

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

Board members present: Ralph Young, Rita Church, Nancy LaCounte, Jane Ellis, Barb Boma, Tracy Brown, Lou Ann Holt, Michele McGuigan, Marilyn Randall, Nancy Ostle-Zahn

Meeting called to order by President Ralph Young. Minutes from the teleconference meeting were distributed electronically. Minutes were approved as corrected. Financial report was presented electronically. Nancy LaCounte made a motion to approve the financial. Second to the motion by Rita. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Barb questioned the sponsorship check to the MT 4-H Horse Show and whether it had been sent. Laura reported that she had not received the form. Barb will make sure 4-H Committee sends the form for payment.

Committee Reports:

Shows: Jane reported the August show was coming along. Still need to confirm ring stewards, ribbons and Jane will make up some news releases for the area media. Ralph mentioned the Billings Gazette, Rita recommended the Stillwater News and Red Lodge newspaper. Jane will follow-up with these publications and get into “weekly happenings”. Barb mentioned contacting the 4-H Extension Office. Sharla at that office was going to forward onto the different 4-H groups. Laura reported she has a message to 2 local ladies to assist. She will report at the August meeting. Jane also questioned the approval for Region 2 points to count toward MQHA year-end. Rita will report the decision of Region 2 at the August meeting. Discussion about the fees for becoming an affiliate of the Region 2 show.

Race – Great Falls had a meet and will be having another meet with only 1 Quarter Horse race. Ralph reported the race revenues were up.

Trail Ride – Tracy reported that Deb had a couple of cancellations and still had a few spots available. Deb has all the awards and BBQ sponsored. Deb was getting a map together along with some information for the participants.

Region 2 Show – Rita indicated there is a Region 2 meeting the following week and will get Tracy's information to Mary. Rita will report at the next meeting regarding the inclusion of State affiliates for show approval.

Membership – Nancy L. reported 191 members including 35 Youth, one new member, Jan Larsen an AQHA judge who just moved to Kalispell.

Amateurs – Lou Ann reported she is receiving a few checks for the NFR raffle and will follow-up with some of the members who have received tickets but not turned them into her. The majority of the tickets have been distributed.

Youth – Barb B. reported the Youth have their check ready for the State 4-H Horse Show. Sadie Church has re-applied for another MQHYA scholarship, being the first Youth to be a scholarship recipient and utilize all 4 scholastic years' scholarship awards. Youth World was just getting completed.

Breeders – No report

By-Laws – Nancy reported looking into having the by-laws changed to allow the National Directors voting privileges on matters that come before the Board. Rita indicated this will need to be submitted to the general membership for changing the voting procedure for National Directors. Discussion about including the Youth Advisor and Youth President voting members additionally to the National Directors. Marilyn indicated there may be an issue with the quorum requirement. Tabled for August meeting to enable Board to format a motion and additional research.

Legislative – No report.

2015 Awards – Tracy reported the determination on awards is contingent upon adding the Region 2 Show into the number of MQHA shows.

2015 Convention – No new report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Wrangler sponsorship needs to be addressed. Jennifer from the Wrangler informed the Board about the subscription sponsorship needing to be updated. Laura will contact the Wrangler to find out the total financial liability for MQHA's subscription as well as when the subscription is due and report to the Board via email or at the August meeting. Several possible sponsors were discussed.

Rita suggested getting the Nomination Committee together for Board replacements. Tabled for August meeting.

All agenda items have been satisfied. Nancy LaCounte made a motion to adjourn. Second by Rita. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Bakker
Secretary/Treasurer

**Next meeting – Table – Keyser Creek Arena
August 20, 2015 - 4:00pm**
