
Board of Directors
Date February 18, 2026
Zoom Meeting, 7:30 pm

MONTANA QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION

Board members present: Tyrell Burklund, Josh Shengle, Julie Schumacher, Cathy Dekker, Tracy Tiner, Michele Shaw, Lesli Glen, Rita Church

National Directors: Gary Lynn Olson

Meeting called to order by President Tyrell Burklund. Julie made a motion to approve the January 21, 2026 minutes. Cathy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

Old Business: Laura reported on the status of the Funnware tablets and software and screen shared the invoice Colleen Carmine submitted for the purchase of the tablets. Discussion regarding the Zoom training for the software and tablets. Laura indicated Colleen was waiting until Bonnie DeVeniero had been to the Silver Dollar for observation. Tyrell indicated the Western Montana Quarter Horse Association would like to include their scribes on the training session.

Committee Reports:

Show Committee:

Big Sky Classic: Tyrell reported on the Big Sky Classic, he has reached out to more sponsors. He is waiting to hear back from Cottonwood regarding a contract.

Nile VRH Show: Lesli reported the VRH Show may not be a two judge show as previously reported. The Nile Board is still considering the option. Lesli reported her All-Breed Show will be a two judge show.

Membership Services: Laura reported currently MQHA has 65 new or renewal members for 2026, 44 lifetime member (1 new), and no change in the MQHYA membership.

Marketing: Julie reported she is working on the calendar and has sent the draft to both Laura and Tyrell. Printing should be completed later in this week and will be mailed when received. Calendars will also be available at the Backcountry Horsemen Convention. She is looking for more assistance with the booth.

Laura reported the Directory has been received and mailed to membership as well as copies to the advertisers. Laura will get copies to Julie for the BC Convention.

Amateur: Cathy reported the AQHA Show Leaders List has been posted on social media. The contract for the Super Barn for the Sparks Some Fun Show has been completed.

Youth Michele S. reported the Youth held a meeting and approved the proposed changes to the By-Laws. The Youth also approved the Admin fees to MQHA for Laura's point keeping services. CD renewal has also been approved. The Youth asked Britt Kissock-Robinson to complete a brochure hand-out which has been completed in a pdf form. Suggested to have a Ride-The-Pattern at a couple of MQHA Shows. Discussion regarding doing the pre-bedding at the Big Sky Classic. Laura and Michele S. updated forms on the Youth portion of the website. Next MQHYA meeting is March 24, 2026.

Breeders: Lesli reported she has posted the breeder podcast on social media and it has also been uploaded to the website. Good response from her Facebook page and other breeds showing some interest in the podcast. Views were 1500 YTD and Lesli suggested Board share from their pages. Lesli would like to have a Breeders and Ranchers Zoom meeting and will get that set up. Lesli would like to expand on the Breeders to include more local breeders. She has also talked to Taylor Brown from KGHL to do a podcast through the radio.

Ranch: Josh is working on getting more information regarding the Ranching Committee criteria and will work with Lesli and the Breeders Committee to get more ranchers involved in the Organization. Tyrell suggested possibly having Josh focus on the Ranching Heritage portion for the Committee.

By-Laws: No report

Legislative: Britt emailed the report to Laura for the Board and to be posted on the website. Report is also an addendum to these minutes.

Recreational Riding: Julie reported the Poker Ride in Lolo is having a spring ride and offered attendance from MQHA. Julie has a flyer from them and will have it posted on social media.

Region 2: No report.

Hall of Fame: No report.

New Business: Laura reported she would like suggestions for an auditor of the MQHA books from the Board. Tabled for March meeting.

Lesli reported the Johnson family is doing some promotion items as well as leather work for awards. Suggested to consider for show awards or year-end awards. Cathy screen shared an award she received from this entity. Information will be forwarded onto Awards Committee.

Correspondence: The MT 4-H Show Committee has sent a sponsorship request to MQHA. Lesli made a motion to table any sponsorship for a later meeting. Second to the motion by Michele S. Motion carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Bakker
2026 Secretary/Treasurer

Next meeting – March 18, 2026 Zoom Meeting 7:30pm
