
Board of Directors
Date April 29, 2026
Zoom Meeting, 7:30pm

MONTANA QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION

Board members present: Tyrell Burklund, Josh Shengle, Tracy Tiner, Michele Shaw, Lesli Glen, Britt Kissock-Robinson

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

Meeting called to order by President Tyrell Burklund joined meeting later. Michele S. made a motion to approve the March 18, 2026 minutes. Second Tracy T. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

Old Business: Laura reported Jamie from FunnWare has set the training meeting for May 19, 2026; 7:00pm. There are 19 training participants. Laura is sending email notifications as well as text messages to the participants.

Committee Reports:

Show Committee: Big Sky Classic: Tyrell reported he has contacted Clayton Miller for cattle. Hi-Point awards include some swag bags from Security Title, Jacks Bands, Pirana are a few of the items that will be included. Several new folks have inquired about stalls. The contestant BBQ will now be a social including a BSC wine goblet. The Rollo Ranch in Columbus does a chili feed and have sponsored the makings for chili. The Little Red Wagon will be the main food vendor. Will is also looking into another food vendor from the Billings Livestock Sale. Marilyn volunteered utilizing her horse for sweeping the arena of cattle.

Nile VRH Show: Lesli reported she has nothing new to report. Marilyn has approximately 95% renewed sponsorships as well as a few new sponsors. She has talked with Kimes about awards. Cinch, Josh and Austin have committed to hi-point jacket awards again.

Membership Services: Laura reported currently MQHA has 76 new or renewal members for 2026, 42 lifetime member, and 17 MQHYA membership.

Marketing: No report.

Amateur: No report.

Youth Michele S. reported the Youth have volunteered to pre-bed stalls at the BSC for \$20/stall. Sidney McCasland will make a flyer to advertise. At the Corvallis Show, the Youth are having a mini-clinic utilizing AQHA Judge Jan Larsen as the clinician, "Just For Youth". This will follow the Buckle Series Show on Saturday prior to the WMQHA Show. Hailey Reed and Savannah Barker are the MQHYA Show Sponsorship recipients. Marilyn suggested any of the MQHYA members attend the AQHYA Youth Excellence Seminar conference. Marilyn would be happy to chat with the MQHYA members in attendance at the Big Sky Classic to answer questions as well as promote attending AQHYA events. Michele S. will let the MQHYA members competing at the WMQHA Show to let them know about these AQHYA events.

Breeders: Lesli reported she is getting a meeting together for the Breeders and Ranchers. Marilyn suggested adding Breeders sales to the MQHA calendar.

Ranch: No report.

By-Laws: No report

Legislative: Britt emailed a legislative report to Laura for the Board and to be posted on the website. Full report is also an addendum to these minutes. AQHA report on using Dex.

Recreational Riding: No report.

Region 2: No report.

Hall of Fame: Ruth reported she and Laura will be talking regarding new inductees and will report to the Board in the next couple of months. Tyrell would like to meet with Ruth and Laura regarding having the Friday evening social event become a Hall of Fame Dinner for the recipients. He would like to send out a Save The Date postcard toward the end of June, first of July to encourage participation.

New Business

Laura reported Colleen Carnine has edited a Draft Lease agreement for the MQHA tablets and software. Laura will email the document to the Board for their review.

Correspondence: Laura reported she received a thank you from a MT State 4-H recipient from 2025 awards.

All agenda items have been satisfied. Britt 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 – May 20, 2026 Zoom Meeting 7:30pm

ADDENDUM – Legislative Report