

MICHIGAN QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION
Meeting of the Board of Directors
September 24, 2024

President Rob Kirkpatrick called a meeting of the MQHA Board of Directors to order at 6:35 p.m. at the MSU Pavilion, East Lansing, classroom B. The following Directors and staff were present: Linda Barnes, Heather Boggetta, Kevin Cubitt, Rob Kirkpatrick, Danielle Lindsay, Monty Montgomery, Jeff Moody, Kelly Nichols, Nicole Veldhoff and Kris Woroniecki. Austin Gooding, Chris Perniciaro and Katherine West were excused.

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

REVIEW OF MINUTES: Jeff Moody made a motion to approve the August 20, 2024 Board of Director minutes. Kelly Nichols seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

REVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Rob Kirkpatrick presented the financial statements for August 2024. The total assets of the Association as of August 31, 2024, are listed at \$696,920.93; the total liabilities at \$260,573.53 and the total members' equity is listed at \$436,347.40. The net income as of the end of August is \$129,925.30 compared to \$46,068.31 for the same period in 2023. The total income for 2024 is up 6.4% and the total expenses are down 4.45% compared to the January through August statement last year. Monty Montgomery made a motion to accept the August 2024 statement. Jeff Moody seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Rob Kirkpatrick presented the checks written report for August, 2024. There were checks written totaling \$50,072.06 for the month. After reviewing the checks, Heather Boggetta made a motion to approve the August check detail report. Kelly Nichols seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: President Kirkpatrick addressed the board, reminding them that the Board meetings are for the committees to report their individual committee work. He congratulated the Futurity Committee on a nice event and said he heard a lot of positive comments.

OFFICE REPORT: Kris Woroniecki confirmed with the Board that the tax return for 2023 has been e-filed. Copies for the Board members were made available. All adjusting entries for 2023 were made. Kris shared two thank you notes from judges thanking MQHA for putting on nice events. She then shared the tentative 2025 event calendar with the Board. She explained that the Easter show contract lists the last week of March as our date for 2025 but Kris has realized that the AQHA Convention will run over the same dates. She asked if the Board thought we should consider trying to move the show a week later. Monty Montgomery made a motion to pursue moving the show to the first week of April to get it away from the AQHA Convention. Danielle Lindsay seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Kris will contact the Pavilion manager.

COMMITTEE REPORTS -

CONVENTION: Nicole Veldhoff reported that the Convention committee has chosen a theme for the Convention at the Firekeepers Casino in January. The theme will be "Rich In History". MQHA will celebrate the 70th anniversary of the Association. The committee will be in contact with the venue to set up a walkthrough and start working on the details.

FUTURITY: The Committee is meeting informally after the Board meeting to review a few things. The Financial report will be given at the next meeting. Jeff Moody reported that he heard a lot of good things from people at the show. The weather was in our favor this year. It seemed to help to post the dragging schedules as well as other information. People seemed to appreciate it. There was good feedback on the "checks" that were used for the photos. Overall, it was a very successful show.

HALL OF FAME: Kevin Cubitt reported that the committee is reviewing information on several horses that have been nominated. They have chosen the person. The pins will be ordered. Heather Boggetta has offered to help with the video presentation for the Hall of Fame.

HARVEST CLASSIC – Heather Boggetta said that she and Linda Barnes were working on ideas for the class awards. Everything else is on track at this point. They are also discussing having a movie night.

MEMBERSHIP: Linda Barnes is going to compile a letter to send to new AQHA members who live in Michigan. A list has been provided by AQHA. She will work with Kris to get it sent out.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION: Rob Kirkpatrick discussed the upcoming election. The Board agreed that the ballots would be offered online again. The option to print and mail them would be available as well as having one mailed to upon request. The Board requested that the ballots be made available at the Harvest Classic. Linda Barnes offered to set up a display board with the candidate bios and resumes.

RULES AND CONSTITUTION: Rob Kirkpatrick reminded the Board that Constitutional changes are due by the November meeting. Rule changes are due by the December meeting.

YEAR END AWARDS: The Committee met for a couple of hours prior to the Board meeting. Monty said they accomplished a lot and he feels like they are off to a good start. The Committee will also have a Zoom meeting prior to everyone leaving for the Congress. They are hoping to stay within the \$45,000 budget but will keep the board updated if that does not seem possible.

YOUTH: Danielle Lindsay said that the current focus of the Youth is the OQHA Congress NYATT competition. The advisors are also starting to discuss year end and the annual meeting which will be during the Convention in January.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Vice President Elect – President Kirkpatrick reported to the Board that Jeff Moody has submitted a letter of intent for the Vice President Elect position. Seeing no other nominations, Rob welcomed Jeff to the Executive Committee for 2025.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m. by unanimous consent without objection. The next meeting will be Tuesday, November 19 at the MSU Pavilion, classroom A.