
Board of Directors
Date December 1, 2022
Table Meeting, Great Northern Hotel, Helena, Montana

MONTANA QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION

Board members present: Tyrell Burklund, Josh Shengle, Julie Schumacher, Britt Kissock-Robinson, Cathy Dekker, Michele McGuigan, Lesli Glen, Tracy Tiner

National Directors: Ruth McDonald-Gates, Marilyn Randall

Guests Present: Sydnee Wilson, Chris McGuigan, Charlene Greene

Meeting called to order by President Tyrell Burklund. Michele made a motion to approve the October 26, 2023 minutes. Cathy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Finance: Laura distributed hard copies of the financial reports. Preliminary numbers for Convention indicate the banquet will be paid for. Josh made a motion to approve the financials as distributed. Second to the motion by Lesli. Motion carried.

Old Business: Discussion regarding a new pop up backdrop for MQHA. Tyrell will do some research with the creator of the backdrop that Copper Spring Ranch had. Lesli volunteered to assist with this project and will ask Bonnie Devenerio for her expertise also. Design was also discussed including photos of members; ranch, tradition show, VRH participants, etc.

New verbiage on the MQHA membership application was discussed. Several additional changes to the form were suggested. Laura will make those corrections and present to the Board on the Sunday December 3, 2023 meeting.

Committee Reports:

Show Committee:

Big Sky Classic: Tyrell reported there was a Show Committee meeting last week. Two venues were discussed; 406 and Cottonwood. Decision will be made at the Show Committee meeting in the morning.

Nile: Marilyn the Nile VRH Show was extremely successful. Awarding approximately \$14,400 in cash and prizes to the participants. Nile paid out over \$40,000 for the VRH Show. VRH Show will be 4 days for 2024.

Marketing/Membership Services: Laura will have an updated report for the General Membership meeting. Laura has started getting ads for the Directory with anticipated sales in excess of \$7,000.

Amateur: Cathy reported dates for the Sparks Some Fun June 29-30, 2024. The reveal of the Amateur Clinic will first be made at the Amateur meeting in the morning. Clinic will be open to members and then open to other riders.

Youth: Laura reported that Kendra Jackson has resigned as the MQHYA Youth Advisor. There will be a Youth meeting at noon on Saturday to find a replacement.

Race: Tyrell reported that the Race Committee should be abandoned due to lack of racing within the State of Montana. Tabled for General Membership Meeting.

Breeders: Michele reported she is going to step down from the Breeders Committee. Tabled for Sunday Board meeting.

By-Laws: Laura reported after talking to Rita, that any changes needed are Standing Rules. Tabled for January meeting.

Legislative: Britt reported she has a lengthy report regarding legislative concerning members and the equine industry. If you have an AQHA rule change, must be submitted before December 31, 2023 to be considered.

Recreational Riding: Julie reported she will be distributing two recreational riding awards to the two top Montana recreational riders as reported to AQHA. Britt reported on the property tax increases that will be affecting the State. Actual AQHA hours will be available after December 10, 2023 and AQHA will send out plaques.

Awards: Michele reported new and different awards for this year. Suggested some updated wording on the Awards by-laws,

Scholarship: No report.

Nominations: No report.

Region 2: No report.

2023 Convention: Tyrell reported Convention has started. Laura reported dinner sales were approximately similar to previous year.

Hall of Fame: No report.

Ranching: Discussion regarding combining Ranching and Breeders Committees. Tabled for General Membership Meeting.

New Business: Lesli reported the Nile is attempting to get more attendance. Considering splitting the Nile for 2025. Moving the rodeo to September, 2025.

Communications: Email from a publisher of a Coloring book. Laura reported two emails from AQHA regarding Youth Scholarship were received. Laura forwarded those onto the Youth members..

All agenda items have been satisfied. Britt made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Second to the motion by Cathy. Motion carried, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Bakker
2023 Secretary/Treasurer

Next meeting – December 3, 2023
Table Meeting 9:00am, Great Northern Hotel, Helena, MT
