based on an average of the judge's placings and not the judge's scores. Kris will post a note at the show to clarify it for the exhibitors.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**FUTURITY:** Futurity Chairman Chris Perniciaro reported that the committee has obtained several sponsors. The main barn is full and the camping is sold out. The class awards are ordered. The staffing has been taken care of with the exception of needing people to walk showmanship.

**HARBOR CLASSIC:** Kris Woroniecki reviewed the profit and loss statement from the show. There is still a little outstanding income which should be received soon. The show was down 16 stalls but AQHA and NSBA entries were up. The overall income was up slightly. There was discussion about the saddles with the focus being that it is not possible to have a quality trophy saddle for all of the divisions. The two saddles we ordered were beautiful and the committee will be meeting soon to decide what to do for the 2025 show.

**HARVEST CLASSIC –** Heather Boggetta explained that she and Linda have ordered some of the high points. She has a sponsor to do a movie night and would like to provide popcorn and snacks. There was a request to add reining to the Harvest Classic. The Board agreed to add it on Sunday morning, with the Hunter Under Saddle not to start before 9 am.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Linda Barnes stated that the Queen and she attended the state 4H Horse Show at the MSU Pavilion. Audrey presented the show awards. The MQHA staff provided Linda with hand out information and some give away items. Linda said that she felt like it was time well spent. She met a lot of very nice people and had a lot of good questions asked and answered. Linda said it was a successful outreach and thinks it should be done again next year.

**SPARTAN SPECTACULAR:** Kris Woroniecki reviewed the profit and loss statement for the show. Everything was up substantially from 2023 when the show was in Mason. The committee believes that holding the show prior to Harbor this year helped the overall numbers. The show was up 75 stalls and there were increases in camping, AQHA entries, and NSBA entries as well as the overall profit.

**YOUTH:** Katherine West reported that she felt the AQHYA World show went really well. There didn't appear to be any major issues with the team. She congratulated Ava Hathaway on winning the 14-18 All Around and Trace Toteff who won the Halter All Around.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** Chris Perniciaro reviewed the request for reimbursement submitted by Katherine West. This was for her lodging during the youth world show. The Board responded that if someone is attending for the sole purpose of overseeing the Youth World Show Team, then that person should receive reimbursement for lodging. Katherine did not request travel expenses or food for the week she was there. Jeff Moody made a motion to approve reimbursement for Katherine West for lodging for the World Show. Monty Montgomery seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed. Danielle Lindsay suggested some guidance by the finance committee to create a process for this to be budgeted with stipulations.

Chris Perniciaro suggested the creation of a technology committee to help with advertising at the events.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. by unanimous consent without objection. The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 24 at the MSU Pavilion, classroom A.