
Board of Directors
Date April 22, 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, Michele McGuigan

National Directors: Ruth McDonald-Gates, Marilyn Randall, Gary Lynn Olson

Meeting called to order by President Tracy Brown. Jerry a motion to approve the minutes from the March 18, 2020 meeting as amended. Second by Rita. Motion carried.

Finance: Laura presented an electronic financial report. Jerry made a motion to approve the financial report as presented. Second to the motion by Julie. Motion carried. Laura reported Stockman's Bank sent a letter regarding the CMR Account and the lack of activity in that account. Britt made a motion for Laura to quarterly transfer \$5.00 from the CMR Account to the MQHA Account to keep the account active. Second to the motion by Tyrell. Motion carried.

Old Business: No old business.

Committee Reports:

Awards: Britt reported that the 2019 award issue has been resolved. Julie made a motion to reimburse Britt \$31.50 for the outstanding award. Second to the motion by Jerry. Motion carried.

Show Committee: Tyrell reported he has had discussions with exhibitors regarding the possible cancellation of the Big Sky Classic. Rita reported that the Cottonwood Arena will let her know about the security deposit. Discussion regarding holding the show and criteria regarding possible cancellation. Consensus is going forward as planned. Tyrell is talking to vendors regarding awards. He will email the Committee examples of possible buckles for the Hi-Point awards. Discussion regarding double pointed show. Tyrell will get this posted on Facebook.

NILE: Marilyn reported she has talked with the coordinator for the Nile and are planning events as usual. Possibility of sending a letter out to sponsors to be proactive. If the Nile is canceled, sponsorships will be held over for 2021. Nile will sponsor 50% of embroidery for the sheets as they have in the past. David Avery is scheduled to judge the VRH classes. Marilyn will sign the Nile contract for the show, booth, catalog and Facebook page. Marilyn has the sale sheets completed.

Amateur: Britt reported Sparks Some Fund show has been cancelled due COVID-19 related economy. All plans are being transferred to 2021. Tommy Sheets clinic is almost full with slots in ranch riding and showmanship. Amateurs are looking for opportunities with smaller clinics utilizing local professionals.

Youth: Julie reported there has been no new activity with the Youth due to the virus. Holly Hover will be held over for 2021.

Fund Raisers: Rita reported she will be contact Jimmy Dario regarding when he might be available for a clinic.

Marketing/Membership Services: Rita reported the association currently has 107 members inclusive of lifetime and annual members. Rita has been working with Cindy Chilton Moore on remaking the website. Discussion regarding which web facilitator to work with. Cindy suggests GoDaddy as one of the easier webmasters to learn and the domain. Discussion regarding PayPal or Ecommerce and cost regarding utilizing those options. Britt made a motion to facilitate GoDaddy for our website at approximately \$40/month. Second to the motion by Rita. Motion carried. "Website Under Construction" will remain in place until the website is completed. Rita is working on getting forms to Cindy. May 1, 2020 is the projected completion date for the website.

Breeders: Michele has a rough draft of a letter for the Breeders. She will forward to Laura and the Board for editing and approval.

By-Laws: Rita reported nothing new on the By-Laws. Any new changes need to be sent to Rita for review.

Legislative: Tee reported has formatted a letter which he is still working on the final product. Release time should be sometime in August. Tee will send a draft to the Board for editing and approval when he has it completed.

Recreational Riding: Julie reported she would like Board approval to move forward with the trail ride at the Diamond T, possible August date, 15th or 22nd depending on conflicts with other shows. Julie will get some dates, costs, cancellation fees, approximate number of participants, etc. for the Board to approve.

Region 2: Rita reported Level 1 Walk/Trot classes have been added as well as a Working Western Rail class on Friday, with a possible Jackpot – Open, Amateur, Youth. Tracy B. reported the Region 2 is going to offer a flat rate and utilizing the same Show Secretary with the ability to enter classes prior. Rita reported Marty Simper will be a clinician at the Show.

Race: No report.

2020 Convention: Tee did not have anything new to report. He will be holding a Committee report in the near future. Convention will be at the Big Horn Resort in Billings.

New Business:

Tracy B. has had some correspondence from the Montana Horses On-Line Magazine, by Renee Mantle. A ¼ page ad and website link are complimentary. Soft opening possibly by June 1, 2020. Tabled for May meeting.

Correspondence:

The EMO Show in Las Vegas was discussed. This show was cancelled for 2020. Discussion about becoming an associate with this show. Discussion regarding MQHA qualifications for the show. A Committee will be assigned to handle the logistics. Tabled for 2021. Laura reported a DA Davidson letter has been included in the Board packet discussing their handling of the MQHA account during the pandemic

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

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Bakker
2020 Secretary/Treasurer

**Next meeting – Teleconference meeting
May 13, 2020; 7:30pm**
