
Board of Directors Date September 10, 2015

MONTANA QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION

Board members present: Ralph Young, Rita Church, Nancy LaCounte, Jane Ellis, Tracy Brown, Michele McGuigan, Deb Cress, Lou Ann Holt, Barb Bouma, Ruth Gates, Marilyn Randal.

Marilyn wanted to discuss the Ranching Heritage Challenge at the Nile and having an MQHA sponsored hospitality room, 7:30am on Wednesday of the Challenge. Marilyn has sponsors to cover the cost of the refreshments provided for participants and the general public. The room is free and coffee is going to be provided by the Nile. She has college students to do a survey. Ralph kept the discussion on the Nile asking Nancy about any help that she might need. Nancy indicated the booth has to be manned Monday through Saturday 9am-4pm.

Meeting called to order by President Ralph Young. Minutes from the August meeting. Jane had two proposed corrections to the minutes. Minutes were approved as corrected. Financial report was discussed in depth. Jane suggested a Finance/Audit & Budget Committee and a Ways and Means Committee to talk about a means of generating income. Jane made a motion to approve the financial statement, second to the motion by Nancy L. Motion carried.

D.A. Davidson report, Rita made a motion to withdraw the interest money. Second to the motion by Nancy L. Motion carried. Ruth will talk to Mike about the necessary signatures to make the withdrawal.

Laura sent the Board a copy of the 2014 990 Form for their review.

OLD BUSINESS:

Wrangler subscription was discussed. Laura will try again to get ahold of Jennifer for answers to the questions about MQHA's responsibility. Laura will forward any correspondence onto the Board.

Other Old Business: None

Committee Reports:

Show: All cattle saddle results will be forwarded as soon as it is available

Region 2 will not pay additional fees. Rita reported the show was a good show, down about 100+ horses. Montana was well represented.

Awards: Tracy recommended allowing the contestants to choose their award. Hi Point sheet, storage bag, light weight jacket and reserve vest. Tracy will need to have a Committee meeting to discuss the awards. 2014 awards included 49 Hi-Point winners, 35 reserve hi-point award winners, 5 all-around and 4 reserve all-around. Suggested utilizing remaining awards from the shows. Nancy L. made a motion to allow Tracy to move forward with the awards. Rita seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2015 Convention: Discussion about location and date. Choteau was suggested at the last meeting. Barb B. talked about a Friday evening Board meeting dinner. Saturday morning includes breakfast for anyone staying over, convention rooms on Saturday and any meal for Saturday evening at a price of approximately \$18/person. Meeting rooms could be comped depending on the number of rooms rented by members.

Barb B. suggested a fundraiser; each of the Board bring 4 items and sell squares in a grid format to participants. Discussion about the Silent Auction.

Board concensus was that an early November Convention was not feasible. It was suggested moving the Convention into early 2016 due to logistics and getting notification to the members in a timely manner. The weekend of January 23rd, 2016 was suggested. Ralph suggested a Committee for the 2015 Convention. Nancy L. made a motion to change the dates of the Convention from the first weekend in November to January 23, 2016 with the venue to be Choteau providing the facility is available. Second to the motion, by Tracy. Barb B. will head the Convention Committee with Ruth assisting. Barb will check to make sure the facility is available. Motion carried.

By-Laws: Nancy reiterated the amendment to the By-laws as well as mailing out to the membership. Nancy will need nominations for the Board so she can send out a letter of interest.

NEW BUSINESS:

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Discussion about the WMQHA letter that was delivered to Laura. Ruth indicated the Region 2 Show is paying \$2,000 but it is being distributed to 5 affiliates and MQHA is getting a portion of the fees. Nancy L. made a motion that we paid the WMQHA's letter until the 2015 Convention in January. Jane seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Website update was discussed. Ruth talked to Mary and has not received the money to complete the website and will be working as soon as she gets the second check. Ruth will follow up.

New Committee was discussed. Jane volunteered to help on the Budget/Audit Committee. Included on the Committee would be Ralph and Laura, Nancy L. and Rita. Laura will send the Committee the exact breakdown of the expenses and income for 2015. This Committee will meet to discuss the financial situation and report a summary to the Board at the October Board meeting. Scheduled for September 29, 2015. Finance Committee will discuss the Ways & Means.. Rita made a motion to adjourn, Nancy L. second. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted
Laura Bakker
2016 Secretary/Treasurer

Next meeting
October 14, 2015 – Teleconference 7:00 pm.
