
Board of Directors
Date October 21, 2020 Teleconference Meeting

MONTANA QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION

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

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

Meeting called to order by President Tracy Brown. Jerry made a motion to approve the August 26, 2020 minutes. Second to the motion by Julie. Motion carried. Jerry made a motion to approve the September 26, 2020 minutes. Second to the motion by Britt. Motion carried.

Finance: Laura distributed the financial reports electronically. Tee made a motion to approve the August financials as distributed. Second to the motion by Britt. Motion carried. Tee made a motion to approve the September financial report as distributed. Second to the motion by Britt. Motion carried.

Old Business: No business.

Committee Reports:

Awards: Britt reported that she is working on a minimal budget for the 2020 Awards. Discussion regarding utilizing the show approval fees toward the 2020 awards. Britt made a motion to include the Show Approval Fees toward Year-End Awards and changing the By-Law Standing Rules to reflect this motion. Second to the motion by Julie. Motion carried. Discussion regarding the donation from the Triangle Quarter Horse Association toward the Year-End Awards fund. Ruth suggested allowing the Awards Committee to use the donated TQHA funds their discretion regarding current and/or future awards.

Show Committee:

NILE: Marilyn reported the NILE VRH Show was again successful. All awards were distributed with only one needing to be mailed. Added money for the classes increased from \$75/class paid in 2019 to \$100/class for 2020 with a total payout of approximately \$7,700. Awards were embroidered backpacks and chairs. Entries were slightly lower than 2019 with exhibitors coming from all over the West and Northwest. Several MQHA memberships were also sold at the modified MQHA Booth. Marilyn is asking for a set of new volunteers, approximately 3 people, to take over her NILE VRH Show management responsibilities. Marilyn will assist anyone assuming the positions.

Big Sky Classic: Tyrell reported the dates for the 2021 Show will be June 11-13, 2021. Tyrell suggests the Board decide location, manager, stewards, additional classes, etc. for the Show in order for the AQHA approval, due February 1, 2021 to be sent in a timely manner. Tyrell will contact with the Cottonwood to address issues or improvements needed from comments by exhibitors at the 2020 Show. Discussion about having the Show NSBA

approved. 2020 Show had 20 NSBA entries. Discussion regarding having all the classes jackpotted. Decisions tabled for November meeting.

Amateur: No report.

Youth: Julie reported she is working on Youth Awards. Suggested having a nomination fee for Year End Awards. Julie will send some numbers to the Board for input. Suggested to contact the Youth members and their parents to get their input.

Marketing/Membership Services: Rita reported Marilyn sold 4 new MQHA memberships at the NILE. Discussion about the Directory progression. Tabled for November meeting.

Breeders: Laura reported the Breeders Committee had been sent a draft copy of the Breeder's letter which was approved by the Committee. Laura has been in contact with AQHA regarding email addresses to contact the Montana Breeders. MQHA is annually allowed one email blast from AQHA. Julie made a motion to allow the Breeders Committee to submit the Breeders letter to AQHA for email distribution. Second to the motion by Britt. Motion carried. Laura will email Shelly at AQHA and submit the letter for distribution.

By-Laws: Rita reported the By-Law change has been mailed to the General Membership for approval.

Legislative: No report.

Region 2: Rita reported there has not been a meeting since the Show. Show was successful to the extent of longer hours of competition.

Hall Of Fame Committee: Gary Lynn reported she has been in contact with Connie Hayes from the Arizona Quarter Horse Association regarding their HOF rules and regulations. Gary Lynn suggests the Board look at those documents on AZQHA.org website as another option for MQHA HOF qualifications. Tabled for November meeting.

2020 Convention: Jerry reported on the options regarding holding or cancelling the Convention due to Covid and the escalating numbers within Yellowstone County as well as the mandates on events restricting more than 25 people in attendance. Discussion with the Board regarding relocation, postponement or cancellation. Jerry made a motion to cancel the 2020 MQHA Convention. Second to the motion by Tee. Motion carried. Discussion regarding distribution of the awards, nominations and 2021 elections of officers Laura will send a notice to the membership. Discussion regarding the 2021 Convention and the Committee has agreed to contact the Big Horn Resort to reserve dates of December 3-5, 2021 for the Convention.

New Business: EMO Championship Show Qualifications were discussed. Julie indicated we need requirements for qualifications. Laura sent a qualifications draft to Rita for consideration. Laura will send the draft qualifications to the Board for review and changes.

Correspondence: Thank you's were received from Region 2 and the MT State 4-H Horse Show, recipients of the awards.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Bakker
2020 Secretary/Treasurer

Next meeting – November 18, 2020 Teleconference; 7:30pm
