
Board of Directors
Date January 15, 2020 Teleconference Meeting

MONTANA QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION

Board members present: Tracy Brown, Tracy Tiner, Julie Schumacher, Tee Aune, Rita Church, Britt Kissock-Robinson, Tyrell Burklund

Meeting called to order by President Tracy Brown. Tee a motion to approve the minutes from the December 8, 2019 meeting as amended. Second by Julie. Motion carried.

Finance: Laura presented an electronic report of the banquet financials. Rita made a motion to approve the financial report as presented. Second to the motion by Tracy T. Motion carried.

Old Business: No old business.

Committee Reports:

Awards: Britt reported she is willing to handle awards for the 2020 Year End. Laura reported several ideas for the 2020 awards including a ceramic likeness of the horse winning an award which are within the allotted budget. Discussion about utilizing Schneiders and the costs associated with ordering from that entity.

Amateur: Britt reported she is working on Sparks Some Fun with Nancy Ostle-Zahn and getting the show underway. Dates are June 27-28, 2020. Several venues have been looked at in Billings. Chris Brown will judge, possibly having the show at IEC. Cottonwood and Super Barn have been suggested. Tommy Sheets clinic is on hold until venue and availability of the clinician is confirmed.

Show Committee: Tyrell reported Nancy OZ forwarded information from AQHA regarding change of venue. Because Cottonwood with within 150 miles of the previous show, no change of venue fees are assessed. Draft Show Manager and Steward contracts were also presented and discussed. The inclusion of the AQHA rules/regulations regarding the Show Manager and Ring Stewards was suggested as an addendum. Discussion regarding having Ring Steward alternates for the Show. Laura will email the Board the participants from Marilyn Randall's Scribe Clinic as possible sources for backup scribes. Chris Brown will be the Show Manager/Announcer per a verbal agreement with Tracy B. Chris has also agreed to pick up judges. Discussion about the Trail Challenge. Tyrell will get ahold of Tim Kamura regarding the pattern and the necessary rails, etc. for his designed pattern.

NILE: Dates is October 12-14, 2020. Suggested having a quarter horse show prior to the VRH Show.

Youth: MQHYA is considering an Incentive Fund similar to the Amateurs. Julie is putting a newsletter together for membership renewal and the Incentive Fund form. Julie would like to encourage the Board to approach any new Youth participants and encourage MQHYA membership. Holly Hover clinic is in the works, location and dates are being considered. Date May 1, 2020 is the possible date. Awards for 2020, the MQHYA would like to have 3 choices. Raffle tickets for the concert are still being sold. The MQHYA will be handling the shavings at

the Big Sky Classic with funds being handled through the Show Secretary. Discussion regarding the amount of shavings needed for the event. MQHYA Scholarship has been changed for two \$500 scholarships for one year. Julie is asking for Board participation in screening the scholarship applications.

Fund Raisers: Team Wrangler Clinic was discussed having Luke Jones as a clinician. Rita is working on a venue and dates with the clinician. Suggested locations, Millers and Briggs arenas. Tabled for February meeting.

Marketing/Membership Services: Rita has been in contact with the new website designer and waiting for return call. Tabled for February meeting. Rita reported that the membership card design has been submitted to Insti-Prints for completion. No sponsor for the card for 2020, will be looking for a new sponsor for the 2020 card.

Directory: Laura reported the Directory proof will be set for editing prior to Friday. Cali Reinke anticipates going to print early the week of January 20, with completion being February 1, 2020 for distribution. Distribution was discussed. Tyrell suggested having his mother bring some to Bozeman and he would get some delivered to Billings. Directory revenues have increased from 2019 and expenses are expected to be similar to 2019. Discussion regarding the number of Ranching Heritage Breeders have advertised in the 2020 Directory, reported 10 participants for 2020. A total of 55 ads have been placed for the 2020 Directory. Suggested having a biography on each of the Ranching Heritage Breeders for inclusion in the ENewsletter and website. Laura suggested having a not to the Breeders when she sends their membership cards and Directories. Suggested having a moving banner with the RHB. This will be utilized for MQHA sponsors. Suggested having some incentive for toward the past Directory participants. Tabled for February meeting.

Breeders: Discussion regarding correspondence letter to the Montana breeders. Tabled for February meeting.

By-Laws: Rita reported nothing new on the By-Laws and wanted to make sure the amendments were completed. Laura will send a copy of the By-Laws to the Board.

Legislative: Tee reported he is working on the Tax Incentive Letter that was suggested at the General Membership meeting in December hoping to have it completed by January 31 for Board approval. Tabled for February meeting.

Recreational Riding: AQHA sent out a "questionnaire" via email concerning MQHA's Recreational Riding. Laura has responded.

Region 2: Rita reported Region 2 is moving the roping to Thursday evening after the last regular classes of the day. New barn is under construction and should be completed prior to the Show. Region 2 is possibly utilizing the MQHA sponsorship brochure. Rita is working with them on this. Dates for Region 2 are September 17-20, 2020.

Race: Tyrell reported a Copper Spring Ranch breed and raised horse won a big race in Louisiana.

Convention: Tracy T. reported the Convention was smaller than 2018 Convention, but very well received by participants but still was profitable. Jerry Geregthy has begun to make some inquiries for the 2020 Convention and is getting started with that event. Tee would like to have a Committee meeting regarding the 2020 Convention. Charlene Greene is starting centerpieces for the 2020 Convention.

New Business:

Laura reported she received the 2020 Event Insurance invoice from Monte Sparby at Western Ag Insurance. Discussion regarding the additional number of event days that need to be included for the 2020 insurance. Laura will email Monte regarding the Convention days and how those are allocated. Britt made a motion to amend the 2020 insurance to include 13 show days and 6 clinic days at \$100/show day and \$50/day for clinic dates and not to exceed \$1,600 for 2020 event insurance pending the question of inclusion of Convention and a new invoice from Western Ag Insurance, Monte Sparby. Second to the motion by Tee. Motion carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Bakker
2020 Secretary/Treasurer

**Next meeting – Teleconference meeting
February 19, 2020; 7:30pm**
