

MICHIGAN QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION
Meeting of the Board of Directors
March 11, 2025

President Chris Perniciaro called a meeting of the MQHA Board of Directors to order at 6:30 p.m. at the MSU Pavilion, Classroom B. The following Directors and staff were present: Linda Barnes, Heather Boggetta, Kevin Cubitt, Venessa Knoblock, Danielle Lindsay, Monty Montgomery, Kelly Nichols, Chris Perniciaro, Nicole Veldhoff, Katherine West and Kris Woroniecki. Jeff Moody and Austin Gooding were excused.

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

REVIEW OF MINUTES: Kelly Nichols made a motion to approve the February 4, 2025 Board of Director minutes. Heather Boggetta seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

REVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Kris Woroniecki presented the financial statements for February 2025. The total assets of the Association as of February 28, 2025, are listed at \$612,964.39; the total liabilities at \$250,616.79 and the total members' equity is listed at \$362,347.60. The net income as of the end of February is \$23,949.17 compared to \$14,399.30 for the same period in 2024. Income is up 8.71% to date, with expenses up 3.07% which is a net increase in income of 5.64%. Kris explained that a lot of this is timing. Danielle Lindsay made a motion to accept the February 2025 financial statement. Monty Montgomery seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Kris Woroniecki presented the checks written report for February 2025. There were checks written totaling \$34,365.67 for the month. Kelly Nichols made a motion to approve the February check detail report. Heather Boggetta seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: President Perniciaro mentioned he attended the MHC Expo over the prior weekend. It was really busy, and he was encouraged to see the numbers in attendance.

Chris reviewed an email received from Austin Gooding who is resigning from his board position due to his work schedule. The board voted to unanimously accept the resignation and thanked Austin for his work. It was explained that Austin will stay on his current committees. Chris then told the Board that former MQHA President, Heather Dunigan Coe was willing to fill in for the balance of Austin's term in 2025. The board voted unanimously to appoint Heather to the vacancy due to Austin's resignation.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: No report.

OFFICE REPORT: Kris Woroniecki shared a thank you note from the family of Roy Carter, Tom's father, which acknowledged the donation made to the MESF on Roy's behalf. Kris also updated the board that the items necessary to file MQHA's tax return have been taken to the CPA firm. She also stated that all the AQHA and NSBA applications have been filed through the Harbor Classic. She has completed the AQHA Show Management recertification process and is now covered for three years. There will be a Spartan Spectacular and a Summer Series meeting immediately following tonight's board meeting and the Harbor committee will meet via zoom on March 18.

Kris and Chris Perniciaro also discussed an event held at the Grand Agricultural Center that they attended along with Nicole Veldhoff, Kelly Nichols, Jeff Moody and a few other MQHA members. The progress of the facility, fundraising and the expected work to be completed on the outdoor arenas were all discussed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS –

CLINIC AND EDUCATION: Kelly Nichols, Venessa Knoblock and Linda Barnes explained that there was a zoom meeting to discuss a potential February clinic the weekend of the tack sale. The meeting included Dr Karen Waite Warner and David Lindsay with MSU Extension. The event would be a combined effort of the MSU 4-H program and the MQHA. Venessa Knoblock made a motion to request \$2500 from an available AQHA grant

that would support a partnership event with MSU Extension which would be held in conjunction with the MQHA Tack Sale weekend. Kevin Cubitt seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed. Kevin Cubitt made a motion to ask Dr Waite Warner to spearhead the writing of the grant information for submission to AQHA with cooperation from the MQHA Clinic Committee. Kelly Nichols seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

CONVENTION: Nicole Veldhoff reported that there is no news from Firekeepers for our January dates. We are hoping to hear back soon.

EASTER: Monty Montgomery reported that the progress for the show is going well. The committee has chosen full-zip sweatshirts for the circuit awards. They have about \$4500 in sponsorship money committed to date. The committee will host lunch on both Thursday and Saturday. We currently are sold out on camping and have about 320 stalls sold.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Kevin Cubitt made a motion to move the money from Commercial Bank, which is just over \$26,000 to a new 13-month cd through Fifth Third Bank and close the Commercial Bank accounts. Kelly Nichols seconded the motion. Motion carried.

FUTURITY: Kris Woroniecki stated that the committee will continue to work on the show after the Easter show concludes.

QUEEN: Katherine West stated that the committee has received only one application for the Queen's contest to date. There are a few more days left before the deadline. The committee is working on Queen sponsors and the gifts for the contest including a Brinks Hat gift certificate.

STALLION SERVICE SALE: Chris Perniciaro stated that the sale is down about \$3000 from the prior year but there are still several great stallions available, and he is hopeful we will get more sold before the end of the season.

YOUTH: Danielle Lindsay and Katherine West discussed the upcoming March 23rd meeting with the Youth. They will work on finalizing their fundraisers for the season and discuss the Thayne Miner class.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

There was discussion about a request for support for the Michigan 4-H Equine Educational Contests. MQHA has supported this program in the past with a donation of \$1000. The funds are used to offset costs for young people to attend events and provide educational materials. Nicole Veldhoff made a motion to support the 4 -H Educational Contests with a donation of \$1000 with the stipulation that they reach out earlier if they want continued support. Danielle Lindsay seconded the motion. Motion carried with none opposed. The board discussed that future donations could be made in the form of awards and/or promotional material which could be marketed with the MQHA logo on them. Linda Barnes will reach out to them and request they print materials from our links for the horseback riding program, the membership form and something that can be given to provide the attendees with our website address.

Director absenteeism was addressed with a review of what is in the rule book as well as the addition of an acknowledgement of the attendance policy to be added to the board member responsibility form. It was suggested that this form be sent to anyone who wishes to run for the board as part of the correspondence from the office with the acknowledgment of candidates.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m. by unanimous consent without objection. The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 15 at the MSU Pavilion, 6:30 p.m., classroom B.