
Board of Directors
Date March 24, 2021 Teleconference Meeting

MONTANA QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION

Board members present: Tyrell Burklund (joined later in meeting), Tracy Brown, Jerry Geregthy, Rita Church, Tracy Tiner, Michele McGuigan, Julie Schumacher, Britt Kissock-Robinson, Tee Aune, Rita Church

National Directors: Ruth McDonald-Gates, Marilyn Randall

Meeting called to order by Vice President Tracy Brown (President Tyrell Burklund joined later). Jerry made a motion to approve the February 17, 2021 minutes as corrected. Second to the motion by Rita. Motion carried.

Finance: Laura distributed the financial reports electronically. Discussion regarding the deposit from Cowboy State Stock Horse Assn, Powell, WY show approval –; July 17-18, 2021. Britt made a motion to approve the February financials as distributed. Second to the motion by Tracy T.

Old Business: Further discussion regarding the MT State 4-H Horse Show educational booth; tabled for April meeting.

Committee Reports:
Show Committee:

Nile: Marilyn reported Nile VRH Show will be held at The Horse Palace, Vaughn, October 18-20, 2021. Contract is pending with new Nile personnel. Marilyn is working on the awards; additional Rookie awards will need to be purchased due to new classes for the 2021 Show. Several award items were brought home from the National Convention for additional awards at the Nile including sponsor coupons. Discussion regarding expiration which was reported to be December 31, 2021. Reported that Tee has the MQHA Kiosk.

Big Sky Classic: Tyrell reported the Show Committee did not have a meeting prior to the Board meeting due to a conflict and will be resolved within the next couple of weeks. Discussion regarding AQHA waiving the qualifications for the World Show and the Penning/Sorting as well as jumpers would probably not attend. Sponsors: Rodeo Rigs. He has talked to First Interstate Bank and will be in contact with Tyrell regarding a sponsorship. He has also been in contact with the Yellowstone Inn for a sponsorship of rooms for the Big Sky Classic as well as a block of rooms for competitors. Contract with the Heart K will be signed within the next week. New owners are receptive to having events and that was the delay. Managers Jan & Nico relayed that everything should be the same as in the past. Discussion regarding the CMRCHA classes. Show Committee recommended readdressing this for the 2022 show year. Tyrell will also get the Facebook page completed shortly.

Awards: Michele reported she has nothing new. Britt is still distributing awards from the 2021 season.

Amateur: Britt reported the Amateurs are working on the Sparks Some Fun Show. Committee has new ideas for the 2021 show. Swag bags will again be distributed. Sponsorships have been received. Britt is still trying to work with Tommy Sheets for a 2021 clinic. Email has been distributed to the Amateurs for financial decisions for 2021.

Youth: Julie reported the MQHYA Holly Hover clinic is full. She has a group to provide lunch. Letter will be sent to Youth regarding the Incentive Award. She is also still distributing awards. The Kenny Chesney concert has been cancelled. Prize for the raffle will be a weekend at Chico Hot Springs and the concert raffle will be for 2022.

Marketing/Membership Services: Rita reported there are 70 renewal members, Lifetime 30 and MQHYA 24. Laura reported the website is being updated on a daily basis. New shows are posted as well as premium lists as they are available. Rita reported Cindy Chilton-Moore is utilizing our website for referral and has had great success with it.

Breeders: No report.

By-Laws: No report.

Legislative: No report.

Region 2: Tracy B. reported the show schedule has been finalized starting on Wednesday with the cowhorse classes, Sunday halter and showmanship.

Hall Of Fame Committee: No report.

Convention: Jerry reported he has secured the Big Horn Resort in Billings for the 2021 Convention. Jerry will going to the Resort for prices on the rooms and will report at the April meeting.

New Business: 2021 AQHA Convention National Director Reports:
Marilyn is on the International Committee and reported they have been working on aligning the International Directors to eliminate confusion and getting more representation. International is more aligned with AQHA and more Directors were allowed to be combined within the International community. Stan Weaver gave his farewell address and Nancy Weaver was introduced as MT's newest National Director.

Rita is on the Amateur Committee and reviewed the Level 1 permits. Letting people know they can show a horse in up to two different events for trying that horse out. Cheyenne from AQHA on the numbers at the Convention which was smaller than usual but well received.

Ruth is on the Nominations and Credentials Committee and went over some By-Law changes; mostly for the International Committee issues as state previously. Decision that there would be more representation for the International community for a larger voice in that Committee encouraging them into AQHA. Some revisions made to sections in the Treasurer portion of AQHA; cleaning up the verbiage in that section of the By-Laws.

Physical presence that is required to maintain Directorship was discussed. That portion of the By-Laws has been amended for allowances made due to pandemic type of circumstances. Record number of interviews were done at the 2021 Convention.

Communications: Laura reported she has received a notice from AT&T regarding an overdue payment. Payment was made in November and Laura has submitted the paperwork to AT&T to resolve this issue.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Bakker
2021 Secretary/Treasurer

Next meeting – April 14, 2021 Teleconference; 7:30pm
