

Board of Directors
Date September 17, 2025; 7:30 pm
ZOOM Meeting

MONTANA QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION

Board members present: Tyrell Burkland, Josh Shngle, Lesli Glen, Julie Schumacher, Cathy Dekker

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

Meeting called to order by President Tyrell Burkland. Julie made a motion to approve the August 17, 2025 minutes. Marilyn seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Finance: Laura reported financial reports. Cathy made a motion to approve the amended financial report as presented. Second to the motion by Marilyn. Motion carried.

Old Business: Laura reported that the AQHA MVP for Montana only has two Professional Horsemen eligible per AQHA guidelines. Discussion about a professional to be submitted for the award. Marilyn made a motion to nominate Laura Bakker, second by Ruth. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Show Committee: Tyrell reported he will be having a Show Committee meeting in the coming weeks. Report tabled for October meeting.

NILE: Marilyn reported the new banner is being generated Hi-Point jackets from Cinch and donated by Franks Herefords and On-Point Performance Horses will be delivered to Marilyn. Kimes has donated gift certificate cards and those are being sent to Marilyn. Marilyn also reported that the MQHA booth location is inferior to past locations. She is working with the Nile Committee to change the location. The VRH Show starts on Saturday through Wednesday. The International Agricultural tour will again be coming to the Nile. Several Montana breeders are hosting the contingent. Marilyn has received a new banner from Markel. Approximately half of the sponsorship money that has been invoiced has been collected. Britt Kissock-Robinson has volunteered to set up the booth at the Metra with several Board members volunteering to man the booth throughout the Nile. Rita Church has a schedule formatted for the personnel.

Membership Services: No change in membership numbers from the August meeting.

Marketing: Julie reported the raffle tickets for the shotgun are doing well. Several Board members have sold several. Julie would like the bulk sold before Nile. Shotgun producer has made arrangements to get the gun to Ruth and it will be available for viewing at the Nile. Julie also needs more liquor for the raffle at the Nile.

Recreational Riding: Julie reported she has partnered with a group out of Lolo for a poker ride and would like to set up the MQHA Booth there.

Amateur: Cathy reported there was a good turn-out of MQHA Amateurs at the Region 2. Marilyn reported via AQHA that Region 2 was a huge success.

Youth: Laura reported for Michele Shaw, the Youth will be having a meeting in October and will have a report at the October meeting.

Breeders/Ranch: No new report.

By-Laws: No new report.

Legislative: Laura reported Britt indicated no news. She would like Committee reports for the Newsletter.

Awards: No report.

Region 2: Tracy Brown reported the Show was a great success, amazing contestants, good judges. Concerns about the ranch horse classes which the Committee will be addressing for the future. Montana was well represented at the Show, several members bringing home awards. Cathy reported the 20th Anniversary buckles were beautiful.

2025 Convention: Tyrell reported he will be having a Convention Committee meeting in the next couple of weeks and will have more to report at the October meeting.

Hall of Fame: Ruth reported she has an extensive list of possible inductees. She is working on awards for the HOF inductees. Suggestions for awards are notebooks which Ruth can get through her association at Hoaglunds. Laura also suggested a budget for the HOF awards.

New Business: Laura was contacted by an MQHA member regarding the number of required shows for year-end awards. The Board agreed awards, per the By-Laws, are given to exhibitors attending 50% of the shows offering those classes. The Board will be re-writing the verbiage to address this. Laura will notify the member of the Board's response to her question.

Correspondence: No new written correspondence, several AQHA emails were forwarded to the Board.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Bakker
2025 Secretary/Treasurer

Next meeting – October 22, 2025 – ZOOM Meeting; 7:30 pm
