
Board of Directors
Date November 18, 2020 Teleconference Meeting

MONTANA QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION

Board members present: Tracy Brown, Jerry Geregthy, Rita Church, Tyrell Burklund, Tee Aune, Tracy Tiner, Michele McGuigan

National Directors: Gary Lynn Olson

Meeting called to order by President Tracy Brown. Tee made a motion to approve the October 21, 2020 minutes. Second to the motion by Tracy T. Motion carried.

Finance: Laura distributed the financial reports electronically. Jerry made a motion to approve the October financials as distributed. Second to the motion by Tee. Motion carried.

Old Business: Discussion regarding Montana's qualifications for the EMO Championship Show. Draft qualifications were sent via email. Rita made a motion in regards to the EMO Championship Show qualifications for 2021, the list of qualifications will be amended or waived with possible exhibitors who must be a member of MQHA in good standing. Second to the motion by Tee. Motion carried. Qualifications will be amended and sent to the membership.

Committee Reports:

Awards: Report submitted via email from Britt Kissock-Robinson: *"I just about have everything ordered. I'm waiting for a couple slow responders. I am also waiting for Rita to respond with the embroiderer in Billings who has the MQHA logo. By the time I realized I should have used Michele, I already had a box of stuff on my side of the state, and the Billings folks at this point will be easier logistically. About half of the items will come from Schneiders (already embroidered); other items from Amazon, Costco, 32 Degrees, Molly's. The Schneiders order will go in today. I have not worked out the details on getting the awards to the recipients (without completely blowing the budget), but I'm hoping there are enough people traveling across the state that we can get it done. Laura, John Wolfe requested a buckle for one of LOOKIN FROSTY's award, and Gary Cooper (trainer) requested a duplicate for his trophy case. Gary will be sending you a check for \$114.65 for the duplicate buckle. I have had a couple award winners asking if we would consider using their award funds in a GC to a 2021 show, as they do in WA & ND. That doesn't fit with our standing rules of what is required of our awards, but I do think it should be open for discussion. It could work in our (MQHA/BSC) favor if we do it right. I am also hoping someone else will take over (or at least be co-chair) awards next year. We can discuss at a future Board meeting - just giving you a heads-up."*

Show Committee:

Big Sky Classic: Tyrell has been in contact with Cottonwood in Silensia and Heart K in Livingston for possible venues for the 2021 Big Sky Classic. Cottonwood is a financially viable location if they have pathways and a practice arena. Tyrell also has some ideas to do

a 4-year old Pleasure Versatility Challenge as well as a Youth Scholarship for the highest scoring youth for the weekend – based on their points accumulated at the Big Sky Classic. Discussion regarding the Versatility Class and possibly having it an all-ages class to encourage more entrants. Rita suggested jackpotting all the classes. Discussion regarding the NSBA classes and having them open to all breeds. Laura also read an email from Show Secretary Nancy Ostle-Zahn and her desire to discontinue her services as of 2022. Nancy is open to mentoring any possible replacements. Nancy will provide secretary services through September 2021.

Amateur: Report submitted via email from Britt Kissock-Robinson: *“My understanding is that we are all on for a 2nd year (2020-2021); YOU, Tracy, are Vice Chair. When I get awards finally lined out, I need to get an email sent to the Amateurs re the state of our group, recap from last year, our quickly dwindling funds, and some decisions for 2021. Yes, SSF is set-up and ready for some marketing - donations and sponsorships!! Cali has our information for the 2021 Directory. The show is scheduled for June 26 - 27 at the Super Barn in Billings. Chris Brown will judge, Joani will be the AQHA Professional Horseman clinician, Morgan Nazer will manage, Brynn Kilgore will ring steward, Nancy will secretary (and has informed me she will not be available for 2022). I also want to follow-up with Tommy Sheets re a return to MT for a clinic - starting with if he's still a Team Wrangler member. I have a barn in Billings who might make us the same deal as KHC has the last couple years... We'll see.”*

Youth: Tracy T. reported AshLee Schumacher is posting on Facebook the year-end winners. Choice of awards were given to the recipients. Discussion about how the youth will be selecting their 2021 officers. Julie Schumacher will discuss with the Youth members. Also, the MQHYA are making decisions regarding the Kenny Chesney raffle. MQHYA are deciding dates for the Holly Hover clinic. Discussion regarding outstanding checks. Tracy T. is handling this issue.

Marketing/Membership Services: Laura reported the Directory is progressing and approximately \$1500 ads have been sold to date. Cali Reinke is requesting bids for printers. Laura reported the website is being regularly updated.

Breeders: Michele reported the email blast was sent by AQHA. Laura reported she did get one response from the email.

By-Laws: Waiting for ballots to be tallied, deadline is December 5, 2020. Tabled for December meeting.

Legislative: No report.

Region 2: Tracy reported Region 2 has had a meeting concerning the show. September 15-19, 2021 are the next year's dates. Discussed the number of exhibitors, being the largest show to date. The Committee is working on details for the 2021 Show. Concerns regarding the P/A system and different barns not being utilized. Discussed advertising in

the AQHA Journal. Rita reported the Silent Auction was successful. MQHYA received approximately \$380 from the Auction.

Hall Of Fame Committee: The Committee will have a report on progress at the December meeting.

New Business: Election of Officers, ballots due by December 5, 2020. Tabled for December meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Bakker
2020 Secretary/Treasurer

Next meeting – December 16, 2020 Teleconference; 7:30pm
