

**MICHIGAN QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION**  
**Meeting of the Board of Directors**  
**August 31, 2021**

President Mike Huntoon called a meeting of the MQHA Board of Directors to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Fairway Event Center, Lowell, MI. The following Directors and staff were present: Heather Coe, Barb Foster, Megan Hirschman, Mike Huntoon, Rob Kirkpatrick, Danielle Lindsay, Monty Montgomery, Sarah Switek and Kris Woroniecki. Jennifer Bluhm, Tessa Dalton and Sasha Glover were excused. Also in attendance was Kathy Christensen, Stacy Montgomery and Jeff Moody.

**AGENDA:** Barb Foster made a motion to approve the agenda. Danielle Lindsay seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

**REVIEW OF MINUTES:** Austin Gooding made a motion to approve the June 16, 2021, Board of Director minutes. Monty Montgomery 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 June 30, 2021 are listed at \$597,011.26; the total liabilities at \$155,623.77 and the total members' equity is listed at \$441,387.49. The net income as of the end of June is listed at \$93,426.83 compared to -\$17,503.05 for the same period in 2020. Barb Foster made a motion to accept the June 2021 statement. Danielle Lindsay seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed. Heather Coe presented the financial statements for July. The total assets of the Association as of July 31, 2021 are listed at \$611,617.92; the total liabilities at \$151,532.50 and the total members' equity is listed at \$460,085.42. The net income as of the end of July is listed at \$112,124.76 compared to -\$21,742.46 for the same period in 2020. Barb Foster made a motion to accept the July 2021 statement. Danielle Lindsay seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed. Megan Hirschman had requested a YTD summary of 2021 compared to prior years. A YTD comparison was reviewed for 2021, 2020, 2019 and 2018.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Kris Woroniecki presented the checks written report for June 2021. There were checks written totaling \$78,725.44 for the month. Sarah Switek made a motion to approve the June check detail report. Heather Coe seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed. Kris Woroniecki presented the checks written report for July 2021. There were checks written totaling \$154,676.94 for the month. Danielle Lindsay made a motion to approve the July check detail report. Sarah Switek seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** President Mike Huntoon remarked that the Harbor was good, even with weather that wasn't. He thought the transition to TNT Show Management went very well.

**VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Vice President Barb Foster agreed with Mike Huntoon. She added that we had to replace a judge during the show and she thanked Mary Luther and Tim Abler for stepping up and filling in. She thought that TNT did a nice job and heard very positive comments about the show management. The extra activities were well attended, and she thought people enjoyed them.

**OFFICE REPORT:** Kris Woroniecki stated that the Michigan Horse Council submitted an email asking about whether we wanted a booth for the MHC Expo. After discussion, the board agreed that it is beneficial to have a presence at the event. She then explained that she will update the board more under new business regarding the first show with the new show management. Additionally, she stated that the office has been busy with clean up work from the shows, and processing information on the upcoming Futurity. The Harvest information is complete and on the website. The SSS mailing was done for the stallion authorization letters. There has been a lot of interest in those classes for the 2021 event. The SSS mailing to recruit stallions to the sale will be done toward the end of September.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**CLINICS:** Chris Dalton presented a Trail clinic at Ludington during the Lisa Terry Memorial. Barb would like to see us continue to offer the clinics.

**CONVENTION:** The contract has been reviewed. Dates are January 6-9 at the Comfort Inn in Mount Pleasant. Sasha Gover, chairman for the Convention, sent an email to the Board asking if they would be interested in doing away with the Friday night cocktail party and having a Board dinner instead. It was agreed that the Directors would like to do this.

Megan Hirschman made a motion to purchase apparel for the Board and that the cost of it be added to the Year End Awards budget. Austin Gooding seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

**FUTURITY:** Mike Huntoon reported that the Futurity is full for stalls and camping. Barb stated that the judges and the sponsors are good. She needs volunteers to work the awards room. Kathy Christensen indicated that when she is at the Futurity, she is happy to take pictures.

**HARVEST CLASSIC:** The stall and camping reservation link is available and will be on Facebook.

**QUEEN:** Kathy Christensen stated that Queen Lily Atkinson will be at the Futurity on Friday, Saturday and Sunday to help with awards presentations. The princess and junior princess will also be there to help. Lily will be attending the Quarter Horse Congress representing Michigan. There are only 15 queens running this year. Many of the Congress sponsors are dropping out. Kathy will be at Congress for the contest.

**SPARTAN SPECTACULAR:** The financial reports for this event was given to the Directors.

**SUMMER SERIES:** The financial report for this event was given to the Directors.

**YEAR END AWARDS:** Monty Montgomery addressed the board with his concern over purchasing items for Year End Awards. There are serious issues with the supply chain and with shipping due to the pandemic. He is very worried that we will have a difficult time getting items and we may need to resort to gift cards in many instances.

**YOUTH:** Barb Foster stated that the youth had a good time at the World Show. The youth also had a good year fundraising.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

An update was given on the Grand Agricultural Center, Lowell, by Bill Zaske, KCYAA President.

Update on show management – Kris spoke to the Board about a few of the challenges related to the new show management, indicating that it is all a work in progress. She had Heather Bielecki, Point Secretary, address the Board on the issues with the software uploads and the reason all of the updates were taking much longer than expected.

A motion to adjourn was made at 9:53 p.m. by unanimous consent without objection.

*The next meeting will be Thursday, September 23 at 7:30 p.m. on Zoom.*