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**Board of Directors**  
**Date August 24, 2022 – Teleconference**

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**MONTANA QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION**

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Board members present: Tyrell Burklund, Josh Shengle, Cathy Dekker, Tracy Tiner, Tracy Brown, Julie Schumacher, Rita Church

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

Meeting called to order by Board Member Cathy Dekker (Vice President Josh Shengle & President Tyrell Burklund joined later in the meeting). In lieu of sufficient Board members present at beginning of the meeting, Marilyn made a motion to approve the July 20, 2022 minutes that were electronically submitted. Ruth seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

**Old Business:** None

**Committee Reports:**

**Show Committee:**

**Big Sky Classic:** Tyrell reported he would like to have a venue for the 2023 show and hopefully will have information for the Board for the September meeting. He is trying to contact the Majestic for their costs. As soon as he gets more information, there will be a Show Committee meeting and a proposal will be presented to the Board. Discussion regarding other venues. At the present, the Committee is looking at several venues before presentation to the Board.

**Nile:** Marilyn reported Rachel Adams is making cinches for all-around awards, partial payment, partial in-kind for the awards. The embroidery is being completed, Nile is splitting this cost. Nile is holding a cutting before the VRH Show. The Veterans group is presenting the colors for the event. Three full days are scheduled with an exhibitors party provided by Nile as well as exhibitors breakfast. Same number sponsorships as 2021. Additional help will be accepted at the VRH Show as well as the booth at the Metra. Youth raffle drawing will also be held at the Nile. AQHA will again have a booth at the Nile. Marilyn wanted to remind everyone entries are now being accepted and encourages entries timely for the cattle classes.

**Awards:** No report.

**Amateur:** Cathy reported the SSF has been completed, all awards have been delivered.

**Youth:** Julie reported she has sent out a fall newsletter reminding them about the raffle ticket sales and drawing will be at Nile. Several of the older youth members have aged out. Several new youth are younger and MQHYA is looking for additional older members. Would like to sell the remaining sweatshirts at the Nile..

**Marketing/Membership Services:** Rita reported annual renewals are at 89 (4 new members at WMQHA Show) with 31 Lifetime and 25 Youth members.

**Breeders:** No report.

**By-Laws:** Rita reported that any new By-Law changes need to be submitted to the Secretary on or before the September meeting in order to be sent to the membership in a timely manner before Convention.

**Legislative:** Laura reported for Britt that she had sent an email with a lengthy report which has been forwarded to the Board. CDL requirements were included in the email: “**MQHA, MSGA, MPRA Alliance:** In April I reported that Montana Stockgrowers reached out to Stan Weaver to help work with the Montana Quarter Horse Association and the Montana Pro Rodeo Association to help form an alliance to work together on certain events and problems, especially in legislative and animal rights issues. In addition, Jay Bodner of the MSGA reached out to Stan and asked if he would help get something going at the state level in fighting our issues with animal rights. Stan was inquiring if MQHA would be willing to proceed with this idea. I sent this to MQHA and received a note back from Laura (which I passed along to Stan) that the Board unanimously decided to assist with the formation of an alliance with the Montana Stockgrowers and the Montana Pro Rodeo Association. I have recently sent a follow-up email to Stan to get a status update and will report back when I hear from him.

**CDL Requirement:** A call to the Montana CDL Help Desk ((406) 444-3244) confirmed CDLs are necessary in Montana if any of the following apply:

- the combined Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) of your towing vehicle and horse trailer is greater than 26,000 lbs, or
- you directly earn money through your transportation or you are professionally compensated for transporting horses in your trailer, or
- you regularly haul your horses to win prize/purse money and treat your trailer or other equine-related expenses as tax-deductible, or
- you are making any reliable profit from your travels, like pulling your horse trailer in exchange for sponsorship money. However, if your combined GVWR is under 26,000 and you occasionally visit tournaments, races, or horse shows in your horse trailer, *and* you pay income taxes for all relevant expenses, then you don’t need to own a CDL. This is true even if you win prize money.

**Weigh Stations:** The Help Desk also confirmed you only need to pull into a weigh station in MT if there is a sign requiring vehicles over 26,000 GVWR (combined) to pull into said weigh station. Other articles I read said some states require all 26,000+ combined GVWR to pull into weigh stations, but often you would be waved through.

**Legislative News from MT State Legislature** As the Montana Legislature convenes a session every other year (e.g. 2021, 2023), there are not many house or senate bills to follow. However, there are a couple reports from *The Gavel* that may be of interest.

- CI-121: In March, I reported a proposal to revise the property tax system in 2024 by reverting to 2019 base values for most residential property. However, it failed to get the required number of signatures by the June 17 deadline to get it on the November 2022 ballot.
- As the number of electric vehicles in Montana increases, the Transportation Interim Committee is working on legislation to replace lost gas tax revenues.
- A state website makes it easy to keep an eye on Montana Disasters & Emergencies including hazards, drought monitoring, outages, current fires (60 active; 8 in the last 24 hours), and floods (including 2022 emergency declarations).”

**Region 2:** Rita reported the clinician for the Region 2 Show will be Margo Ball, September 15. Showmanship and Horsemanship portions are full for participants but open to anyone wanting to audit. MQHA is sponsoring the W/T Horsemanship Class.

**2022 Convention:** Laura reported that she and Tyrell are looking for a motivational speaker for the Convention and will report back to the Board at the September meeting any suggestions.

**New Business:** No new business.

**Communications:** Laura received an invitation from AQHA for the Hall of Fame and will scan and email to the Board.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Laura Bakker  
2022 Secretary/Treasurer

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**Next meeting – September 21, 2022**  
**Teleconference 7:30pm**

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