
**Board of Directors Date January 16, 2019 7:30 pm –
Teleconference Meeting**

MONTANA QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION

Board members present: Tracy Brown, Jerry Gereghty, Britt Kissock-Robinson, Julie Schumacher, Tracy Tiner, Barb Bouma, Tyrell Burklund

National Directors: Janet Newton

Guests: Cali Reinke

Meeting called to order by President Tracy Brown. Jerry made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 2, 2018 meeting as presented. Second by Tyrell. Motion carried.

Finance: Laura presented a financial report inclusive of checkbook register to date, bank statement, bank reconciliation report, deposit history spreadsheets, outstanding payables and receivables report and finalized budgets for the NFR Raffle and 2018 Directory. Jerry a motion to approve the financial report as presented. Second to the motion by Tyrell. Motion carried.

New Business out of order for expediency: Cali Reinke discussed her conversation with Stan Weaver regarding the 50 year Montana breeders and get them more involved with MQHA. Stan would be willing to contact the breeders and possibly highlight them within the 2020 MQHA Directory with a possible promotional advertising fee offered. It was suggested to send AQHA Ranching Heritage information to the Montana breeders. A suggestion to utilize the Marketing and Membership Committee as well as the Breeders Committee to help facilitate this proposal. Cali will follow-up with Stan. A Breeders Sub-Committee was appointed: Janet Newton, Cali Reinke and Tracy Brown.

Directory: Cali also gave an update on the 2019 Directory. The draft has been sent out for editing and review to several members. Cali is awaiting a couple more ads and has the end of January as a deadline for distribution. Printer will be the same affiliate as 2018, Great Falls Printers USA. Cali estimates approximately 60+ pages for the 2019 Directory.

Old Business: Laura has an MQHA Inventory spreadsheet. Awaiting the MQHA apparel and then the spreadsheet will be distributed to the Board. Tracy B. suggested updating the apparel and increasing the supply.

Discussion regarding the 2020 Convention venue. Nothing new to report. Tabled until February meeting.

Committee Reports:

Awards: Britt reported she and Michele McGuigan have been in contact regarding the Breeders awards and how to get information to Montana Breeders. Britt has also been

working with Maria Jerome getting membership information out via social media. Britt will also contact Suzanne Sherick regarding a past award that has not been purchased.

Show Committee: Tyrell Burklund reported the Committee met and the Central Montana Reined Cowhorse Association has agreed to partner with MQHA and share a percentage of the facility expenses. Big Sky Classic show entry fees have been adjusted slightly. Tyrell is working with Nancy Ostle-Zahn to get the class list completed for submission to AQHA and for inclusion in the 2019 Directory. Tyrell has also solidified Hi-Point Awards inclusive of Rookie Hi-Point. The show will not have All-Breed classes. Discussion about the 40 stalls closer to the arena and offering them for a premium cost to anyone interested. There are no RV hook-ups near the upper stalls, but there are wash racks. Stalls inside the Heart K are not available for utilization. Tyrell and Laura are working on ring stewards and show manager. Kathi Olson has agreed to steward. Marilyn reported she has contacted Marilyn Wegweiser to also steward. Tyrell will also contact Sonya Miller as a possible steward. Tracy reported the Committee talked about jackpotting the AQHA barrels at the Show. Discussion utilizing a portion of the CMR Barrel Race money for the jackpot. Tyrell reported if \$500 was used, he could find an additional \$500 for a total of \$1,000 added. Marilyn also volunteered to judge the timed events so judges would not have to work overtime. Discussion regarding jackpotting the amateur versus the open class. Tyrell made a motion for MQHA to utilize \$500 from the CMR Bank account for the jackpot open class barrel race at the Big Sky Classic. Second to the motion by Britt. Motion carried. CMRCHA classes will be held Friday with carry over to Saturday. Tyrell and Tee are working on a budget and will present at the next meeting.

Amateur: Britt Kissock-Robinson reported Marilyn is judging the Sparks Some Fun. Joani Kissock will be the clinician for the show. Suggested to hold a Versatility jackpot class. Fundraisers: barrel race with Janene Love, Tee Aune working on a cowhorse clinic, Britt is working on a clinic with Ryan Cottingim, Youth and Amateur Associations host an open schooling show in the Belgrade/Bozeman area.

Youth: Julie reported the MQHYA members are selling raffle tickets for a scooter. They are also doing a free showmanship clinic for the Gallatin County 4-H members February 2, 2019 at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds.

Fundraisers: Jerry reported the NFR ticket price will remain the same as 2018 prices. Projected to have greater number of sales, hoping for 5.9% increase of net profit. Costs will be lower than last year as ticket prices were reduced substantially due to purchase in the middle of the week as well as motel prices are reduced for weekdays. Suggested having a hi-ticket selling incentive. Dates for the tickets are December 10-11, 2019. Second and third prizes are being considered, past has been the liquor basket and a gas card. Julie has obtained a Big Sky Resort package at the Huntley. Suggested utilizing this package for the auction at the 2019 Convention. Julie will check with the Resort to see if they would donate a second package for the Convention. Suggestion of having a Montana Silversmith certificate. Suggestion of waiting to print tickets until a decision regarding the second and third prizes. Committee will bring a proposal to the

Board before the March meeting. Discussion about number of tickets to be printed. 1,500 were printed in 2018. Discussion about the mailing of tickets to members. Laura will again be in charge of distribution and reconciliation.

Clinics: Tracy B. reported she has contacted Marty Simper for a clinic, per a request from previous attendees. Ronnie Robinson has offered her facility for the clinic. Dates for June 8-9, 2019 which conflicts with a VRH competition in Billings. Dates will be reviewed for another possible option. Another possible date May 18-19, 2019 at a different facility. AQHA Team Wrangler will cover Marty's costs, airfare, lodging, etc. Julie will send the information to the Rocky Mountain Breeders Association when it becomes available.

Marketing & Membership: Website: Laura reported that she has sent all the 2019 information for updating the website. As of meeting, no new information has not been posted. Laura will send new membership information to Britt for submission to the Facebook pages. Committee has decided to continue the website with the current website designer.

Membership card proofs have been sent to AQHA/ARC for production. As of this meeting, no definite timeframe has been submitted. Laura will continue to follow up on the timeframe. Rita has secured Town & Country as the sponsor for the card again for 2019.

Tracy B. has formatted the advertising package adding more levels for sponsorship opportunities which is now being proofed. Tyrell and Tracy B. will present a proposal to the Board at the next meeting.

Breeders: Laura reported Michele has been in contact and looking for information from AQHA about Montana Breeders. Tracy B. suggested looking at the Montana Heritage Breeders page on the AQHA website. Laura will send this information onto Michele.

Nile: Marilyn reported that the dates for the VRH Show at the Nile will be held on Tuesday October 15, 2019 separate from the Ranching Heritage Challenge held on Saturday, one judge. Class list is being processed by Nancy Ostle-Zahn and McCall at the Nile. Marilyn is also securing sponsorships for the awards.

By-Laws: .Britt reported she is looking at the By-Laws with Michele and Maria Jerome. Tracy B. discussed adding Rookie awards to the Standing Rules. Britt will contact the By-Laws Committee for some changes needed for Level 1 and additional wording for the VRH awards. Britt also sent a recommendation to the By-Laws Committee regarding the proposal for amateur Secretary/ treasurer to monitor checking account and sign checks.

Legislative: Jerry reported that horses are now considered livestock and not subjected to the current laws concerning ELD's and livestock hauling.

Recreational Riding: Julie reported she and Tracy B. have found several locations for a possible trail ride. Julie has also been in contact with the Gallatin County Backcountry Horsemen for possible venues for a trail ride to accommodate approximately 30 riders. Tracy B. has looked at the Rocking Z in Wolf Creek for a possible location and they are interested in "entertaining" MQHA riders. Suggested having two smaller events. Tabled for February meeting.

Scholarship: Tabled for February meeting. Discussion about a Committee for the scholarship. Suggested MQHA focus on the Big Sky Classic.

Region 2: Region 2 will have a new show secretary. AQHA will again be sponsoring some of the awards with the same judging format. With new secretary, format will include late entries will be accepted.

Race: No report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Deb Jose's resignation from the MQHA Board will be filled at the next table meeting per MQHA By-Laws and will be addressed at that meeting. Suggestions from the Board will be presented prior to that meeting.

National Director Alternate position was discussed as well as protocol for applying for the position. Julie has submitted a letter of intent which will be presented before the 2019 MQHA Convention.

Correspondence: Christmas card from Jordan and Associations as well as informational data from DA Davidson updating the MQHA account.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Bakker
2019 Secretary/Treasurer

**Next meeting – Teleconference meeting
February 20, 2019 7:30pm**
