

MICHIGAN QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION
Meeting of the Board of Directors
October 28, 2025

President Chris Perniciaro called a meeting of the MQHA Board of Directors to order at 6:40 p.m. at the Farm Bureau Pavilion at MSU. The following Directors and staff were present: Linda Barnes, Heather Boggetta, Kevin Cubitt, Venessa Knoblock, Danielle Lindsay, Jeff Moody, Monty Montgomery, Kelly Nichols, Chris Perniciaro, Nicole Veldhoff, Katherine West and Kris Woroniecki. Heather Coe was excused.

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

REVIEW OF MINUTES: Monty Montgomery made a motion to approve the October 1, 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 September 2025. The total assets of the Association as of September 30, 2025, are listed at \$781,147.28; the total liabilities at \$257,250.47 and the total members' equity is listed at \$523,896.81. The net income as of the end of September is \$201,569.02 compared to \$137,360.55 for the same period in 2024. Income is up 15.09% to date, with expenses up 9.48%. Kelly Nichols made a motion to accept the September 2025 financial statement. Danielle Lindsay seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Kris Woroniecki presented the checks written report for September 2025. There were checks written totaling \$142,419.32 for the month. Danielle Lindsay made a motion to approve the September check detail report. Monty Montgomery seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: President Perniciaro said that MQHA has one show circuit left. He thanked the board for a great year. He said he has enjoyed being President this year.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Vice President Cubitt stated that the Board members have worked hard all year long, worked well together, have been respectful and have been a pleasure to work with. He has had a great experience and appreciates everyone and their efforts.

OFFICE REPORT: Kris Woroniecki said that there has been a lot going on in the office. The stallion service contracts went out. The Clinic flier was confirmed for inclusion into the tack sale mailing which also went out and is on the website. The hard drive for the newest computer went out so she contacted Dell and received a replacement hard drive. She has installed it, and she and Heather are working on getting all the required programs back on it. It was brought to our attention that the other two computers in the office will need to be replaced by October 2026. They cannot be upgraded to Windows 11. Our IT person has extended the support on them for 12 months, but we will need to purchase new machines. Kris and Heather drove to pick up two new four drawer file cabinets that were made available to us free of charge thanks to our bookkeeper. The office has been rearranged with the new cabinets, and we are working through files to purge old items. The Harvest Classic looks good, and we are keeping up with the horse show work. Tack sale reservations are already coming in. The rules committee, nominations, year end awards, convention and the clinic committees are all very active at this time. She reminded the board members whose terms expire in January to submit a resume/bio and an updated photo if they want to run again for the election. Information for the ballot is due on November 3. Some of the 2026 judges have been hired.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CLINIC AND EDUCATION: The Equine Connection Weekend Clinic flier was shared with the Board. The committee requested input and questions from the Board regarding the event. Kelly Nichols stated she is working with Ryan Cottingim, the AQHA Professional Horseman and clinician for the January 31 and February 1 clinics.

CONVENTION: Kris Woroniecki received the menus from Firekeepers Casino Hotel for the January Convention. The committee is working to find a date to go to Firekeepers for a tasting once the menu items are determined. Nicole Veldhoff stated that the theme for this year's convention will be "The Greatest Shows On Earth" and it will have a festive feel to it. The committee is working on decorations.

FACEBOOK/WEBSITE: Heather Boggetta stated that she is keeping up on events including the Stallion Service Sale. Chris Perniciaro is working with her to get some videos completed.

FUTURITY: Kris Woroniecki shared an email from Ryan Geiger, the Futurity photographer. He was requesting discussion regarding MQHA collecting a \$35 media fee to be paid to him to help cover costs of his attendance at our show. After thoughtful discussion, Jeff Moody made a motion to ask Ryan if he would accept a \$25 per back number fee for the MQHA Futurity/Great Lakes Classic shows with MQHA continuing to cover two hotel rooms for him and his staff. The fee would include one instant download per back number. Danielle Lindsay seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Chris added that the Futurity committee is having a meeting in early November.

HALL OF FAME: Kevin Cubitt stated that the committee is working on the Hall of Fame presentations.

HARVEST CLASSIC: The show is currently at 207 stalls reserved and 69 campsites. The ring and office staff are hired. The committee needs two more reserve high point awards. Heather Boggetta has ordered and will pick up potatoes for a potato bar for the exhibitors on Friday.

MEMBERSHIP: Venessa Knoblock stated that she would like to continue to make exhibitor videos during the Harvest Classic.

NOMINATIONS: Kelly Nichols reminded the board that the deadline is November 3 to submit a photo and resume to be included on the ballot. She said that the office has not received anything from anyone other than those already currently on the board.

QUEEN: Katherine West said that Queen Katie had a great time at the Congress. She said the Congress committee added some new events including a trip to the Children's Hospital, which was well received. Katie was 8th in the interview and represented MQHA well. Katherine also said she would have some rule changes for the Committee at the December meeting.

RULES: Kris Woroniecki stated that the rules committee would meet after the board meeting tonight to review some rule changes.

STALLION SERVICE SALE: Chris Perniciaro stated that the stallion contracts were sent out. The MQHA office has received 45 back so far. The catalog will be started soon. Chris reminded the Board to let him know if they knew of people who had new stallions that could be invited to participate. The sale is on January 10 and the committee has decided to not offer the stallions on the online auction platform after the sale this time. People will be able to purchase the unsold stallions directly from the committee and the MQHA office staff after the Saturday sale completes.

YEAR END AWARDS: Monty Montgomery stated that the Year End Awards committee met prior to the board meeting and discussed ideas for high point, reserve high point and the individual class placings. There was discussion about the costs of items and the increase in the number of classes by adding the Non Pro classes and the walk/trot divisions. The committee is requesting an increase in the budget. The budget has remained the same since 2021. Jeff Moody made a motion to increase the year end awards budget to \$65,000 this year. Kelly Nichols seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed. The committee will continue to review the budget and if the association cannot support it after this year, it will be amended. The consensus was that we have had a good year and want to give back to the membership while we can.

YOUTH: Danielle Lindsay reported that the youth had a great Congress and the MQHA NYATT Team ended up 4th. She said everything with the NYATT Competition went very smoothly. She was frustrated that they could not get the team photo done this year due to the show schedule. Danielle and Katherine West also reviewed some proposed changes to the Letters of Intent for both the NYATT and World Show Teams for 2026.

OLD BUSINESS: Vice President Elect – Chris Perniciaro submitted a letter of intent to be the Vice President Elect for 2026. Jeff Moody made a motion accepting Chris Perniciaro as the 2026 Vice President Elect. Nicole Veldhoff seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed. Chris' term will extend to January 2029.

NEW BUSINESS: None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. by unanimous consent without objection. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, December 9 at the MSU Pavilion, 6:30 p.m., classroom B.