
Board of Directors
Date March 18, 2020 Teleconference Meeting

MONTANA QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION

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

National Directors: Ruth McDonald-Gates, Marilyn Randall

Meeting called to order by President Tracy Brown. Jerry a motion to approve the minutes from the February 19, 2020 meeting as amended. Second by Rita. Motion carried.

Finance: Laura presented an electronic financial report. Rita made a motion to approve the financial report as presented. Second to the motion by Britt. Motion carried. Laura reported there is still approximately \$1,300 outstanding from the Directory. Julie made a motion to have Laura send a letter with invoices to the outstanding directory receivables informing the recipients that a \$25 late fee will be assessed if payment is not received prior to April 17, 2020. Second to the motion by Britt. Motion carried.

Old Business: No old business.

Committee Reports:

Awards: Britt reported she will continue to resolve the incorrect 2019 award and will get completed as soon as possible.

Show Committee: Tyrell reported he has received the Trail Challenge from Tim Kamura. Tyrell and Tracy B. will make sure there are enough poles for the class. Tyrell reported Rodeo Rigs have committed to a sponsorship, he has calls to several other vendors for sponsorship. Discussion about sponsorships from the brochure and nothing new has been received. Discussion regarding the receipt of Canadian funds at the Big Sky Classic. Tyrell made a motion for MQHA to receive Canadian funds at par for the Big Sky Classic. Second to the motion by Tee. Motion carried. Laura received a call from Nancy Ostle-Zahn regarding the Western Montana Quarter Horse Shows having VRH Shows in conjunction with their AQHA Shows and if the Show would have to have an additional fee for the VRH Show. AQHA assigns a show number to all VRH Shows different from a corresponding AQHA Show. Discussion followed. Jerry made a motion to waive the show approval fee for WMQHA's VRH Show for 2020. Second to the motion by Britt. Motion carried. This issue will be re-reviewed in 2021. Laura will send a letter/email to Nancy regarding the Board's decision. Laura reported the Big Sky Classic Show Manager and Ring Steward contracts have been mailed to the respective parties.

NILE: Marilyn reported October 12-13, 2020 will be the dates for the AQHA Show. Booth has been taken care of also. Marilyn indicated the Hi-Selling horse sheets have been purchased and will be embroidered. Marilyn is accepting sponsorships, specifically All-Around Award.

Amateur: Britt reported Sparks Some Fund is moving forward; June 27-28, 2020 at the Super Barn in Billings. Dates for the Tommy Sheets clinic, July 11-12, 2020; Terry and Leslie Olson will be in charge of this event. The Incentive Fund has received several entries.

Youth: Julie reported the Holly Hover Clinic has been postponed due to the pandemic. Monies have been returned, no new date has been selected. Questions from AQHA about qualifying for the World Show. Currently this will be up to the individual affiliates. Marilyn indicated all qualifying for the Youth, Select or World Show for 2020, due to the issues with the virus. Julie has not received any applications for the World, and none for scholarships as of this date. Questions regarding the fund raising concert, Julie indicated Kenny Chesney has canceled all his concerts up until June, and if the MQHYA raffle concert is canceled the tickets will be kept and reused for 2021.

Fund Raisers: Rita has been in contact with Jimmy Dario. Dates July 18-19, 2020 or the last weekend in June, 2020. Rita received an email from Mr. Dario indicating he will not commit to the clinic because of the cancellations due to the virus. He would like to revisit in 30 days.

Marketing/Membership Services: Rita reported she has been working with Cindy Chilton Moore on remaking the website. Rita's estimate is to have the website up and running around March 31, 2020. Discussion about posting the website is under construction due to members surfing the site and it is a blank page. Rita will look into this.

Breeders: No report.

By-Laws: Rita reported nothing new on the By-Laws.

Legislative: Tee reported he has been working on the tax incentive letter and has aspirations of getting something completed after tax season, possibly in May 2020 for completion.

Recreational Riding: Julie reported she has been in contact with Tex at the Diamond T Ranch, West Yellowstone. Discussion regarding the fees for the ride and how to proceed with collection of those fees. Ranch has 30 pens, 12 RV hook-ups, a gift show and Cowboy Action Shooting in the evening. Julie indicated the Ranch brings out a food vendor from West Yellowstone and there are numerous options for the BBQ.

Region 2: Rita reported Region 2 will be having a meeting the following week. Judges: Margo Ball, Mark Sheridan, Sharon Wellman.

Race: No report.

2020 Convention: Tee reported Jerry has been instrumental in finding a venue for the 2020 Convention. The Big Horn Resort has been selected for the event. Tee will set up a meeting after tax season to start finalizing the event. Jerry indicated the Resort will comp the Conference room if MQHA spends \$1300 in food items. Room rates have been reduced for the event from \$109 to \$89/night. Discussion regarding a speaker for the event. Suggestions include an equine nutritionist. Discussion about price of the Convention. Tabled for Committee meeting.

New Business:

Ruth reported about how MQHA could be part of the EMO Western States Championship Show. Discussion regarding how MQHA could be a participating member of this event. Ruth will contact Carol regarding the Show. Tabled for April meeting.

Laura reported she will be completing an ENewsletter after the WMQHA-Marilyn Randall clinic.

Correspondence:

Tracy B. reported a letter to Barb Skelton has been drafted and sent to Barb regarding supporting a grant for her Horses Healing Spirits program.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Bakker
2020 Secretary/Treasurer

**Next meeting – Teleconference meeting
April 22, 2020; 7:30pm**
