

**Board of Directors Date November 30, 2018 6:30pm –
Table Meeting – Quality Inn & Suites, Butte, MT**

MONTANA QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION

Board members present: Jerry Gereghy, Britt Kissock-Robinson, Julie Schumacher, Michele McGuigan, Tracy Brown, Tracy Tiner National Director: Janet Newton, Stan Weaver, Marilyn Randall, Ruth Gates
Guests: Tee Aune, Sydnee Wilson

Meeting called to order by Board Member Jerry Gereghy. Julie made a motion to approve the minutes as presented from the October 16, 2018 meeting as presented. Second by Britt. Motion carried.

Finance: Laura presented the financial report electronically as well as hard copies at the meeting. Tracy T. made a motion to approve the financial report as presented. Second to the motion by Tracy B. Motion carried.

Old Business: Jerry questioned the credit card issue. Laura reported she has not heard back from Stockman Bank and will follow up and report at the January meeting.

Convention: Tracy T. reported everything was going well for the Convention. Gamers will again be catering the banquet with 63 pre-paid dinner reservations. Entertainment as well as kerokee. The schedule has changed slightly with happy hour, entertainment, awards, dinner then culmination of silent auction as well as live auction. Julie made a motion to refund Jim & Joani Kissock's dinner tickets due to illness. Second to the motion by Tracy B. Motion carried. Julie also mentioned Joani has received the AQHA Professional Horseman award that will need to be presented. Britt will receive the award on behalf of Joani.

By-Laws: Britt suggested the Amateur checking and separation of duties of the President and Treasurer in the By-Laws which needs to be amended. Britt reported she will make the suggestion at the Amateur meeting. It was suggested Britt make the presentation to the Amateur Association and bring a proposal to the Board/General Membership. Tabled for December 2, 2018 Board meeting.

Awards: Britt reported she has the awards completed. Discussion regarding the breeders awards. Some discrepancy on compilation of points. Laura will talk with Greg at Equitek to make sure the points are being compiled correctly. Tracy B. discussed the Rookie category within our awards system and the By-Laws need to reflect the addition of By-Laws. Britt will talk with Rita regarding this issue. Discussion regarding All-Around Awards and the VRH classes and should be reviewed.

NILE: Marilyn reported the VRH had 405 entries which overwhelmed the judges as well as the awards. Additional awards needed to be presented. Marilyn reported the need for additional awards for classes not awarded and requested the additional award funds be funded out of the scribe clinic funds. Tracy B. made a motion that MQHA fund \$120

for the additional awards from the scribe clinic funds. Second to the motion by Britt. Motion carried. Marilyn also talked about the need for more transparency between new show management and MQHA due to the lack of information to the VRH manager not knowing about the \$1/entry fee for the VRH classes. Marilyn suggested presenting any new management with their financial responsibilities. Tracy T. made a motion to pay the \$1/entry for the VRH show from the Scribe funds. Second to the motion by Julie. Motion carried.

Show Committee: No report

Amateur: Nothing to update.

Youth: Julie requested any items that need to be approved by the Youth for to talk about at the Youth meeting. Cody Uecker will be speaking at the Youth meeting regarding showing during college. The Youth will be selling raffle tickets for a scooter drawing. The Youth will also have an outing on Saturday during the Convention.

NFR Raffle: Laura reported that the final P&L was included in the Board packet. Tickets, motel, airfare have been delivered to the winner of the NFR – Gretchen Wagner. Discussion concerning steadily declining net income since inception of the NFR drawing. The Amateurs Association have the option of holding the NFR Raffle for 2019.

Marketing & Membership: No discussion concerning the website. Tabled for January Board meeting. Discussion about a past expense for set-up. Laura reported the status of the current revenues. Laura and Cali are invoicing every advertiser. Projection is to have another financially successful directory. Laura reported Town & Country as the membership card sponsor and all the advertisers for the back side of the card are basically confirmed. Card design has not been completed, but Rita is working on that. Marilyn reported that she has several sponsored coolers for the Nile while awarding MQHA membership for several high selling owners. Additionally, the breakfast has been sponsored and is a positive marketing feature. Laura requested the Board approve a reduction in the price of an ad for an advertiser wanting to purchase the center fold, and would purchase two pages in lieu of the center fold. Tracy B. made a motion to sell a two page ad to this advertiser for the same price as the center fold. Second by Britt. Motion carried. Discussion concerning free ads to 2018 Stallion owners because of the delay in the delivery of the 2018 Directory. Tabled for discussion with Cali.

Breeders: Michele reported she has talked with Britt concerning additional breeder awards that are not being utilized. Michele and Britt will report back to the Board at the January meeting with a proposal on how to encourage more breeders for these awards. Suggestion of encompassing other breeders and change the By-Laws accordingly. Discussion regarding financial considerations in regard to adding additional awards.

Legislative: No report.

Region 2: Tracy B. had no new information about the Region 2 show. A meeting is scheduled for the following week and she will have a report for the January Board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Laura has suggested the Board send a get well card to Joani Kissock. Additionally, two other MQHA members, Marilyn Wegweiser and Jacque Dundas should be included in this suggestion. Tracy B. made a motion that Laura purchase get well cards for these three MQHA members. Second to the motion by Tracy T. Motion carried. Laura will purchase the cards for signatures and mailing.

Discussion for the election of new officers. Tabled for General Membership Meeting.

Correspondence: Laura shared three thank you cards from the State 4-H Horse Show award recipients for MQHA & MQHYA sponsored.

All agenda items have been satisfied. Tracy B. made a motion to adjourn, second to the motion by Tracy T. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Bakker
2018 Secretary/Treasurer

**Next meeting – Table meeting – Quality Inn, Butte, MT
December 2 – 9:00am**
