

**MONTANA QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION**

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Board members present: Barb Bouma, Nancy Ostle-Zahn, Tracy Brown, Ralph Young, Julie Schumacher, Tyrell Burklund, Brian Anderson, Michele McGuigan, Marilyn Randall, Ruth McDonald-Gates, Gary Lynn Olson

Meeting called to order by President Barb Bouma.

Ralph made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 26, 2017 meeting as presented. Second by Marilyn. Motion carried.

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

**Old Business:**

Barb reported Julie sent out the sponsorship form for approval.

Stan and Barb have been in contact with Shelly Spears regarding the MQHA survey. AQHA has agreed to assist with submitting the survey to Montana AQHA member via email. Committee for pertinent questions: Tracy Brown, Michele McGuigan, Barb Bouma, Nancy Ostle-Zahn and Julie Schumacher. Marilyn indicated anyone receiving an email survey should be notified of the results and the committee should contact Shelly to request the email addresses in order for MQHA to send those results. Possibility of requesting email address within the survey, advantages of being a member of MQHA. Tracy will share the flyer she produced regarding the advantages of being an MQHA member.

**Committee Reports:**

**Show Committee:** Tyrell reported the buckles have been ordered for the Big Sky Classic. Tyrell has contacted the owner of the Burger Buggy in Corvallis who will provide concessions Thursday through Saturday as well as hors d'ouvers for Friday evening function. Rita sent an email indicating there are plenty of ribbons for the Classic and will get those to Tyrell. The format for The Challenge has been adjusted in order to accommodate the entrants. Tyrell is creating a Facebook Event about The Challenge for advertising. The Challenge is open to Youth and Amateur and is included in the most recent show bill. Tyrell is still trying to find entertainment for the Friday evening event.

**Awards:** No report.

**Marketing/Membership Services:** Laura reported the Membership cards have been received and mailed out to the membership. ARC has submitted an invoice for the membership cards in the amount of \$429.30 and subsequently will be invoiced to Ford for their sponsorship. Marilyn made a motion pay the invoice to ARC. Second to the motion from Ralph. Motion carried.

**Amateur:** Tracy reported she and Nancy have sent an email out to the Amateurs in regards to sponsoring the Challenge. Response was negative to the sponsorship for 2017. NFR raffle tickets are going well.

**Youth:** Julie reported the Youth did a membership drive at the Circle L Shows. The MQHA will sponsor The Challenge for \$200. The Youth would like to do a musical chairs event at the Classic. The Youth will hold the event after the BBQ. Julie has letters of declaration and class fees from everyone intending to attend. 4 youth are planning on attending.

**2017 Directory:** Ruth reported the Directories were received and have been mailed out to members. Ruth reiterated the necessity to having more than one person assisting with the Directory, possibly an intern/Committee to work with Ruth.

**Breeders:** No report.

**By-Laws:** No report.

**Legislative:** Marilyn reported AQHA has more information regarding treatment of animals. As soon as she receives the information, she will forward to Laura for distribution.

**Scholarship:** No report.

**Trail Ride:** Tracy reported she has talked to Beartooth Ranch. Due to change in ownership, the ranch would like to work with MQHA for 2018. Suggestions for other venues and some ideas for events at the Trail Ride.

**Website:** Ruth reported that she has been in contact with the Webmistress, Mary Noonan regarding missing information on the website. Ruth and Mary have rectified the missing information and everything should be up-to-date.

**CMR Barrel Horse Sale and 4D Barrel Race:** The Committee will be meeting the week following the MQHA meeting and will report back to the Board at the June meeting.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

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Tyrell made a motion to adjourn. Second to the motion by Julie. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Bakker

2017 Secretary/Treasurer

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**Next meeting – Table Meeting  
June 14, 2017 – 5:00pm  
Sapphire Event Center, Corvallis, MT**

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