

MICHIGAN QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION

Meeting of the Board of Directors

September 27, 2023

President Heather Coe called a meeting of the MQHA Board of Directors to order at 6:33 p.m. at the MSU Pavilion, Classroom A. The following Directors and staff were present: Heather Boggetta, Heather Coe, Kevin Cubitt, Austin Gooding, Rob Kirkpatrick, Monty Montgomery, Jeff Moody, Chris Perniciaro, and Kris Woroniecki. Meggen Baynes, Jennifer Bluhm, Megan Hirschman and Nicole Veldhoff were excused.

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

REVIEW OF MINUTES: Rob Kirkpatrick made a motion to approve the August 16, 2023, Board of Director minutes. Jeff Moody seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

REVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Chris Perniciaro presented the financial statements for August 2023. The total assets of the Association as of August 31, 2023, are listed at \$683,112.52; the total liabilities at \$291,281.50 and the total members' equity is listed at \$391,831.02. The net income as of the end of August is \$46,346.00 compared to \$131,303.02 for the same period in 2022. Austin Gooding made a motion to accept the August 2023 statement. Heather Boggetta seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed. Kris Woroniecki reviewed the new "profit and loss to date" report that was requested at the June meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Chris Perniciaro presented the checks written report for August 2023. There were checks written totaling \$36,025.57 for the month. Jeff Moody made a motion to approve the August check detail report. Kevin Cubitt seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

OFFICE REPORT: Kris Woroniecki shared some available openings at the Ingham County Fairgrounds and some scenarios for a few of the shows. She showed a calendar of events that will affect our show dates for 2024 and should be taken into consideration. After considerable discussion, Chris Perniciaro made a motion that MQHA move the Spartan Spectacular to Ludington preceding the Harbor Classic. Austin Gooding seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed. Based on that discussion, the Harbor and Spartan committees need to meet to work out showbills for the events. Kris then stated that the Michigan Horse Council Expo information has come out and we need to commit by October 20. Rob Kirkpatrick made a motion that we do not attend the event in 2024 but do support it with the purchase of a display banner or similar. Jeff Moody seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed. Kris also explained that the booking agreement for the 2024 Convention had been received. It will be reviewed and returned soon. The date that has been chosen is February 9-11 at the Crowne Plaza in Lansing, MI. It is still hoped that we can return to Firekeepers in 2025 but Kris is still waiting for that correspondence to confirm the 2025 event.

Kris reviewed the Tack Sale information with the Board. It is scheduled for February 3, 2024. The Board had no requested changes to the format. Kris also stated that she ordered flowers for George McCrumb's funeral. George was a former Board member and has been a long-time member of MQHA. He will be missed.

Kris has been in contact with the CPA regarding the audit. They expect to be in contact with us soon with their test items. Estimated completion for the audit is mid-November along with the tax return.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

HALL OF FAME: Kevin Cubitt discussed the newer process of disclosing the Hall of Fame recipients. The Committee is continuing their work and will be ready for the reveal and the presentation in the upcoming months.

HARBOR CLASSIC: The profit and loss for the Harbor Classic was shared with the Board. Stalls, entries and camping were all down from 2022 resulting in an overall loss of profit. The show went well and the Committee will look toward

2024 to make adjustments. The new stalls that were purchased will help considerably considering the cost of the temporary stalls in 2023.

HARVEST CLASSIC: Heather Boggetta reported that the show is coming along as expected. Kris mentioned that it currently isn't very big, but she expects reservations to improve once people get settled in at the Congress.

NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS: Rob Kirkpatrick discussed the upcoming election for the Board. The Convention is later this year but after discussion during this meeting the Board has decided that the annual meeting and the installation of the new board will happen at the Convention using the same voting process as has been done in the past. MQHA will offer an online ballot as well as a printable form that can either be downloaded or mailed to a recipient upon request.

RULES and CONSTITUTION: Rob Kirkpatrick reminded the Board that Constitutional changes are due no later than the November meeting.

STALLION SERVICE SALE: Chris Perniciaro and Austin Gooding requested a rule change to the percentage of money that is retained by the association (currently 20%) which is used to cover operating costs. The discussion was tabled.

YOUTH: Kris Woroniecki relayed information from Nicole Veldhoff regarding the MQHA Youth. They are preparing for the NYATT Competition and the QH Congress. The NYATT Teams are all set. Their team uniforms should be received at any point. Nicole is looking forward to a great Congress for the kids. The Youth Committee will begin work on the 2024 Letters of Intent and the Convention meeting once the Congress is complete.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. by unanimous consent without objection. The next meeting will be Tuesday, November 21 at the MSU Pavilion.