
Board of Directors
Date September 22, 2021 Teleconference Meeting

MONTANA QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION

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

Guests: Cali Reinke

Meeting called to order by Vice President Tracy B. President Tyrell Burklund joined later. Jerry made a motion to approve the August 18, 2021 minutes. Second to the motion by Tracy T. Motion carried.

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

Old Business: None

Committee Reports:

Directory: Cali wanted discussion from the Board regarding the 2022 Directory cover and possible "special" as has been done in the past. Suggestions included: Youth, equine services industries such as farriers, veterinarians, etc. Possibly combining the ideas. Cali also wanted suggestions for ad promotions. Discussion about adding articles on horse care within the Directory. Cali has a new 2022 fee schedule for Laura to distribute to the Board. Deadline again will be November 2021. Cali also asks each Board member to sell three ads.

Show Committee:

Nile: Laura reported for Marilyn via email – awards are ordered. Kimes has given MQHA first place awards. Halters are made and sent to her. Volunteers for the Booth, ghost table till Thursday. Rita has table décor. Award table at the Horse Palace during the VRH Show. Britt has the Kiosk and will make sure it gets to Marilyn.

Big Sky Classic: Tyrell has sent out a few sponsorship letters. Would like to have a Show Committee meeting during the week of September 27, 2021. Jerry wanted to let the Board know the Heart K Arena has been sold and will not be holding any further events.

Awards: Michele reported she has been working on the awards budget. Points have been tabulated for Open classes, and the VRH will be compiled after the Nile. Discussion regarding the 50% rule for year-end awards due to an odd number of shows this year. Rounding up was suggested because of the circuits having 3 judges (shows) each. Exception would be for the VRH Shows where there are 4 single judge shows. After discussion, unanimous Board members decided to round up. In order to be eligible for VRH

Year-end Awards, members must show in at least 7 shows. Discussion about the budget finances. Michele made a motion for MQHA to allocate not more than \$500 from the General account towards 2021 Year-End Awards. Second to the motion by Britt. Motion carried. Recipients have been contacted and awards should be available by Convention.

Amateur: Britt reported several MQHA amateurs at the Region 2 Show and MQHA was well represented.

Youth: Julie reported she is working on the Youth awards, not as many recipients as in the past. Looking for a new Youth Advisor.

Marketing/Membership Services: Rita reported no change in membership numbers from the August meeting; 85 renewal members, Lifetime 31 and MQHYA 30 members.

Breeders: No report.

By-Laws: Rita reported there are Board members that are not in compliance with the By-Laws for attendance. Discussion regarding having the members given a 10 day response timeframe. Tracy B. made a motion that a letter be composed with a 10 day requested response timeframe and sent to the appropriate Board member(s). Second to the motion by Rita. Motion carried. Discussion regarding the number of Board members needed for 2022. Board will compile a list of suggested names for Rita. Suggested to post in ENewsletter. Suggested to change By-Law residency requirements to encourage more Board participation.

Legislative: No report.

Region 2: Rita reported the Show was successful. Montana well represented. MQHYA member Kennedy Ekworzel was Hi-Point 14-18 Youth. Tracy B. also reported the added Ranch Horse day had 90 entries, with an average of 15-25 horses per class.

Hall Of Fame Committee: No report.

2021 Convention: Jerry reported he met with the Big Horn resort and there are three rooms reserved, 1,500 sq.ft. each which can be combined for the Annual Meeting and the Convention banquet. Suggested to downsize to two rooms. Suggested a viewing of the rooms for a decision. Britt and Laura volunteered to head up the Silent Auction. Paul VanDyke, saddle maker from Sheridan, WY – will be the guest speaker. Auctioneers Rick or Bryan Young. Cost of the room is \$500. Discussion about the cost of Convention tickets. Discussion regarding the financials for the Convention. Tyrell will contact an entertainers from Missoula to see what she would charge.

New Business: No new business.

Communications: No report.

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
2021 Secretary/Treasurer

Next meeting – October 19, 2021
Table Meeting; 7:30pm – Horse Palace, Laurel, MT
