
Board of Directors
Date March 16, 2022 - Teleconference

MONTANA QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION

Board members present: Tyrell Burklund, Britt Kissock-Robinson, Tracy Tiner, Cathy Dekker, Julie Schumacher, Josh Shengle

National Directors: Tracy Brown, Ruth McDonald-Gates

Meeting called to order by President Tyrell Burklund. Julie made a motion to approve the February 16, 2022 minutes. Second to the motion by Cathy. Motion carried.

Finance: Laura distributed electronic copies of the financial reports. Josh made a motion to approve the financials as distributed. Second to the motion by Cathy. Motion carried.

Kendra Jackson has completed an audit of the 2021 MQHA books. All financial dealings were reported to be in order and audit is complete.

Old Business: Tyrell reported he has not heard back from the Mountain States Quarter Horse Alliance regard to their show approval proposal submitted at the February meeting. Question about the Douglas, WY show being approved. No communication has been received as of this date.

Committee Reports:

Show Committee:

Big Sky Classic: Tyrell reported he has sent out invitation letters to several trainers in the Region and Canada encouraging participation in the Big Sky Classic as well as possible sponsorship opportunities. He has also sent out several letters to proposed sponsors. Montana Premium Forage will be a Platinum sponsor for MQHA. He has contacted the same cattle supplier and will be confirming use of his cattle. Tyrell has talked to the concessionaire from 2019 and will be contacting the purchaser of their concession trailer. Tyrell is trying to get saddles donated for the 2023 show. Several saddle makers have been contacted. Discussion regarding having the Show a 6-day show to entice southern horse trainers, with the possibility of having a “destination” show in Kalispell. Discussion about utilizing Silicia as a possible destination location.

Nile: No report.

Awards: No report.

Amateur: Cathy reported the Amateurs are working on the Sparks Some Fun and set-up and location. Cindy Robbins will judge, Diana Spint will be the Show Manager. Joani Kissock will be the Professional Horseman clinician. Sponsorship forms need to be completed and distributed. Super Barn will be the location.

Youth: Julie reported the NFR raffle tickets are being distributed to the Youth and currently being sold. Youth affiliate forms have been sent to AQHA. World letter of declaration forms are due April 1, 2022. MQHYA scholarship due by April 1, 2022; two \$500 available.

Marketing/Membership Services: Laura reported MQHA currently has 71 annual renewal members, 31 Lifetime and 24 MQHYA members. Directory is in the late stages of completion and hoping to be to printer before April 1, 2022. Ruth volunteered her services if needed. Mary Noonan is also willing to step in if necessary.

Breeders: No report.

By-Laws: No report.

Legislative: Britt reported not a lot of legislation going on due the odd year. Environmental Quality Council will discuss fees on bottled water, hunting licenses and tourists to raise money for conservation districts (local governments across the state charged with protecting soil and water resources) at a meeting March 22-23 in Helena. Constitutional Initiative 121: Proponents of CI-121 are currently gathering signatures to qualify it for the November general election ballot. CI-121 amends the Montana Constitution to revise the property tax system in 2024 by reverting to 2019 base values for most residential property. In late December, the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act became law and will come into effect July 1, 2022.. Highlights of the law include substantially increased limits on the use of medications in Thoroughbreds, a ban on using medications within 48 hours of a race, restrictions on the use of anti-bleeding medications, limits on the use of a bronchodilator that enhances muscle development, more stringent penalties for repeat violators, and provisions allowing for restrictions on the frequency of a jockey's using a whip during a race. On Feb 7, 2022, H.R. 6635: Wild Horse and Burro Protection Act of 2022 was introduced to amend the Act commonly known as the Wild Free-roaming Horses and Burros Act to prohibit certain uses of aircraft with respect to the management of wild free-roaming horses and burros, and for other purposes. On February 27, Minnesota Federal Court denied Packers' Motion to Dismiss Cattle Antitrust Cases; R-CALF USA and Other Plaintiffs' Case Proceeds to Discovery. Judge John R. Tunheim found that Plaintiffs (including R-CALF USA) have plausibly plead that Defendants conspired to suppress the price of fed cattle and increase the price of beef.

Region 2: Tracy B. reported the show is approved with the same format at the 2021 Show. Judges are hired, website is updated, sponsorships are being completed for mailing. Discussion regarding having the halter later in the week. Committee has not heard any negative comments about the schedule for halter.

2022 Convention: Tyrell reported he has been working with Terry and Lesli Olson finding facilities in Helena. The Great Northern Hotel (Best Western) with amenities similar to most larger convention facilities with meeting rooms as well as banquet facilities. Block of rooms with rates of \$140-150 per room. Dates are December 2-4, 2022.

New Business: Ruth reported she and Rita Church met with Cindy Chilton-Moore regarding the Hall of Fame Committee. Ruth will be working with Laura and Rita to have a progress report for the April meeting.

Communications: No new communications.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Bakker
2022 Secretary/Treasurer

**Next meeting – April 20, 2022
Teleconference Meeting 7:30pm**
