
Board of Directors
Date September 21, 2022 – Teleconference

MONTANA QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION

Board members present: Tyrell Burklund, Josh Shengle, Tracy Tiner, Tracy Brown, Julie Schumacher, Rita Church, Britt Kissock-Robinson

National Directors: Ruth McDonald-Gates, Tracy Brown

Meeting called to order by Board Member/National Director Rita Church (Vice President Josh Shengle & President Tyrell Burklund joined later in the meeting). Julie made a motion to approve the August 24, 2022 minutes. Tracy T. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Finance: Laura distributed electronic copies of the financial reports. Julie 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 the BSC would be moved to the Majestic Valley Arena in Kalispell. Dates would be dependent on a current scheduled event. Tyrell is working with those event coordinators before dates could be confirmed. Alternate dates were also discussed. Tyrell also discussed several options for the Challenge including a Team Challenge in addition to an auction for those teams at the BBQ. Facebook raffle was also proposed.

Nile: Laura reported the Nile is going along as planned. Final numbers for the payout will be at the October meeting. Rita reported she has AQHA sending promotional materials for the Booth at the Metra. Discussion about having a liquor basket as in the past, Ruth will be in charge of putting that together. Laura will provide the tickets. Julie will be bringing apparel to sell and raffle tickets will also be available for sale.

Awards: Michele reported via email. She has some award ideas and will have budget for October meeting.

Amateur: No report.

Youth: Julie reported Mesa Svedberg won the Scholarship for 2022. Forms will be redone. Julie suggested having a rookie in the Team Challenge at the Big Sky Classic instead of a Youth due to lack of youth participants.

Marketing/Membership Services: Rita reported no change in membership from the August meeting; annual renewals are at 89 with 31 Lifetime and 25 Youth members. Memberships sold at Nile will be for the 2023 membership year.

Breeders: Tyrell would like to opinion on starting a breeders Stallion Incentive. Utilizing the stallions with produce showing in an MQHA Show having a payout going directly to the owners. Lois Hill was involved in barrel racing incentive programs and suggested as a contact for this. Suggested to have a Breeders Committee meeting to discuss further. Tabled for Convention

By-Laws: Rita reported that any new By-Law changes need to be submitted to the Secretary on or before the October meeting in order to be sent to the membership in a timely manner before Convention. One Standing Rule was submitted that will be voted on at Convention. Changing the back number clarification.

Legislative: Britt reported BLM approved land lease which is under appeal and they will have public comment until September 28, 2022. MQHA, MSGA, MPRA Alliance from Stan Weaver was emailed and she will check with him regarding this. The NRHA allowing horses competing with a previously illegal sedative is under scrutiny through their animal welfare policy with a split decision from both sides. Discussion regarding CDL requirements.

Region 2: Rita reported Region 2 was well represented by Montana, pictures have been posted on the MQHA website. Show was busy, she will have numbers as soon as they are compiled. Classes were good sized, clinic was well received. Tracy B. indicated Ranch Horse and Reining classes were well attended. Region 2 will be talking to Fairgrounds Management concerning the grounds. Suggested to have more communication into the barn area which was lacking at this Show. Tracy B. will make this suggestion at the next Region 2 meeting.

2022 Convention: Tyrell reported he had a Convention meeting and the menu was completed. Price will be \$55 with a variety of offered entrees. He is working on live and silent auction items. Schedule has been adjusted to accommodate more time for the Youth and Amateur meetings. Tyrell and his mother will be making a power point with the year-end recipients including pictures and bios. Tyrell has contacted Chase Reynolds as the Convention speaker, motivational and goals oriented speech. Terry and Leslie Olson are working on some fun events prior to the start of the Convention. Suggested to have an MQHA trivia portion as an opener for Convention. Light music instead of a band will be playing in the background to allow for more conversation.

New Business: Rita reported Shelly Spears has indicated that National Director Tee Aune was dismissed from that position due to non-attendance policy and he has been notified. Rita needs some suggestions for nominations for National Director as well as an alternate position.

Communications: No report.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Bakker
2022 Secretary/Treasurer

Next meeting – October 11, 2022
Table Meeting 7:00pm – Millers Horse Palace, Laurel, MT
