

MONTANA QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION

Board members present: Ralph Young, Rita Church, Barb Bouma, Nancy Ostle-Zahn, Tracy Brown, Jane Ellis, Stan Weaver, Deb Cress – quorum
Lisa Hamilton, Nancy LaCounte excused

Meeting called to order by President Ralph Young. Minutes from the March teleconference were distributed electronically. Deb questioned the statement regarding the AQHA Trail Ride requirements. Rita has sent that information to Deb for review. Minutes were subsequently approved. Financial report was presented electronically. Rita made a motion to approve the financial report as presented. Second to the motion by Tracy. Motion approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Sunni Hecht Fundraiser was held April 19 and a tremendous success according to Penny Uecker.

Western Championship Show Qualifications. Rita reported she will get the qualifications typed up and emailed to the Board for consideration. The Committee used the Pacific Coast QHA rules as a guideline consisting of: 1) Contestant must be an MQHA member in good standing as well as the horse owner must also be an MQHA member in good standing, 2) Contestant must show in front of 4 judges; 3) Contestant must place in top 10 in an MQHA approved show; 4) Contestant must be a 2016 MQHA member in good standing; 5) Contestant will only be allowed to show in classes they qualified in; 6) No state limit to the number of qualified contestants allowed to participate in the Western Championship Show. Date for the show is listed on the AQHA website, July 10-16, 2016 in Las Vegas, NV. Suggested to have certificates emailed to the qualifiers.

Credit card – Laura got an email from Keith at Wells Fargo. Laura needs to do more research due to the personal guarantee clause. Laura suggested the

Club switch back to Stockman Bank when it becomes available in Missoula. Tabled the credit card issue until a later date after Laura talks with the new bank.

Equine Directory – Laura sent an email to the Board regarding the ad and any changes that need to be made. Prior Board approval for the fees associated which will be the same as last year.

Other Old Business: None

Committee Reports:

Shows: Big Sky Classic: Rita reported our announcer will not be available for the last date of the show. Laura and Rita will find a replacement. A block of rooms at the Super 8 in Columbus have been reserved. Rita will have additional rooms will be blocked to accommodate more participants. Nancy OZ has received several entries but did not have an exact count. Mountain States affiliate was discussed and will be continued for the 2015 Show. Center Of The Nation affiliation was also discussed. Cost would be \$300 for COTN approval. It was suggested to leave the Big Sky Classic as a Mountain States affiliation and having the August Novice/Rookie show COTN approved. Discussion about a conflict for the August weekend, Jane has researched and did not find another show on that weekend. Tracy will make some contacts within COTN for the possibility of approval for the August show.

Novice Show: Jane reported the show bill is 99% completed and close to being published. She still needs an announcer and will need to get the awards ordered. Jane wanted to know the budgeted amount for purchasing the awards. It was suggested to use the award purchase from the Big Sky Classic as an example for the Last Best Place Novice/Novice Show. Jane would like to do ribbons, an award for first two places and division awards. Tracy suggested t-shirts or caps with MQHA logo for PR as well as an award. Barb reported the MQHYA will be sponsoring an award. She also suggested a

leadline class for the Rookie portion of the show. Jackets for hi-point were suggested for the Show. Jane suggested another Show Committee meeting for more ideas. Barb thought she could find someone to announce on Friday.

Mary Oak-Simper Clinic – Rita reported the clinic and show were a great success and well attended. Tracy reported the show and clinic showed positive net profit.

Race – Nothing new to report. First race meet will be May 10 in Miles City.

Trail Ride – Deb reported the participation is still increasing; about 2/3 full. She will be sending out reminders. In May Deb will contact the Amateur group to get their Trail Ride weekend complete. Tracy suggested an email to herself and LouAnn Holt for ideas about awards. Deb will contact Renee Mantle for a description of the obstacles for the Challenge/Clinic competition. Discussion about paying Challenge judges for the Rides. Deb will ask Renee for suggestions of judges and any fees that might be incurred.

Region 2 Show – Rita reported she will email Mary about state approvals for the Region 2 Show. Additional judges and clinicians were discussed at the last meeting. The webpage and Facebook page as well as the program were also discussed. The Show will also have a 2 year old Western Pleasure Futurity that Minnesota is sponsoring as a 50/50 proposition, which was approved and passed. Discussion of having Jackpot classes was mentioned. It was reported the Region 2 Show will not be having any jackpot classes.

Membership – Laura reported for Nancy L. that the membership is up 7 new members and 2 renewal membership for a total of 89 one-year members, 44 lifetime, 9 youth – increased 2 new youth members, 22 lifetime youth members. Rita reported about the All Cattle Saddle award and felt the membership will increase as we get into the summer show season. KO is sponsoring a portion of the saddle. Rita is asking \$500 for a sponsorship. Rita has distributed flyers and will submit something for the website.

Amateurs –Tracy will check with LouAnn about the NFR raffle and how that distribution is going.

Youth – Barb B. reported the deadline for Letter of Declaration was end of March for the World Show only having 1 participant and 1 youth going to the YES Convention. Barb Po is handling the MQHYA Scholarship, so no report. Several Youth have shown interest in doing year-end awards. Next Youth teleconference meeting will be April 26. There are 8 registrants for the May 2-3, 2015 Youth sponsored clinic in Choteau. The April 11 clinic had 12 participants, all getting applications for MQHYA and MQHA as well as show bills for the first 2 MQHA shows. Barb reported the clinic was a huge success with Andie Lacher, Kyra Bouma, Faith Stevenson and Codi Uecker as clinicians and a representative from the Choteau feed store. The Youth are also looking at “Partner” clinic. Deb indicated there would be a Hi-Point Youth award at the Trail Ride/Challenge/Clinic and will get information to Barb.

Breeders – Stan reported the Nile Ranch Breeders Show will be Wednesday instead of Friday due to the sale. The Ranch Rodeo will also be Wednesday evening to encourage support.

By-Laws – No report

Legislative – No report

2015 Awards – No new report

2015 Convention – No new report

Other Old Business – None

NEW BUSINESS:

Barb B. presented the Montana State 4-H sponsorship to the Board for consideration for the September Show. Two different levels were discussed – Bronze \$500 which allows the option to add promotional material to the contestant bags and a \$250 Class Sponsor; Barb B. also indicated the

MQHYA would be willing to split the cost for the sponsorship. Barb will contact the 4-H Committee to see if MQHA could put up the Kiosk at the Show. Historically, there have been no fees to have a booth at the Show. Stan made a motion to support the \$250 sponsorship splitting \$125 from MQHA and \$125 from MQHYA, Rita second to the motion. Motion approved.

Rita suggested the MQHA minutes posted on the webpage. Only Board approved minutes should be posted. Rita made a motion that the monthly minutes from the Board of Director's meetings be posted on the website. Second to the motion by Deb. After discussion, motion carried. Laura will get the minutes posted on the webpage using a drop-down menu. Barb B. also mentioned the possibility of having the MQHYA annual minutes posted on the website.

Other New Business: None

All agenda items have been satisfied. Rita made a motion to adjourn. Second by Tracy. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Bakker
2015 Secretary/Treasurer

**Next meeting – Table – Keyser Creek Arena
May 21, 2015 - 3:00pm**
