

Meeting Minutes - Board of Directors Meeting - Maritime Quarter Horse Association

July 23, 2024

Chair: Liane Nelson, President

Note Taker: Shannon Boyce, Secretary

Attendance: Liane Nelson, Shannon Boyce, Lois-Anne Landry, Katurah Waye, Sarah Boss, Barry MacEachern, Shandi Dryden, Jeremy Hoyt, Leah Thompson, Doug Perkins, Lacey Fisher

- Meeting was held virtually via Zoom and was called to order at 7:34 pm by Liane Nelson, president.

1. Motion to approve the agenda with power to add was made by Lois-Anne Landry, seconded by Katurah Waye. Motion carried.
2. Updated minutes of the meeting held virtually on Zoom April 25, 2024, were provided to all in attendance in advance and were not read at the meeting. The question was asked if there were any comments or questions regarding the minutes. No concerns arose. Leah Thompson moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by Sarah Boss. Motion carried.

Minutes of the last meeting, held virtually on Zoom June 13, 2024, were provided to all in attendance in advance and were not read at the meeting. The question was asked if there were any comments or questions regarding the minutes. No concerns arose. Sarah Boss moved to approve the minutes. Leah Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3. Liane Nelson provided the President's report. There has been no new correspondence with CQHA & AQHA. She has reached out to Rose to make sure things are going well and wanted to say thank you to everyone who has reached out to help Rose.
4. Treasurer's Report- Sarah Boss, see attached report. Motion was made by Sarah Boss to approve the Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Shannon Boyce. Motion carried.
5. Committee Reports:
 - A. Equine Review Committee Report- Provided by Madison Holmes, read by Liane Nelson. See attached report. Note- The dates of Equine Review will be May 3-4, 2025.
 - B. Show Committee Report- Provided by Leah Thompson. See attached report.
 - Discussion of the show committee report revolved around organizing two 5 day shows versus the current format of two 4 days shows and one 2 day show in conjunction with the Paint Club. It was decided each BOD member should have a discussion with some members at the Summer Sizzler and get a feel for the general members feedback.
 - i. Social Sub-Committee Report- Provided by Katurah Waye. Activities for the upcoming Summer Sizzler include Parent Lead-line + Showmanship and the move in BBQ. When the show days run late people are tired for evening activities. Katurah will need help with the evening activities at the next show as she's unable to do it alone.
 - C. Youth Committee Report- Provided by Lacey Fisher. See attached report.

- D. Communications Committee Report- Katurah Waye, no written report provided for the minutes
- E. Fundraising/Sponsorship Committee Report- Provided by Katurah Waye. Barn Clothes has increased their product sponsorship from \$500 to \$1000. Halla Denim will be donating a pair of jeans.
- F. Bylaw Review Committee Report- Provided by Jeremy Hoyt. Jeremy has found an up to date copy of the constitution with signatures.
- G. Membership Committee Report- Provided by Shannon Boyce. See attached report.
- H. Year End Awards and Banquet Committee Report- Shannon Boyce. See attached report.

Katurah Waye motioned to accept the committee reports as read. Leah Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

6. Other Business for Action:

Jeremy Hoyt provided an update regarding the Ralph Gilles Memorial Scholarship. The package has been completed and Jeremy placed posters at the Canada Day Classic with details. Members may contact Jeremy for a scholarship package. Information will also be placed on the MQHA Facebook Page. Deadline for application will be the last day of the Fall Classic Show.

7. New Business

- Deposits and refunds were discussed. It was discussed how deposits will be refunded if we can sell the camper spot/ stall to another exhibitor prior to 2 weeks before the show. Cancellations within 2 weeks will require a doctors note or veterinarians note, otherwise no refund will be provided.
 - Shannon Boyce discussed how she looked into an Emergency Action Plan. She will prepare a draft for the board to review for later this fall or early in the new year as it is quite a lengthy and involved document.
 - The \$250 for Region 6 still needs to be paid. Our affiliate did have signage and representation at the Regional show which was nice to see.
 - An update from the lawyer- so far they have reviewed the document we were served and they have reviewed the constitution. They have written a letter of reply saying the accuser must give specific details of the allegations and not broad, generalizing statements. They must provide details of who, what, when, where, etc.
8. A date for the next board meeting was set for Thursday, August 8th, 2024 at 7:30 pm.
9. Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:48 pm- Shandi Dryden

MQHA Treasurer's Report
July 23, 2024

Current balance in operating account- \$105,426.35. All expenses for the show have cleared the account with the exception of 2 cheques to judges which were cashed in the states and have not been debited from the account. They total approximately \$5,000.00 There is also a balance owing on the VISA of \$4,602.92 which is primarily the AQHA fees from hosting the show and the subscription to horse show patterns for trail. We are also holding deposits for the welcome BBQ which may have to be refunded. We have also prepaid the ribbon bill for the Sizzler of \$2,748.18.

The USD account balance- \$10.65. We were able to pay one judge electronically through that and will be looking to do the same at the Sizzler however if they bank with small state credit union type institutions they likely don't have the technology to accept the international money transfer. Rose is going to confirm with the judges ahead of time if they would like an etransfer, cash or if they can provide us with a base amount owing I'll have USD drafts prepared and just make up the difference with cash. I have requested BNS to order USD cheques for the US account but they can't tell me why they haven't arrived. And ordering online isn't an option either. Sigh.

GIC account- \$5,041.19

Youth account- \$16,247.23- balance growth from e-bike ticket sales and misc fundraising at the show (carrot trail, selling off pre-purchased hoodies etc).

In addition, I did receive an invoice from the lawyer we engaged at Boyne Clarke- total services rendered to date is \$922.59 which was paid from the \$1,000.00 in our trust account with them from the retainer that I sent up front. We had approved up to \$5,000 in legal fees and Boyne Clarke has not indicated there's anything else required at this time. I don't feel we need to look at authorizing any additional funds but wanted the board to be aware of where this currently stands.

Respectfully submitted, Sarah

Equine Review Committee Report July 23, 2024

- Contracts are being discussed with Clint, his day fee is \$750 usd and he is open to whatever type of clinic/judges perspective seminar we would like.
- I have contacted Mama Ks and Joes smokehouse about having their food trucks at next years review but haven't heard back.
- I have also contacted the chief firearms officer of New Brunswick to talk approval for cowboy mounted shooting and haven't heard back.

MQHA Show Committee Report

Prepared for the MQHA Board Of Directors Meeting July 23/2024

Our 2024 Canada Day Classic show was a big success! We received numerous compliments from the judges on the quality of the horses and exhibitors, as well as how well our show was run - we all deserve a pat on the back for that!

Overall, there was no major problems that sprang up at the show - Rose ran the office smoothly with her help, and all of the show committee pitched in where we could to do our parts. Our only issue was long days preventing social events from happening.

We would like to discuss the formatting and dates for the 2025 shows. The committee is suggesting moving to a five day show format and having two shows. The dates we looked at are June 27th - July 1st 2025 and July 31st - August 4th 2025. We would be cutting ties with the Maritime Paint Horse Club for 2025 and not running a fall show. Our exhibitors would still be getting the same amount of days showing with us, just with one less show to travel to. We believe this format would create a much more relaxed show atmosphere with more time to relax in the evenings and enjoy social events. These dates have not been confirmed with PLP as of yet but after looking at their 2025 proposed calendar, they should be feasible once we make a decision.

We are looking forward to the upcoming Summer Sizzler and have 80 entries so far, expecting around 85. We have the Versatility Challenge on Friday night, which promises to be entertaining!

Youth Committee Report

July 23, 2024

The Youth has a meeting at the July show and we will be doing another one at the Aug show. Rose has an amazing Youth Team Tournament organized and Maddy & Addie will role with that! We are gathering some great prizes. We are going to do another youth meeting... next show mainly to talk about fundraising and NYATT 2025. I need to confirm best time with Rose. I'll do that tomorrow We have 2 Maritime Youth attending the Youth Worlds early Aug in OK city.

MQHA Membership Committee Report
July 23, 2024
Presented by: Shannon Boyce

- We currently have 189 annual members and 7 paid lifetime members.
- I will be providing a list for Rose for the show office for the Summer Sizzler so we can cross reference that everyone showing, especially in the futurities, are paid MQHA members. And if they're not paid members we can offer them membership so their points will count towards year end awards.

MQHA Year-End Banquet & Awards Committee Report
July 23, 2024
Presented by: Shannon Boyce

- I met with Deborah Spillman of Greenhawk Saint John on June 14th. She is working with head office to provide us year end awards as part of their incentive program. They have a limited amount of product and she's waiting for the warehouse inventory list. We will be able to choose prizes from that list and then build our order from there. Deborah has access to embroidery and just needs to book the person's time.
- My concern with the embroidery is if its the same person who embroidered the futurity prizes from the last show she didn't do a very good job. It definitely wasn't LC Stitches!
- Deborah also said she would donate a pair of Hala jeans, a Hala t-shirt and a sweatshirt for a live drawing at the banquet. We were discussing how people could earn tickets for the draw by:
 1. Purchasing a ticket for the awards banquet by a certain date
 2. Attending the AGM
 3. Attending the award banquet
- So far Grand In Your Hand has only sold 24 tickets. We have 72 tickets out with members for selling between the shows. Hopefully they will all get sold. Rose will be offering the youth bonus points for their team challenge for every ticket they sell which will hopefully also drive some sales. If any BOD members would like tickets to sell before Summer Sizzler please let me know. Our draw date is August the 3rd.
- The points are now in spreadsheets by class from the 1st show. I'm now in the process of moving them into division spreadsheets to see who is leading over-all for their divisions. Hopefully these will be completed by Summer Sizzler but not guarantees as it is a time consuming process.