

**MONTANA QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION**

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Board members present: Ralph Young, Rita Church, Barb Bouma, Nancy Ostle-Zahn, Nancy LaCounte, Tracy Brown, Jane Ellis, Lou Ann Holt, – quorum

Meeting called to order by President Ralph Young. Minutes from the February teleconference were distributed electronically and approved. Financial report was presented. Nancy L. made a motion to approve the financial report as presented. Second to the motion by Jane. Motion approved.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

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Discussion about the Sunni Hecht fundraiser and final date for the event. Ruth indicated the event will be April 19, 2015. Nancy reported Sunni is expected to be back in Montana April 1, 2015. Nancy will get a basket together for the fundraiser. Requested items to Ruth or Nancy before April 12.

Western Championship Show Qualifications. Rita, Nancy L. and Ralph will get this completed.

Credit card – Laura will get ahold Keith at Wells Fargo to clarify the personal guarantee and will get back to the Board via email.

Other Old Business: None

**Committee Reports:**

2015 Convention – Ralph reported Nancy Weaver has all the arrangements made for with the Yogo Inn for the Convention.

2015 AQHA Convention – Rita reported there are new rules relating to the Ranch Horse Classes. In 2016 AQHA will have Ranch Riding Trail and

Ranch Riding Pleasure classes. Ralph reported on the new requirements regarding utilization of frozen semen and embryos. As of January 1, 2015 any semen or embryos collected from a deceased horse are only usable for 2 years following the death of said horse. Don Treadway is retiring. Dr. Glenn Blodgett is the new 2015 AQHA President.

Awards: Tracy indicated there is the possibility of inadequate time to complete awards for presentation at the 2015 Convention if Region 2 Show's results are included. Suggestion of reconsidering the addition of the Region 2 Show within our results. Because this was a voted action item, could not be rescinded. Discussion included the possibility anyone attending the Region 2 Show and in contention for an award, might not be presented their award at the Convention and will need to be mailed. Suggested a "wait and see" how Region 2 proceeds with allowance of State affiliates.

Shows: Big Sky Classic: Rita reported has some options on awards. She and Laura will get this completed. Rita also reported she is looking for a concessionaire.

Novice Show: Jane indicated the need for a Show Committee meeting via teleconference. Suggested time would be Monday May 30 including Jane, Nancy OZ, Rita, Laura, Barb B and Ralph. Jane indicated the possibility of low entries historically for August shows. Suggested soliciting sponsorships to defer any projected costs. Committee will report to the Board at the April meeting.

Mary Oak-Simper Clinic – Rita reported a great response for the clinic, with a waiting list for participants. Full results report in April.

Race – Nothing new to report

Trail Ride – Deb reported via Laura she has several new participants. Rita reported AQHA has dropped all the requirements for AQHA sanctioned trail rides. This will be reported to Deb for further review and possibility of the MQHA Trail Ride becoming AQHA approved.

Region 2 –Rita reported the full state approval has not been completed, and the Directors will receive an email for an update.

Membership – Nancy L. reported there are currently 84 renewed members, 35 life members, 8 yearly renewed Youth and 22 youth life members. Nancy L. and Rita had a booth at the Billings sale and distributed membership forms and directories.

Amateur –Lou Ann reported NFR tickets have been distributed. Lou Ann suggested having an incentive for most tickets sold and questioned the Board about approval. Because this is an Amateur event, this was deferred for Amateur approval. It was suggested Lou Ann contact the Amateur members for a majority vote approval to support this incentive idea. Jane has 4 entries for the Amateur Incentive Fund. Lou Ann suggested posting on the website and Facebook page. Nancy OZ indicated the majority of the AIF participants enter at the first show of the year.

Youth – Barb B. reported the Youth had a meeting and finalized the April 11 Youth Clinic; clinicians will be Youth members Andie Lacher, Tee Aune, Kyra Bouma and Codi Uecker. The Clinic has 13 participants. No update on the Keyser Creek Clinic; Barb will report at the April meeting. Youth need to get their World declaration in by April 1, Scholarship Application in by May 1, 2015. Youth are working on renewing the year-end award requirements for final approval at the Convention.

Breeders – No report

By-Laws – no report

Legislative – no report

Other Old Business – None

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

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Equitek's email request for changing the program to include the 18 & under point qualifications. Barb reported the World Show only has the 18 & under classes. After discussion, no motion presented. Tabled.

An email was presented to the Board for inclusion in the Equine Directory for 2015. Nancy L. made a motion to continue our ad within the Equine Directory. Second to the motion Rita. Motion carried.

An email was presented to the Board for bartering with SaddleOnLine for advertising on the website. Discussion included the classified section is for members only. Nancy L. made a motion to not barter for services with SaddleOnLine. Second by Rita. Motion carried.

Other New Business: Nancy OZ noticed there were no dates for the Treasure State Horse Show. Laura indicated those dates have been updated.

Tracy was approached by an MQHA member about the possibility of MQHA becoming an affiliate with the Center of The Nation which was presented to the Board for discussion. Tracy will investigate total costs for inclusion and report back to the Board. Tabled for April meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted  
Laura Bakker  
2015 Secretary/Treasurer

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**Next meeting – Teleconference  
April 22, 2015 - 7:00pm**

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