MICHIGAN QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION
Meeting of the Board of Directors
September 29, 2026

President Kevin Cubitt called a Zoom meeting of the MQHA Board of Directors to order at 7:30 p.m. The following Directors and staff were present: Linda Barnes, Heather Boggetta, Kevin Cubitt, Venessa Knoblock, Danielle Lindsay, Monty Montgomery, Jeff Moody, Kelly Nichols, Katherine West and Kris Woroniecki. Excused were Ashlynn Kenoyer, Chris Perniciaro and Nicole Veldhoff.

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

REVIEW OF MINUTES: Monty Montgomery made a motion to approve the July 21, 2026, 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 July 2026. The total assets of the Association as of July 31, 2026, are listed at $732,080.68; the total liabilities at $269,016.88 and the total members' equity is listed at $463,063.80. The net income as of the end of July is $82,833.41 compared to $128,734.12 for the same period in 2025. Income is down 3.68% and expenses are up 2.39%. Kelly Nichols made a motion to accept the July 2026 financial statement. Heather Boggetta seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

Kris Woroniecki presented the financial statements for August 2026. The total assets of the Association as of August 30, 2026, are listed at $828,786.00; the total liabilities at $272,111.02 and the total members' equity is listed at $556,674.98. The net income as of the end of August is $176,444.59 compared to $169,374.18 for the same period in 2025. Income is up 4.24% and expenses are up 4.26%. Danielle Lindsay made a motion to accept the August 2026 financial statement. Kelly Nichols seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed. It was noted that the expense in the 767 "raffle ticket expense" account should be moved to the 766 account "raffle ticket payout".

TREASURER'S REPORT: Kris Woroniecki presented the checks written report for July 2026. There were checks written totaling $249,506.48 for the month. This amount included both of the Ludington show expenses. Danielle Lindsay made a motion to approve the July check detail report. Monty Montgomery seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed. Kris Woroniecki presented the checks written report for August 2026. There were checks written totaling $67,806.22 for the month which included a $25,000 transfer to the savings account. Kelly Nichols made a motion to approve the August check detail report. Danielle Lindsay seconded the motion. Motion passed with none opposed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: President Cubitt thanked everyone who contributed to the success of the MQHA Futurity and Great Lakes Classic. Everyone worked hard over several long days but the event seemed to go well.

OFFICE REPORT: Kris Woroniecki said that she and Heather are working on wrapping up the Futurity. The results for the horse show were submitted. Deposits are almost complete. The Futurity needs to be balanced and then the paybacks can be written. The office staff is also working on getting the stallion service sale contracts updated and emailed out to the stallion owners. The Harvest Classic reservations are coming in so those are being processed. The Easter show application will be due soon, so there are discussions about that event. The office is also gearing up for the Tack Sale and Clinic weekend as well as the Convention and Year End Awards.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CLINICS AND EDUCATION: Linda Barnes reported the committee met and will be adding a few more classroom sessions. Tribute has agreed to help again. Ryan Lindsay has also agreed to speak again. Kelly Nichols has spoken with Jeff Greaves and he is comfortable with the clinic sessions as they were in 2026. Kris Woroniecki will get a contract out to Jeff for the event.

CONVENTION: Committee chairperson, Nicole Veldhoff is coordinating a tasting at the Grand Rapids Sheraton. The committee will meet and choose the meal options for the awards banquet. The committee will also work on the theme and decorations. If there is any interest from anyone not on the committee, please reach out to the office and plan to attend. The deposit for the Sheraton is due October 5 for $3000.

NOMINATIONS: The Board elections are coming up soon. There are three directors whose terms will end in January. Kris asked them to notify her if they intend to run. There was discussion about having the ballot ready for the November horse show. The Board would like them to be offered there. The deadline for both the open and youth bios and photos will be the end of October.

QUEEN: Venessa Knoblock reported that Queen Emma did a great job presenting awards at Futurity. She was there for most of the event and pitched in often on top of her Queen duties. She has been working hard studying for the upcoming contest. She will have a vast cheering section at the Congress.

RULES AND CONSTITUTION: Kevin Cubitt stated that there will be some upcoming rule changes that have been discussed throughout the season. If anyone has anything they would like to have the rules committee look at, please submit suggestions to the committee. They will need to be finalized by the December 8 meeting.

YOUTH: Danielle Lindsay said that the Youth are gearing up for the Congress and NYATT Team competition. She thanked Colleen Balmer, Roping the Seasons for all her help getting the kids dressed for the competition. She gave the team a great deal. The teams should be well represented again.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Any director interested in running for VPE must submit a letter of intent to the MQHA office by the end of the week. A director must have been on the Board for two years to be eligible.
Volunteer of the Year – AQHA is offering an award for each affiliate. The nomination is due by October 31. The board discussed and unanimously chose a candidate to be Michigan Quarter Horse Association Volunteer of the Year nominee. AQHA will provide an award to be presented at the banquet.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m. by unanimous consent without objection. The next meeting will be October 27 at the MSU Pavilion.