

MQHA June 14, 2017 meeting minutes

Meeting was called to order by Barb B., those in attendance were: Nancy Zahn, Rita Church, Tyrell Burkland, Katie Witt, Tracy Brown, Michelle McGuigan, Ruth Gates, Julie Schumacher, Barb Bouma.

Treasurer's report. (Laura Bakker was not able to present updated information due to extenuating circumstances). Nancy Zahn reported stall payment received to date were \$3221.00.

Minutes from the May meeting were approved by Tyrell, second by Ruth, motion passed to accept.

Finance: Ruth mentioned that there was an outstanding bill owed to Mary Noonan for the directory of \$~ 1175.00. it was noted that we do not owe Mary anything for the website as that is "donated". Ruth mentioned that Mary did charge the Amateurs \$50 for ad set up and the amateurs need to reimburse MQHA.

It was also mentioned that we owe the accountant \$500 for filing of 2016 taxes.

Nancy Zahn motioned that we pay this two bills after the Big Sky Classic, Tyrell seconded, motion passed.

It was mentioned that the big sky classis show will cost approx. \$10,500.

No old business.

Committee reports:

Awards: Katie reported that she and LouAnn Holt along with Tracy Brown plan to have a meeting the weekend of the BSC show to discuss year end awards.

Market & Member: Ruth mentioned we need to get sponsors now for the 2018 MQHA membership card.

Amateur: Tracy received 12 amateur incentive fund entries from Jane Ellis who is heading up the incentive fund committee. Nancy Zahn mentioned she has received 2 additional entries at the BSC show. Tracy reported that the sales of the NFR rodeo tickets is doing very well!

Youth: Julie reported that the youth will be doing a fund raiser at the BSC of musical chairs. Entry is \$10 and chair, there will be an open class and a youth class. Winner of open receives half of the 50/50 and youth receive a \$200 gift card.

Directory: already discussed

Breeders: n/a

Bylaws: n/a

Scholarship: n/a

Trail Ride: n/a

Website: discussed update on scholarship, mqhya youth scholarship, not mqha.

CMR barrel race: Tyrell reported that CSR did not want CMR advertising to begin until after August 22<sup>nd</sup> so not to conflict with their futurity and sale. Brian Anderson has withdrawn as chairperson. Rita mentioned that Ralph Young is interested in taking over the CMR and move it back to Columbus. Tracy moved to accept Ralph's offer, Katie second, motion carried. Ralph Young will be chairperson for the Charlie Russel Barrel futurity and sale to be held October 7-8, 2017 at Keyser Creek arena in Columbus, MT.

Barb mentioned adding the 2017 Convention to the next meeting agenda as planning needs to start.

New Business:

The Billings Nile contract was discussed, the dates are October 14-21<sup>st</sup>. Nancy moved to sign the contract so MQHA will have a booth, Tracy second, motion passed.

Barb Bouma discussed other ways MQHA could possibly increase the profitability of having horse shows and suggested maybe conducting an open horse show series in 2018 with the shows being held at different venues across the state. Perhaps having 4-6 shows in locations like Bozeman (fair grounds), Deer Lodge (pavilion), Great Falls (king Arena), Columbus (keyser creek) and Corvallis (sapphire). A committee was formed to include: Barb, Rita, Tracy, Julie, Tyrell, Katie.

Katie is organizing the silent auction at the BSC and said it will run from Thursday till noon on Saturday.

Seeing no further business, Katie motioned that the meeting be adjourned, Rita second, motion passed.

The next MQHA meeting is scheduled for July 20, 2017

Respectfully submitted, Tracy Brown