

MONTANA QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION

Board members present: Barb Bouma, Nancy Ostle-Zahn, Tracy Brown, Julie Schumacher, Tyrell Burklund, Marilyn Randall, Stan Weaver, Rita Church

Meeting called to order by President Barb Bouma.

Tracy made a motion to approve the minutes from the February, 2017 meeting. Second by Marilyn. Motion carried.

Finance: Laura emailed the financial report to the Board for review and approval. Julie made a motion to approve the financial report as presented. Second to the motion by Marilyn. Motion carried.

Old Business:

The sponsorship form presented at the February meeting was discussed. Printers for the form in duplicate as opposed triplicate was discussed. Tracy reported the printer for the NFR tickets has submitted a bid. Julie suggested a condensed format and will send an example to the Board. Tabled until April meeting

AQHA survey was tabled until Barb can contact AQHA regarding this. Stan will assist Barb.

Stan questioned the Board concerning a survey regarding the AQHA website. Stan has requested members of the Board be included in the survey. Stan also requested a Board member attend the AQHA Affiliate Workshop May 22-23, 2017.

Committee Reports:

Awards: Tyrell will photograph awards before mailing and post them on the website and Facebook page.

Marketing/Membership Services: Laura reported the membership cards have been ordered in order to send the cards out with the Directory. Rita will get information to Laura regarding the Ford sponsorship.

Amateur: Tracy reported the NFR raffle tickets are going well and expenses have been covered. Remaining tickets sales will be profit. Nancy reported that there were approximately 1/3 of the tickets left. Nancy has also donated a boot rack or cross to the high ticket sales person. Raffle drawing will be held at the Nile. Tracy and Ruth worked on getting Marty Simper for a fall clinic.

Youth: Julie reported a sponsorship form has been sent to members of MQHYA. She has also sent out information for the World Show and declaration sheets. A clinic has been planned for some time in June in Whitehall. Julie will finalize and report back to the Board. No youth have expressed an interest in the AQHA YES conference for 2017. Several are

interested for 2018. Kyra Bouma has proposed giving a three day clinic before Youth World to the participants. Julie will follow up with Kyra for dates and location.

Breeders: No report.

By-Laws: No report.

Legislative: Marilyn reported at the Convention and there are no legislative issues that need to be presented.

2017 Directory: Laura reported Ruth stated the Directory printing was paid for 1000 copies, there have been approximately \$4,000 worth of ads paid for. Laura will report back to the Board regarding outstanding ads that need to be invoiced. Laura will also make a trip to Great Falls to pick up the Directories for mailing.

Scholarship: Barb suggested the Board think about having a Scholarship for 2018 fiscal year.

Show Committee: Tyrell reported sponsorships are slow but he has contacted several previous sponsors. He would like \$2,000 sponsorship including a banner, ad in Directory, Facebook and Website as well as continual advertising at the show, this would be for a three year contract. He is proposing a \$500 award for The Challenge. He is also requesting the Youth and Amateur consider The Challenge award. Tyrell has contacted several trail course designers for The Challenge. Marilyn indicated she also has contacts for trail courses. Tracy will contact the Amateur members regarding The Challenge. Tyrell will get an outline to Laura to send out to the Board for The Challenge sponsorship. Tyrell also reported he is having his mother make flower boxes for the trail courses. Tracy will provide flowers for one of the boxes if Tyrell could let her know how many flowers are needed. Julie will contact the MQHYA members regarding contributing to The Challenge. Nancy also reported the show bill will be posted to Facebook April 1, 2017; easy entry on-line will not be available until May 1, 2017. Nancy questioned if the Big Sky Classic was going to be Mountain States approved. Discussion regarding financial feasibility of being MS approved. Barb is awaiting return calls from several trainers regarding attending and if they are MS members. Tyrell has contacted trainers and some are still finalizing their schedules. Tyrell will report back at the April meeting. Board consensus was to not be MS approved for 2017. Marilyn will not be in attendance at the Big Sky Classic due to scheduling issues.

Trail Ride: Tracy reported she has looked at some dates for a Trail Ride. She will contact both Beartooth and the Mantle Ranch to see which dates are available. Suggested dates are July 8-9, July 15-16, Aug 5-6 or Aug 12-13, 2017. Tracy will report back at the April meeting.

Website: No report. Tracy indicated the updates have not been completed. Tyrell indicated Ruth had contacted him to see if someone from the College would like to take the website on as a senior project. Ruth will report to the Board at the April meeting about updating the website.

CMR Barrel Horse Sale and 4D Barrel Race: Rita reported she and Ralph were talking about change of venue, possibly to the Copper Spring Ranch. Brian Anderson was interested

in holding the barrel race and sale at the Ranch. Discussion about conflict with the CSR sale, but dates are not conflicting if held in October as in previous years. Rita will get ahold of both Ralph and Brian to discuss and report back to the Board. Discussion regarding an auctioneer. Tabled until Committee discussion.

NEW BUSINESS:

Marilyn reported on the AQHA Convention. Marilyn reported that Tracy Knudson-Brown was officially selected as the Montana National Director. Marilyn also reported she is on the International Committee and her responsibilities in that position. Rita reported she serves on the Western and Timed Events. Some discussion about rule changes that will be addressed in 2018. Tracy reported she attended as a guest prior to being selected as an ND and was impressed with the speakers and the Convention process. 2018 Convention will be in Jacksonville, FL. Dates are first weekend in March. Marilyn reported the Convention is open for any/all AQHA members and beneficial for members. Discussion about encouraging members from Montana to attend.

Barb is requesting Committee Chairs submit a planning guide for their respective Committees to submit to the Board. The guide would assist new Committee Chairs and members. If the Committee Chairs could complete the guide and email to Laura.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Bakker
2017 Secretary/Treasurer

**Next meeting – Teleconference Meeting
April 26, 2017 – 7:30pm**
