

**MONTANA QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION – TABLE MEETING –
KEYSER CREEK ARENA, COLUMBUS, MT**

Board members present: Ralph Young, Rita Church, Nancy LaCounte, Jane Ellis, Tracy Brown, Lou Ann Holt, Michele McGuigan, Nancy Ostle-Zahn. MQHA Members present: National Director – Ruth Gates and MQHYA Advisor Barb Bouma.

The second table meeting of the MQHA Board of Directors was called to order by President Ralph Young. Minutes from the July teleconference meeting were distributed electronically. Minutes were approved as corrected. Due to Quickbooks issues, the financial report was tabled and will be submitted electronically to the Board. No motion necessary due to lack of documentation.

OLD BUSINESS:

Wrangler subscription was discussed. Laura had an email from Jennifer at the Wrangler. Jennifer indicated the cost per member was approximately \$8.00 per member. This was double the cost in previous years and Laura will contact the Wrangler to find out exactly where the cost discrepancies are. Possible sponsors were again discussed without any confirmation.

The donation to the State 4-H horse show was discussed. Barb presented the form for Laura to complete and get in the mail.

Committee Reports:

Shows: Jane reported the August show is in fact happening as the meeting progressed. Full report will be submitted at September meeting.

Race – Ralph reported in November the 2016 dates will be set for race meets.

Trail Ride – Tracy reported via Deb that the July ride had a great turnout. Nice awards, the BBQ. 40 people attended the event, including 34 participants, 18 in the trail challenge. Deb will present a full P&L at the September meeting, after the August ride. She has had some cancellations for the August ride, hoping to fill those prior to the event.

Region 2 Show – Rita reported MQHA was an approved show for the Region 2 shows. Discussion about the \$1.00 per entry fee and the amount spent within Montana and at the Region 2 show. Discussion of the possibility of including Spokane as an approved show for 2016. Research was done several years ago with no additional membership being generated by including Spokane. Discussion about looking at additional surrounding states for 2016 to increase the number of shows for MQHA.

Membership – Nancy L. the contract for the Nile booth has been signed. Nile is October 11-17, 2015; trade show is open from 8am to 5pm. Discussion about assistance in manning the booth. Tracy has ordered 500 lanyards for distribution.

Amateurs – Lou Ann reported she is doing regular Facebook posts for NFR ticket sales. Currently, sales have just covered costs. Historically, sales at the Nile have proven to be significant.

Youth – Barb B. reported the results from the Youth World show, 2 attended and placed including Aleena McDonald who won the Level Two 2 year old filly class, Kyra Bouma was 5th in halter, 21st in Equitation, 30th in horsemanship and 3rd in horsemanship at the NSBA Finals. The Youth have scheduled a “Showmanship Switcheroo” class to be held following the last AQHA showmanship class at the Last Best Place Quarter Horse Show. Several awards including donated stall fees, \$10 toward entry fees, hat can, and a \$100 donation.

Breeders – No report

By-Laws – Nancy viewed several other states for their position on having National Directors as voting Board members. General consensus was it varies from state-to-state. Discussion about the possibility of having a proxy vote similar to North Dakota. Suggested that National Directors become an actual Board member, quorum was at issue. Discussion about having the Youth Advisor as a Board member. Additional discussion about the necessity of having 2 directors from each region or just adding to the “At Large” Board positions. Tabled until New Business.

Legislative – No report.

2015 Awards – Tracy reported Cinch has offered a discount to the membership. Tracy will research this and report at the September meeting.

2015 Convention – Stan relayed to Ralph a concern about the Convention being located in Lewistown. Apparently, the new owner is not interested in supporting any type of discount for the group with rooms at approximately \$150 per night. Stan suggested looking at other locales. Choteau was suggested. Barb Bouma will call Stan after getting a quote from the motel in Choteau and costs of catering the meal. Tabled until September meeting.

Nomination Committee: Nancy reported the Director’s terms listed in the Directory are correct. Laura will make sure the listing in the computer has been corrected.

NEW BUSINESS:

National Director voting privileges was discussed. Jane made a motion that the Youth Advisor be included as a voting Board member. Second to the motion by Nancy L. Motion carried. Jane also made a motion to amend the MQHA By-Laws to include restructuring the MQHA Board to include one (1) Board member from each Region and four (4) At-Large Board. Nancy L. seconded the motion. Motion passed. Laura will draft the amendment to the general membership and will mail with the Convention/Year-End information

& ballots that will be sent out USPS 30 days prior to the General Membership meeting at the Convention.

All agenda items have been satisfied, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Bakker
Secretary/Treasurer

**Next meeting – Teleconference
September 23 2015 - 7:00pm**

Supplementary MQHA Board of Directors meeting: August 21, 2015 called to order by President Ralph Young. MQHA Board members present: Nancy Ostle-Zahn, Jane Ellis, Lisa Hamilton, Rita Church, Lou Ann Holt and Tracy Brown. MQHA Members present: National Director – Ruth Gates and MQHYA Advisor Barb Bouma. Additional meeting was called at the request of several Board members wanting clarification and accountability for the Region 2 addition to the MQHA Year-End points. Options were discussed to resolve the issue. The MQHA Board of Directors recognizes the in-state shows are paying more approval fees this year than Region 2. The Board also recognizes the financial inequality of the issue. As the decision was advertised and a unanimous Board decision, the issue will be revisited for the 2016 year and to make all MQHA approved shows equitably fair. Rita made a motion that the 2015 Region 2 show decision will stand for the 2015 year and be revisited and restructured in 2016 to address the WMQHA's concerns. Second to the motion by Lisa Hamilton. Motion carried. Further discussion about MQHA shows and the profitability as well as the future of shows within the State of Montana. Further discussion was tabled until a future meeting.