
**Board of Directors
Date May 20, 2026
Zoom Meeting, 7:30pm**

MONTANA QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION

Board members present: Tyrell Burklund, Rita Church, Tracy Tiner, Michele Shaw, Cathy Dekker

National Directors: Gary Lynn Olson, Tracy Brown

Meeting called to order by President Tyrell Burklund joined meeting later. Cathy. made a motion to approve the April 29, 2026 minutes. Second Rita. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Finance: Laura emailed the financial report and supporting documents. Michele S. made a motion to approve the financials as distributed. Second to the motion by Tracy T. Motion carried.

Old Business: The tablet draft lease was presented via email to the Board. Laura reported the FunnWare training meeting has been postponed due to computer issue. Recommendation from Britt Robinson was to charge \$35/day/judge for the lease fee on the tablets and software. Discussion regarding any insurance on the equipment. Lease states replacement for any equipment not returned in working issue. Recommended to delete "miss-use" from the lease agreement. Replacement cost should also be included in the lease agreement to inform lessee of the potential cost to replace equipment. Photographic evidence of the equipment was suggested. Michele S. made a motion to approve the lease with the amendments of adding the replacement cost of \$550/unit, eliminating misuse from the lease and adding the lease fee of \$35/judge/day. Lease fee to be revisited annually. Second to the motion from Tracy T. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Show Committee: Big Sky Classic: Tyrell reported BSC is in two weeks, cattle deadline is the 25th of May. Tyrell has groups to help with the shavings delivery process. MQHYA will be offering pre-bedding. Hi-Point awards will be goodie bags, Jacks, Pyrana, supplements, tail bags will be included from Calico Cowgirl. Pint glasses with the BSC logo will also be included. Cash prize give away. Chili feed on Friday night sponsored by the Rollo Ranch in Columbus. Cattle fee will be \$45/head. Discussion regarding the number of stalls reserved. 35 indoor stalls reserved and 54 outdoor stalls.

Nile VRH Show: No report.

Membership Services: Laura reported currently MQHA has 76 new or renewal members for 2026, 42 lifetime member, and 18 MQHYA memberships.

Marketing: Emailed report is attached as an addendum/

Amateur: Cathy reported there was a good MT Amateur contingent at AQHA Level 1. SSF Ribbons are ordered as well as some of the awards. Waiting for the judge to submit patterns.

Youth Michele S. reported the MQHYA will be having a meeting at the WMQHA Corvallis show on Saturday afternoon. Also, Jan Larsen will do a mini-clinic after the Buckle Series Show Saturday afternoon.

Breeders: No report. Breeders/ranchers Zoom meeting scheduled for May 29, 2026.

Ranch: No report.

By-Laws: No report

Legislative: No report.

Recreational Riding: No report.

Region 2: Rita reported the host hotel will be at the Holiday Inn Express South in Rapid City. Slight increase on the fees to \$125/horse/division. Increase in fees also, cost unknown at time of this meeting. Clinic versus ride-the-pattern was discussed opting for a clinic. Heather Young from Texas will do a Ranch Riding, Ranch Trail clinic Tuesday afternoon. Vendors, sponsorships are still being sought. Haul in fee did also increase to

\$40. Changing the schedule was discussed and the committee will be working on this so the ranch classes are not so long. Cattle fees could be \$80-\$100.

Hall of Fame: No report. Tyrell would like to meet with the Committee to discuss sending out a "Save The Date" postcard to include a HOF dinner Friday evening.

New Business

Laura reported she received a phone call from Dan Baker at DA Davidson regarding the MQHA CD which has matured. Michele S. made a motion to reinvest the CD providing the interest rate is higher than 3%. Second to the motion by Cathy. Motion carried. Laura will contact Dan and ask about interest rates and have the CD reinvest.

Correspondence: No new correspondence.

All agenda items have been satisfied. Cathy made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Second to the motion by Michele S. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Bakker
2026 Secretary/Treasurer

**Next meeting – June 5, 2026 Table Meeting, Big Sky Classic, Joliet,
MT Time TBD**

ADDENDUM – Marketing & Recreational Riding – submitted via email

My last marketing effort was the statewide BCH convention here in Bozeman. Set up the MQHA booth in the vendor area and met lots of people, members, and other vendors. The BCH do not seem super interested in joining MQHA or AQHA. Many of the members ride grade horses or mules and one gal told me that AQHA was all the "fancy/expensive" horses, which I thought was hilarious. They also have another organization that they are affiliated with that does a similar recreational riding program, so they were also lukewarm on that program. I did speak with the gal from Triple Crown, she would like to be VERY involved in Spark Some Fun. She would like to bring product to give away and be on site to meet some of the members. Cathy, do you mind if I give her your contact information or if you have ideas of how best to work her into the show, please let me know and I will chat with her.

I am thinking we should get name tags for the MQHA board members. We would all wear these at local MQHA events in the hopes that both members and nonmembers may approach us with questions or interests in joining us. Please let me know your opinions on nametags, also pricing some t-shirts, hoodies for future sales so any thoughts on that would also be appreciated, just email me.

I am still sending a welcome letter to new AQHA members from the new member list that AQHA shares with us, asking them to consider joining MQHA. I am not sure this is effective to get them to consider joining us, so I am open to suggestions on continuing the letter or stopping it or other suggestions.

Recreational Riding Report

Since my unsuccessful effort to convert every BCH into a MQHA member to join the Rec Riding program, I have not done much else with Recreational riding. I did send the new dates/promo from AQHA to Laura and asked her to send that out to the membership, thanks for doing that Laura.