
Board of Directors
Date August 26, 2026
Zoom Meeting, 7:30pm

MONTANA QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION

Board members present: Tyrell Burklund, Josh Shengle, Julie Schumacher, Cathy Dekker, Michele Shaw

National Directors: Gary Lynn Olson, Ruth McDonald-Gates, Nancy Weaver, Tracy Brown

Meeting called to order by President Tyrell Burklund. Cathy made a motion to approve the July 22, 2026 minutes. Seconded by Julie. Motion carried.

Finance: Laura emailed the financial report and supporting documents. Julie made a motion to approve the financials as distributed. Second to the motion by Cathy. Motion carried.

Old Business: The Region 2 and the MT State 4-H Horse Show sponsorships were discussed. Ruth made a motion to sponsor two classes at the Region 2 Show. Second to the motion by Cathy. Motion carried. Michele Shaw made a motion to skip sponsoring the MT State 4-H Horse Show for 2026. Second to the motion by Julie. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Show Committee: Big Sky Classic: Tyrell did not have a report regarding the Big Sky Classic. Discussion regarding an issue at the Big Sky Classic. Suggested that the Show Committee address the warm-up issue at the BSC. Tabled until after Show Committee meets.

Nile VRH Show: Laura reported for Marilyn that the Nile VRH Show sponsorships are approximately \$8,000 which is an increase from 2025.

Membership Services: Laura reported there are 91 renewed or new MQHA members, 42 lifetime members and 22 MQHYA members.

Marketing: Julie reported she is starting Calendar sales. She and Laura will work on a joint venture between Calendar advertising and Directory advertising. Julie has sent an Instagram post about Calendar advertising. Discussion regarding having the same MQHA approved shows for 2027 which will be posted on the Calendar. Julie would like to offer the Breeders space on the Calendar for their production sales, facilities, etc. MQHA booth will again be at the Metra during Nile.

Amateur: Cathy reported she will get final SSF numbers to the Board at the next meeting.

Youth: Michele Shaw reported the Youth will not be having a meeting until October 6 so, no report. As soon as points are tabulated, she will start on awards. Questioned if MQHYA made any money at the Big Sky Classic for the shavings distribution.

Breeders: No report.

Ranch: Josh and Lesli will get a meeting put together.

By-Laws: No report.

Legislative: No report.

Recreational Riding: Julie reported Michele Shaw was the only Board member to respond to the Poker Ride, Jack Saloon, Graves Creek, Lolo. Michele reported she will not be available. Because of the dates during the Region 2 Show, MQHA will not make the ride. AQHA is acknowledging members for their

riding. Suggests possibly expanding the Recreational Riding Committee or combining with another Committee.

Region 2: Tracy reported that Heather Young from Texas, will be the clinician. Ranch riding on Wednesday and Thursday will be AQHA a core classes clinic. Patterns for the show have been posted on the website. Region 2 will have an English horse versatility class Friday evening.

Hall of Fame: Tyrell put together a "Save The Date" postcard to be mailed to the membership. Laura will get it printed and mailed to the General membership. Discussion about getting more inductees.

Convention: Tyrell reported Friday evening will be the Hall of Fame Inductions and Breeders awards.

New Business: Laura requested the Board email the General Membership concerning the AQHA National Director Alternate position available. Board agreed to the email. Laura will email the membership with the necessary form for National Director Alternate.

Correspondence: No new correspondence.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Bakker
2026 Secretary/Treasurer

Next meeting – September 23, 2026 ZOOM Meeting; 7:30 pm
