

MICHIGAN QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION
Meeting of the Board of Directors
April 15, 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, Heather Coe, Kevin Cubitt, Danielle Lindsay, Monty Montgomery, Jeff Moody, Kelly Nichols, Chris Perniciaro and Kris Woroniecki. Venessa Knoblock, Nicole Veldhoff and Katherine West were excused.

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

REVIEW OF MINUTES: Linda Barnes made a motion to approve the March 11, 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 March 2025. The total assets of the Association as of March 31, 2025, are listed at \$637,909.97; the total liabilities at \$274,700.72 and the total members' equity is listed at \$363,209.25. The net income as of the end of March is \$24,810.82 compared to \$31,031.34 for the same period in 2024. Income is down 2.03% to date, with expenses up 1.23%. Heather Boggetta made a motion to accept the March 2025 financial statement. Kelly Nichols seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed. Kevin Cubitt made a motion to close both the checking and savings accounts at Commercial Bank because the money has been moved to a CD. Jeff Moody seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Kris Woroniecki presented the checks written report for March 2025. There were checks written totaling \$29,169.99 for the month. Kelly Nichols made a motion to approve the March check detail report. Heather Boggetta seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: President Perniciaro discussed his attendance at the AQHA Convention. He said there were over 1000 in attendance at the event. One of the big discussions revolved around the Horse Protection Act. It is on hold until February of 2026. AQHA is one of a dozen groups working on the details revolving around "soreness" in horses. A question was asked about drug testing at the AQHA World Show. Chris told the Board that all horses in the finals at the AQHA World Show are drug tested and they had zero positive results in 2024. Chris stated that AQHA membership is up to 228,000 members. The hot button issue during the Convention was regarding the death of a stallion and how long frozen semen can be used. Stallions born after 2015 are now restricted to only two years of use. AQHA is also working to launch a new website, and they are currently taking bids.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: No report.

OFFICE REPORT: Kris Woroniecki shared that the saddle raffle profit was \$10,670. The money is earmarked to offset the futurity purses. The office is processing 18 AQHA, 16 NSBA and 49 MQHA memberships collected at the Easter show. She stated that the Summer Series, the Lisa Terry Memorial and the Spartan Spectacular showbills are on the MQHA website. The Harbor will be posted by the end of this week. Kris told the board that there was interest in holding some upcoming raffles again. Jeff Moody made a motion that the Association hold a 50-50 raffle at the Summer Series in Midland. Monty Montgomery seconded the motion. Jeff Moody made a motion that the Association hold a cash raffle during the Harbor Classic. Monty Montgomery seconded the motion. Both motions passed with no objections. Kris will complete the two raffle applications and return those as quickly as possible.

COMMITTEE REPORTS –

CLINIC AND EDUCATION: Kelly Nichols, Venessa Knoblock and Linda Barnes explained stated that they are still working on a clinician for the January 31 – Feb 1 event. There is another clinic meeting this coming Friday.

CONVENTION: Kris Woroniecki reported for Nicole Veldhoff. She shared that the contract with Firekeepers is now signed for our 2026 Convention, which will be held January 23-25. Other dates worth noting are the Stallion Service Sale scheduled for January 10 and the MQHA tack sale is scheduled for January 31.

EASTER: Monty Montgomery indicated that the profit and loss for the show would be made available at the May meeting, but he can report that the show was down in stalls by 32, camping was down 3, AQHA entries were down 57 and NSBA entries were up by 12. Monty stated that the show went well despite the weather being very uncooperative. The arena was the best it has ever been. The two exhibitor lunches went over well, and people appreciated the free T-shirts. He thanked the committee and the office staff for their hard work and dedication to the event. He also thanked the sponsors for their support.

FACEBOOK/WEBSITE: Heather Boggetta stated that she has been posting the unsold stallions. She noted positive discussions on the addition of some of the ranch classes. She is setting up the events pages for the MQHA shows.

HALL OF FAME: Kevin Cubitt stated that the committee has chosen their person and is working through information on the horse nominations.

HARBOR CLASSIC: Nicole Veldhoff has ordered the high point awards for the AQHA and NSBA divisions. The showbill just needs a final review and will be published. The reservations will open about 10 days later. Ludington Meat Company will be helping with the welcome party as well as the exhibitor's dinner. The two saddles for use for the Spartan Spectacular and Harbor high points were ordered.

QUEEN: Danielle Lindsay reported that Katie Hartman is the new MQHA Queen. She did a great job with her interview, test and the horsemanship class.

SPARTAN SPECTACULAR: Linda Barnes reported that the high points have been ordered, and they are working on the other prizes.

STALLION SERVICE SALE: Chris Perniciaro stated that the 2026 Stallion auction will be Saturday, January 10 at the Okemos Convention Center. To date, we have sold about \$94,000 worth of breedings which is down slightly from 2024.

SUMMER SERIES: Linda Barnes shared that the high point and reserve high point gifts were done. The other class prizes and the circuit awards are ordered. The office is working to coordinate staff for the show.

YOUTH: Danielle Lindsay said that the youth class sponsorships raised \$2560. Linda Barnes donated ring cameras as a prize and the winner was very excited. They also gave out random gift cards to people who did the sponsorships. The kids have been working on the Thayne Miner gifts for the Spartan Spectacular.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Kelly Dykstra Nichols asked if the board would be ok if her husband built some trail risers because the ones we have are not adequate for the exhibitors. The board agreed that we could benefit from 10 to 12 new risers. There was also discussion about purchasing a few additional trail poles and if we could find a few that were natural for the ranch trail division. Chris Perniciaro is going to follow up with a resource for the poles that Past President Kirkpatrick had been in touch with prior.

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