
Board of Directors
Date June 13, 2020 Table Meeting
Cottonwood Arena, Silensia, Montana 7:30pm

MONTANA QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION

Board members present: Tracy Brown, Jerry Gereghy, Michele McGuigan, Tracy Tiner, Britt Kissock-Robinson, Julie Schumacher

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

Guests: Barb Bouma, Cali Reinke, Kellie & Elliott Wicker

Meeting called to order by President Tracy Brown. Jerry a motion to approve the minutes from the May 13, 2020 meeting as presented. Second by Michele. Motion carried.

Finance: Laura distributed hard copies of the financial report. Julie made a motion to approve the financial report as presented. Second to the motion by Jerry. Motion carried.

Old Business: No business.

Committee Reports:

Awards: Britt reported she has had several ideas from members for awards

Show Committee: Discussion regarding the show in progress. Britt made a motion for Laura to reimburse the Stacy Ogren for \$1,600 for the cattle at the Big Sky Classic. Second to the motion by Jerry. Motion carried. Discussion regarding the hi-point buckles for the show. The bulk of the buckles were delivered with two back ordered and reportedly will be delivered to Laura in the following week. Laura will get those mailed to the recipients. Triple Crown has sponsored the Reserve Hi-Point awards. Discussion regarding the contract for the Arena.

NILE: Marilyn reported she is still waiting to make sure the NILE is going forward before collecting any sponsor money. Discussion about holding the VRH classes at the Cottonwood Arena instead of at the Metra.

Directory: Cali reported she is accepting ads for the 2021 Directory. Discussion about the cover and any additions the Organization would like to happen in the 2021 Directory. Suggested doing a special on Montana trainers. Discussion regarding the cover for the publication. Cali suggested each Board member get three additional ads for the Directory. Discussion regarding removing member contact information. Jerry made a motion to have the Directory include the member's name, city and state and phone number. Second to the motion by Julie. Motion carried. Discussion on how to reach all the trainers in Montana for the offer to advertise in the 2021 Directory. Cali suggested Facebook to start looking for those trainers. Julie made a motion for the 2021 Directory to highlight the trainers, with a map pinpointing their location listing their specialties giving them a 40% discount and 1 year MQHA membership with their purchase of an ad in the 2021 Directory. Motion carried. Deadline for the ads is November 13, 2020.

Amateur: Britt reported there are several new MQHA Amateur \$50 gas cards are being awarded. Tommy Sheets clinic is going forward with vacancies in the Ranch Riding. Discussion regarding selling Tommy Sheets merchandise at the clinic. July 11-12, 2020, Kissock Horse Center, Butte, MT. Discussion regarding the Amateur Incentive Fund for the guests present. Kelly suggested having a “paid in advance” fee for the shows. This was done in Michigan and was very successful. Discussion about having a Rookie Show prior to the regular shows within the State.

Youth: Julie reported the shavings have all been sold to contestants and Rita Church will buy the remainder. Julie also talked about Year End Award requirements for the Youth. Discussion about following AQHA’s waive of qualifications for World Shows and apply that concept to the Hi-Point awards. YES is all virtual for 2020 and is open to anyone wanting to attend. Delegates for the Regions will be announced. Julie has two Scholarship applications that she will be sending to the Board for their ideas. Discussion regarding apparel for sale from the Youth and some ideas regarding this concept.

Marketing/Membership Services: Laura reported approximately 10 new MQHA members from the All-Breed show as well as the Big Sky Classic.

Breeders: Michele sent a proposed letter to the Breeders for Board approval. She will forward to Laura and the Board for editing and approval. Laura has been in contact with AQHA and they have stated they do not keep track of state breeders. Laura will re-contact AQHA for clarification. Discussion about how to reach out to the Breeders.

By-Laws: Discussion regarding eliminating the Year-End Award qualifications rules and follow AQHA’s mandates for the 2020 year. Tabled for July meeting.

Legislative: No report.

Recreational Riding: Julie reported she will be in contact with the owner of the facility to see if the dates in August would be available.

Region 2: Tracy B. reported the Region 2 is still going forward. Discussion about MQHA sponsoring awards again. Tabled for July meeting. Level 3 classes have been added. Roping will be held on Thursday with the other cattle classes.

Race: No report.

Hall Of Fame Committee: The Committee has not met and will be doing a conference call. Barb Bouma was added to the Committee. Will report to the Board at the next meeting.

2020 Convention: Jerry reported the Convention will be at the Big Horn Resort in Billings, the first weekend in December.

New Business: No report.

Correspondence: Discussion regarding the email from MQHA member Colleen Carnine to the Wrangler and various MQHA Board members. Board would like Laura to respond to the email with the following response: "We appreciate you reaching out to us and the board as a group will discuss your concern with the Wrangler".

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

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Bakker
2020 Secretary/Treasurer

Next meeting – July 15, 2020 Teleconference; 7:30pm
