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**Board of Directors**  
**Date December 16, 2020 Teleconference Meeting**

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**MONTANA QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION**

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

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

Meeting called to order by President Tracy Brown. Jerry made a motion to approve the November 18, 2020 minutes as corrected. Second to the motion by Tee. Motion carried.

Finance: Laura distributed the financial reports electronically. Tracy T. made a motion to approve the November financials as distributed. Second to the motion by Britt. Motion carried. Discussion regarding payment of the Board E&O Insurance.

**Old Business:** No old business.

**Committee Reports:**

**Awards:** Britt reported awards have been ordered with some on back order. Most will be distributed on or before January 31, 2021. Distribution to recipients was discussed. Tyrell volunteered to transport any that need to be delivered from Billings to Missoula and he will coordinate with Britt to get them delivered. Discussion about utilizing a Gift Certificate for awards comprising of a GC toward the 2022 Big Sky Classic entry fees. Tabled for next meeting. Marilyn reported she has been in contact with AQHA concerning Amateur status of two MQHA members who are in contention for Year-End Awards. She stated both members will have their Amateur status points revoked by AQHA. Britt explained only two categories were impacted by the removal of these members. Discussion concerning awards for these two individuals. Tee made a motion that MQHA not present 2020 awards to the contestants in question and to award to the correct recipients. Second to the motion by Tyrell. Motion carried.

**Show Committee:**

**Big Sky Classic:** Tyrell reported the show premium list has been emailed to the Board for review. Several hi-point buckle awards have been sponsored. He would like to re-use the 2020 buckles changing the dates for the VRH Limited classes. He has been in contact with ? for the 2021 buckles. Heart K prices have increased. Discussion regarding decreasing the circuit fees in order to attract more contestants. Discussion regarding bringing your own shavings. Heart K has also going to sponsor \$300 toward the venue fees. Discussion regarding the NSBA classes being All-Breed and eliminating those classes as there is a duplication with the regular All-Breed classes. Discussion regarding adding Team Penning and/or Sorting classes to the premium list. Tyrell is working on the contract with the Heart K which will be forwarded to the Board upon receipt. Tyrell will check on utilization of arenas as well as trail rails. Discussion regarding the Versatility Challenge and age delineation. Suggested entry fee of \$100. Tabled for January meeting.

**Nile:** Marilyn reported she has talked to Sonya Miller as a possible Co-Chair of the Show. Marilyn also submitted a list of Show coordinator duties to the Board for submission to anyone wanting to help with the VRH Show for 2021. Marilyn will be available to assist any of the volunteers at the Show. Laura will include the Coordinator position in the ENewsletter and the Wrangler.

**Amateur:** Britt reported the Amateurs are doing the Sparks Some Fun Show. Incentive checks have been calculated and will be mailed. Tracy B. reported she has emailed a list of the Team Wrangler Clinicians to the Board for possible 2021 clinic. Reported via email: "We were hoping to get Tommy Sheets back and were waiting to confirm he was on the Team Wrangler list. Tracy did email the list to me after our meeting (and he is on the list)."

**Youth:** Julie reported the MQHYA awards have been ordered and delivered with the exception of one late award hoping for delivery to recipients by January. Raffle tickets for the Kenny Chesney concert will again be for sale. If the concert is cancelled an alternate prize will be presented. Dates should be the same weekend as the 2020 concert that was cancelled. A Youth Newsletter was sent out as well as an Incentive Fund. Holly Hover Clinic is going forward and the Youth have been asked for the format ideas. Venue will be the Gallatin River Ranch in Bozeman. MQHYA Scholarship applications are due in April 2021.

**Marketing/Membership Services:** Rita reported we have 39 new renewals for 2021 as of the meeting. Laura reported there is approximately \$5,000+ of committed Directory ads for the 2021 Directory. Cali still has ads being accumulated so she does not have the cost from the printer and will report to the Board with that vendor. Discussion regarding publication date. It was suggested that the date would be similar to 2021. Laura will get ahold of Cali for a more definitive date. Rita suggested utilizing one of Tyrell's sponsors – Vista Equine for the membership card sponsor. Tyrell indicated they have committed to being a Big Sky Classic sponsor. Tyrell will see if he can find a sponsor for the card. Laura submitted possible photo for the front of the cards. The Board was tallied and the photo of the multiple horses by the pond was the unanimous decision.

**Breeders:** No report.

**By-Laws:** Laura reported the proposed By-Law change was unanimously approved by the General Membership vote. Discussion regarding verbiage for receiving an award By-Law.

**Legislative:** No report.

**Region 2:** Tracy B. reported she and Rita were on a conference call concerning Region 2. A new date has been added. The Committee is also working on an on-line entry system.

**Hall Of Fame Committee:** Gary Lynn reported the Committee had a meeting and liked the rules and regulations from Oklahoma but like the nomination forms from Arizona. Also discussed compiling several organizations forms will present that compilation to the Board at

a future meeting for approval. Also discussed was having an MQHYA Scholarship applicant to research an individual or horse for induction into the MQHA Hall-of-Fame. Tabled for discussion with the Youth Association. Adding the HOF to the Sub-Committee list. Discussion utilizing the Youth scrapbook for suggestions for the HOF.

**New Business:** Election of Officers – General Membership ballots have been tabulated and Tyrell Burlund was unanimously elected 2021 MQHA President and Tracy Brown was elected Vice President. The remainder of the Board have volunteered to remain for another term.

Committee Assignments: A list of Committee assignments was emailed to the Board. Suggested that any of the Board wanting to change committees to contact Laura. Britt has stepped down from the Awards Committee. Via email; Michele McGuigan has volunteered to Chair that Committee.

Discussion regarding MQHA recommendation for the AQHA National Director position. Nancy Weaver has sent a letter of intent for the National Director position. Board approved sending a letter to AQHA recommending Nancy Weaver as the MQHA's choice for the AQHA National Director vacancy.

Board discussion regarding the 2021 MQHA Secretary/Treasurer's position. Unanimously approved to retain Laura Bakker in that position for the 2021 year.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Laura Bakker  
2021 Secretary/Treasurer

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**Next meeting – January 20, 2021 Teleconference; 7:30pm**

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