

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

Board members present: Ralph Young, Rita Church, Nancy LaCounte, Ruth McDonald-Gates, Jane Ellis, Barb Boma, Tracy Brown, Deb Cress

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

OLD BUSINESS:

None

Committee Reports:

Shows: The Show Committee met via teleconference June 4 to discuss the Last Best Place and No Bling Show. Jane reported the circuit fee, which will be \$200 for the Last Best Place Show, does not include stall fees. Nancy OZ will put the correct description on the show bill before publication. The Rookie/Novice – No Bling is \$45 for as many classes as exhibitors want to show in. A few more volunteers are needed for the show. Rita will follow up on the 4-H/Office for advertising. Need to follow-up with Ruth for additional ring stewards who might have done the script clinic. Ruth suggesting contacting one of the stewards from the 2014 Big Sky Classic. Ruth will get contact information to Jane. Utilization of the remainder awards from the Big Sky Classic and purchase of additional awards. Ribbons will also need to be found and/or ordered. Rita will try and locate the remaining ribbons. Laura will email the Board with the cost for a full set of ribbons. Same concessions that the Big Sky Classic had. Laura will contact the Wrangler for advertising in the MQHA space provided. Possibility of advertising in the

4-H Newsletters to encourage youth and novice entries for the No Bling Show. Barb B. suggested contacting Sharla at the Bozeman Extension Office. Barb will send Jane the contact information. Jane also wanted to know about the Center of The Nation and becoming an affiliate. Tracy will follow up on this.

Race – Nothing new to report.

Trail Ride – Deb reported July 31 ride is full, 34 horses and riders attending. 6 participants have purchased MQHA membership because of the Trail Ride. Deb is looking at t-shirts for possible fund raiser. Shirts will have MQHA logo on the front and “I Survived The Courses At Montana Horses”. The August ride has 2-4 spaces available. Deb has volunteers to help with the rides. Deb is working to get all the food donated. Deb will finalize the awards. Renee Mantle is getting the course designs to Deb. A welcome letter will be delivered to all the attendees. Rita will bring the MQHA apparel for possible sales. Tracy suggested a “thank you” from the recipients to the sponsor. Deb indicated she has done this in the past. She also has some advertising at the Trail Ride for the sponsor. Deb will report the final tally on the awards. Tracy had a question about AQHA and their rules and regulations. Deb did get ahold of AQHA and there are still fees associated with having an approved Trail Ride. Deb will look into an AQHA approved Trail Ride for 2016 and the criteria for holding that event. Deb also mentioned possibility of having an AQHA only Trail Ride Section. Laura will get an updated membership list to Deb.

Region 2 Show – Rita indicated nothing new to report. Rita has submitted Tracy’s name replacing Ruth for the Committee.

Membership – Nancy L. reported 12 new or renewed members for a total of 107 yearly renewed members, 44 lifetime members, 11 yearly youth members and 24 life youth members. Nancy would like to reach out to the new Board members and encourage participation. The Nile booth is set,

more help will be needed to man the booth because of the extended length of the Show. Rita questioned manning the booth for the full week.

Amateurs –Tracy updated the financial report. Tracy needs to contact the Amateur members for possibly sponsoring an award for the Trail Ride. LouAnn reported via email that raffle ticket is coming in and if anyone needs more tickets to contact her.

Youth – Barb B. reported there were several Youth who helped out at the Big Sky Classic and Treasure State show. There is new Youth member who will be attending the AQHYA World Show; accepted through a unanimous vote of the existing youth membership. Barb Popovich reported via Tracy Brown that Codi Uecker was the MQHYA Scholarship recipient.

Breeders – No report

By-Laws – Ruth will follow-up with other associations concerning their by-laws concerning voting national directors voting rights.

Legislative – No report

2015 Awards – No report

2015 Convention – Ralph reported Stan has been in contact with the new owners of the Yogo Inn and everything is being taken care of. Discussion about the conflict with the World Show.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nancy LaCounte requested an update for the Treasure State Show. Laura indicated via Nancy OZ that the show was small but extremely fun.

Laura reported that she was in touch with the accountant and an extension for the reporting was done and accepted by the IRS.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Bakker
Secretary/Treasurer

**Next meeting – Teleconference
July 22, 2015 - 7:00pm**
