

MICHIGAN QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION
Meeting of the Board of Directors
February 4, 2025

President Chris Perniciaro called a meeting of the MQHA Board of Directors to order at 6:35 p.m. at the MSU Pavilion, Classroom A. The following Directors and staff were present: Linda Barnes, Kevin Cubitt, Venessa Knoblock, Danielle Lindsay, Monty Montgomery, Jeff Moody, Kelly Nichols, Chris Perniciaro, Nicole Veldhoff, Katherine West and Kris Woroniecki. Heather Boggetta and Austin Gooding were excused. Youth President, Dana Moody was also in attendance.

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

REVIEW OF MINUTES: Jeff Moody made a motion to approve the January 17, 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 January 2025. The total assets of the Association as of January 31, 2025, are listed at \$595,366.14; the total liabilities at \$251,195.17 and the total members' equity is listed at \$344,170.97. The net income as of the end of January is \$5308.01 compared to \$44,557.39 for the same period in 2024. The net income is a result of the auction revenue being down \$13,000 compared to January 2024 and expenses such as Convention being booked in January when it was booked in February last year. Kris reviewed the entries made and explained different accounts within the financial statement.

Kelly Nichols made a motion to accept the January 2025 statement. Kevin Cubitt seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Kris Woroniecki presented the checks written report for January 2025. There were checks written totaling \$50,938.57 for the month. Kevin Cubitt made a motion to approve the January check detail report. Monty Montgomery seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: President Perniciaro congratulated the Convention Committee on a successful event. He said that all he heard were great things about the event. Chris welcomed Venessa Knoblock to the MQHA Board. He then stated that he hopes MQHA has a great 2025.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Vice President Cubitt echoed Chris Perniciaro's statements.

OFFICE REPORT: Kris Woroniecki thanked everyone for their help with the convention and the tack sale. For the Tack Sale report, Kris gave the tentative profit and loss for the tack sale shows that the sale was down 16 spaces, but the profit and loss should show a slight increase. This is mostly due to people not utilizing the tables. The cost of the tables has increased along with the cost of the spaces. If people don't utilize their table, we save a few dollars.

Kelly Nichols made a motion to donate \$500 to the MESF in memory of Roy Carter. Chris Perniciaro seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

The Grand Agricultural Center -Kris relayed the status of the facility. There is also a reception in February, and she asked if any of the Directors might be interested in attending. She shared some photos of the facility.

COMMITTEE REPORTS –

CONVENTION: Nicole reported on the finances for Convention 2025. She stated that the event will cost MQHA about \$9000, which is less than last year when it cost us about \$14,000. The difference is in the number of dinners that were sold. The support of the event helps cover the costs associated. We sold 260 dinner tickets, which was more than we have in the recent past. This helped to have our food and beverage minimums reach the levels they need to so that they don't charge us for the use of the rooms. Nicole reported on an exchange with Firekeepers and the office regarding the 2026 date requested. They do not have the same weekend available, but it could be possible to have the following week. There is no guarantee on that either, but the Casino representative will investigate it and get back to us. In the meantime, Nicole will check on the Radisson in Kalamazoo as well as the Soaring Eagle in Mt Pleasant.

OLD BUSINESS:

Executive Secretary/Treasurer Contract – Chris Perniciaro reported that the two year contract with Kris Woroniecki has been signed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Board Member Responsibility Form – Chris asked the Directors to review the form that was handed out and then sign and return it.

Grant Information – Chris provided information on a grant through AQHA. There was discussion about how the money could be used.

AQHA Non Pro classes – AQHA is now offering Level 1 Horse Non Pro Green classes for showmanship, horsemanship and equitation. To be eligible, horses may not have earned more than 10 points or \$5,000 in that class, all divisions combined, as of October 31, 2024. There are no eligibility restrictions on the exhibitor, youth and amateur exhibitors will show together. The Board discussed the addition of the classes, and they will be added for the Easter show.

Kevin Cubitt mentioned the English Versatility class and thought it might be something we could look at adding down the road.

Committee assignments – Kevin stated that the committee assignments had been completed and shared with the Board. If anyone wants any changes, please let him know. A few of the Board members asked to be added to committees. Kris will update the document and then send it back to the Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. by unanimous consent without objection. The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 11 at the MSU Pavilion, 6:30 p.m., classroom B.