
Board of Directors
Date December 7, 2025
Table Meeting, 9:30 am; Great Northern Hotel, Helena, MT

MONTANA QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION

Board members present: Tyrell Burklund, Josh Shngle, Britt Kissock-Robinson, Julie Schumacher, Cathy Dekker, Tracy Tiner, Michele Shaw, Lesli Glen

National Directors: Ruth McDonald-Gates, Tracy Brown

Meeting called to order by President Tyrell Burklund. Cathy made a motion to approve the December 5, 2025 minutes. Tracy T. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Finance: Laura hard copies of an abbreviated financial report. Julie made a motion to approve the financials as distributed. Second to the motion by Cathy. Motion carried. Laura also distributed the financials to the Board for the General Membership meeting.

Old Business: Discussion regarding re-work the Big Sky Classic schedule as requested by an MQHA member.

Committee Reports: Distribution of the Committee sign-up sheet. Discussion regarding the Ranch and Breeders Committee. Lesli agreed to co-chair committee along with Josh. Other Committee Chairs have agreed to continue as Chairs. Laura will update the spreadsheet and distribute to the Board.

New Business: Discussion regarding the proposed By-Law change regarding number of required shows for year-end awards. Lesli made a motion to approve the By-Law as per the proposal to read, "Exhibitors must attend must attend 50% of the shows any class is offered to qualify for year-end awards with no minimum number of points required." Second to the motion by Cathy. Motion carried.

Laura reported there was an error in the reporting of the awards at the ceremony. The error was acknowledged.

Tracy B. reported that Rick Ringling has supplied another of the original Founders for MQHA to be included in the Hall of Fame. Laura will reach out to the Gustafson family to let them know of the induction. Suggested to have Friday evening as the MQHA Hall of Fame evening including a dinner and/or hors d'overs.

Discussion regarding amending the Awards format to include a short bio as well as photos at the Convention slideshow.

Discussion regarding allowing award recipients to pick their own awards or continue to have Awards Committee select awards.

Michele S. questioned how to handle the MQHYA By-Law changes she would like to implement. Board agreed that this would be acceptable. Michele will report back to the Board. Michele S. also reported that the Youth chap raffle was a success and announced the new officers including President is Hailey Reed, 1st Vice President is Savannah Barker, 2nd Vice President is Justine Curry. The new officers were instrumental in helping with the awards distribution and helping with the live and silent auction items.

2026 Convention will be again be held in Helena and the Best Western Great Northern Hotel. Laura will contact the hotel staff and make sure the venue is reserved.

Britt made a motion to retain Laura Bakker as Secretary/Treasurer for the 2026 year. Second to the motion by Cathy. Motion carried.

Correspondence: None

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 – January 21, 2026 Zoom Meeting 7:30 pm
