
Board of Directors
Date June 17, 2021 Teleconference Meeting

MONTANA QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION

Board members present: Tyrell Burklund (joined later in meeting), Tracy Brown, Michele McGuigan, Julie Schumacher, Tracy Tiner, Jerry Gereghy, Rita Church

National Directors: Marilyn Randall

Meeting called to order by Vice President Tracy Brown (President Tyrell Burklund joined later). Julie made a motion to approve the May 15, 2021 minutes. Second to the motion by Jerry. Motion carried.

Finance: Laura distributed the financial reports electronically. Jerry. made a motion to approve the February financials as distributed. Second to the motion by Rita.

Old Business: None

Committee Reports:

Show Committee:

Nile: Marilyn reported she has signed the NILE contract. Marilyn and RaeAnn Svedberg are working on sponsorships. Sponsors received before August 1 will appear in the NILE publication. Discussion regarding MQHA booth at the NILE. MQHA will have a "silent booth" with free handouts. Assistance with the booth is being solicited. AQHA will not be in attendance this year for registration. Kimes will sponsor first place awards.

Big Sky Classic: Tyrell reported the Show was successful. Preliminary P&L was positive. Tyrell is brainstorming for the 2022 Show. Show dates for 2022 have been awarded by AQHA, June 17-19, 2022. Tyrell has presented these dates to the Heart K as a venue option for the Show. The Committee needs to start looking for Show Secretary and Show Management for the 2022 year. Good attendance at the Challenge with a good payout. Suggested for the 2022 Show as well as having a Challenge for the Amateur and Youth attending the show. Suggested naming a Non-Pro Challenge as opposed to Youth and Amateur. Tyrell is starting to garner sponsorships so more advertising for the sponsors is attained. Discussion regarding lack of sponsor banners. More promotion of sponsors with their banners was suggested at all MQHA events. Marilyn, Tracy B. and Tyrell will work on getting more banners to hang at events. Representing the MQHA membership card sponsors with banners was also discussed.

Awards: Nothing new to report.

Amateur: No report.

Youth: Julie reported she sent an email out to the Board regarding an out-of-state youth wanting to attend the Youth World Show as a member of the Montana contingency. Julie and AQHA have resolved this issue without MQHA Board involvement. The Youth are raising money to attend the World Show. Still working on more parental involvement for SSF and the Association. Discussion regarding the raffle which will be awarded at Sparks

Some Fun. Julie reported there are three youth going to world and five horses. Julie reported four new youth members spring of 2021.

Marketing/Membership Services: Rita reported there are 81 renewal members, Lifetime 31 and MQHYA 28 members.

Breeders: Michele would like some direction from the Board regarding corresponding with the Breeders. Suggestions regarding involving AQHA again. Also suggested to acknowledge AQHA members from Montana who are not necessarily MQHA members. Michele will look into these options. Suggested to reach out to the Breeders through a conference call. Also suggested to recognize the 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 50 year Breeders at Convention and award a certificate. Banners and a representative at the bigger breed sales within the State.

By-Laws: Any by-law changes in to Rita on or before September 1, 2021.

Legislative: Nothing new to report.

Region 2: Tracy B. reported the Committee has decided to have Tommy Sheets as a clinician September 16, 2021; two sessions of showmanship and two sessions of horsemanship allowing 10 horse/riders for the clinic. Class list is up on the website for pre-entry and stall information. Rita reported the awards Committee decided to utilize Montana Silversmith buckles for awards.

Hall Of Fame Committee: No report.

2021 Convention: Nothing new to report. Jerry will have information about room rates, etc. for the July meeting.

New Business: Laura presented a letter from the Montana 4-H Foundation to the Board. After discussion, suggested to wait until the Board gets sponsorship notification from the State 4-H Horse Show Committee.

Communications: No report.

All agenda items have been satisfied. Tracy B. 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 – July 21, 2021 Teleconference Meeting;
7:30pm**
