

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

July 13, 2023

Chair: Liane Nelson, President

Note Taker: Shannon Boyce, Secretary

Attendance: Liane Nelson, Shannon Boyce, Doug Perkins, Katurah Waye, Leah Currie, Jonathan Melong, Lacey Fisher, Sarah Boss, Shandi Dryden, Lois-Anne Landry, Angela Geddes

- Meeting was held virtually via Zoom and was called to order at 7:06 pm by Liane Nelson, president.
- 1. Agenda items pertaining to the purchase of Ranch Trail equipment and pole risers, the additional cost of shavings and the Fall Classic All-In Fee was added to the show committee section of the Agenda. Motion to approve the agenda was made by Lacey Fisher, seconded by Shandi Dryden. Motion carried.
- 2. Minutes of the last meeting, held virtually on Zoom June 1, 2023, 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, to which there was no response. Motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting was made by Doug Perkins, seconded by Shandi Dryden. Motion carried.
- 3. Liane Nelson provided the President's report where she thanked the show committee for their hard work at the Canada Day Classic, especially Katurah Waye, Leah Currie, Doug Perkins, Rose Cook and Beth Perkins.

A vote took place amongst the Board of Directors on June 12, 2023 to fill the two vacancies on the board until our November AGM. Nominated candidates were Lois-Anne Landry, Jocelyn D'Entremont, Angela Geddes and Jeremy Hoyt. The two new directors who won the vote were Lois-Anne Landry and Angela Geddes.

The Region 6 Show Committee reached out requesting a donation from the MQHA since we are an affiliated organization. Shandi Dryden made a motion to donate \$250 USD to Region 6 as the Maritime affiliate. Katurah 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

- 4. Jonathan Melong provided the Treasure's report. The last show looks good over all and we may only have a loss between \$250 to \$1000 which is significantly less than the anticipated loss of \$5800.00.

It would be ideal to keep our grant from the AQHA in American funds. Keeping an American bank account would allow us to pay the judges from that account. Currently we write US drafts for flights, car rentals, etc. It would be \$9.00 per month to keep an American account open versus paying \$9.00 per bank draft

- 5. Committee Reports

A. Equine Review Committee Report- No report

B. Show Committee Report- Presented by Leah Currie. See attached report.

Leah Currie placed a motion to increase the \$250 payout futurities to \$500. Lacey Fisher seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Doug Perkins raised a motion to give Rose Cook the go-ahead to purchase what we require for the Ranch Trail classes, which will cost approximately \$500. Leah Currie seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Shandi Dryden made a motion to set the All-In Fee for the Fall Classic at \$247.50. Sarah Boss seconded the motion. Motion carried.

C. Youth Committee Report- Presented by Lacey Fisher. See attached report.

Lacey Fisher made a motion to change the wording of the NYATT participant qualifications to include the words "Youth Challenge" after youth tournament and to add "with consideration of the MQHA board due to attending another challenge". Doug Perkins seconded the motion. Motion carried.

D. Communications Committee Report- Presented by Katurah Waye.

Communications are going well. No changes. No negative feedback.

E. Fundraising/ Sponsorship Committee- Presented by Katurah Waye. See attached report.

F. Membership Committee- Presented by Shannon Boyce.

We currently have 153 members which includes some new memberships taken at the Canada Day Classic.

G. Social Committee- Presented by Katurah Waye. See attached report.

H. Year-end Awards Committee- Presented by Shannon Boyce.

The Year-end awards committee has a meeting set for August 10th, 2023.

A motion was made by Leah Currie to accept the committee reports as read. The motion was seconded by Jonathan Melong. Motion carried.

6. The show dates for 2024 have not been finalized yet. Rose requires these dates so she can book next year's judges. The 4-H ProShow has moved venues, which in turn opens up PLP for earlier dates for the Fall Classic. One idea is to see if the Paint Show will move to Friday-Saturday so the Fall Classic can be Sunday-Monday. This would avoid the conflict of some youth returning to school. Another potential possibility is having the Fall Classic on Thursday-Friday and the Paint show can keep their Saturday-Sunday dates. This will have to be discussed with the Paint Club to see what their future intentions are.

Beth Perkins has been contacted about taking the show manager course and we have not heard back from her regarding that. Leah will reach out again.

7. Open discussion included a suggestion of Liane Nelson touching base with Rose Cook on a personal level to make sure things are going well. Liane has been in regular communication with Rose at least once weekly and will continue to do so to make sure Rose and Beth know they are supported by the MQHA BOD. It was also discussed how the BOD should help make sure Rose and Beth are kept well fed while running the shows because they work so hard and put in some long and busy days. They may not always

have time to grab a bite.

8. A date for the next board meeting was set for Wednesday, August 9th, 2023 at 7:00 pm.
9. Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:34 pm- Shandi Dryden

Show Committee Report

Prepared for MQHA Board of Directors Meeting June 13th 2023

Our first show of the season, the 2023 Canada Day Classic, was a smashing success! We had record numbers in most classes and saw lots of new faces in the pen. It was nice to see so many amateur competitors in both the L1 and W/J – this is where we saw the most growth. I think the only complaint I heard all weekend was about the weather – fingers crossed for less rain at the Sizzler. We received a really nice compliment from Lyle Jackson, one of our days 1 & 2 judges – he said “it was the biggest, highest quality, best managed show I have been to in Canada in a long time”. And this is a guy who attends the QH National Show annually – something for us to be very proud of!

Futurities:

Our futurities were very successful, and we had great turn outs for each one. Because of this the committee will be discussing adding more money to the Sizzler futurities to increase some of the smaller pots (ie. The \$250 futurities). The futurity ribbons were a hit (especially the 5th place pink ones) and people really appreciated getting a large, beautiful ribbon along with the champion and reserve champion prizes. Julianna took photos of each winner and once we get those back from her, I will be printing them and sending them with a thank you note to each futurity sponsor.

Facility:

PLP functioned like a well-oiled machine – no one had to be chased down to harrow or clean, and staff were present on the grounds for the entire weekend. I personally saw staff emptying garbage's and cleaning the bathrooms multiple times per day, stalls were secure and set properly when we arrived, and I didn't hear any horror stories of walls falling on top of horses.

Participation:

Overall, we had pretty good exhibitor participation in the challenges and evening events. We did have to cut the carrot trail as we ran over that day and trail needed to be set for the next day. People seemed to enjoy the BBQ on move in day, and the amateurs had a fun time doing their extra challenge events!

To Improve:

Committee and Board involvement – Katurah was invaluable over the weekend making sure everything was set up properly, etc, but she can't do it alone again next show. We need a segregation of duties so she's not the only one setting up for events, putting up sponsorship posters, running back and forth to the storage locker, etc. We will come up with a list of duties that need to be done at the next show and divide them out so that everyone bears the burden evenly. All committee members have been great about helping to plan events, prizes, sponsorship items, etc – we just need to carry over that support during the show.

We would like to rent a loudspeaker for the warmup pen – we don't have Joel at the next show, and we are worried that people in the warmup may not know when their class is up. He does a great job of going out to the warmup pen to call people in but that may not happen with the Sizzler gate person.

(Shandi to look into speaker)

We would like to order 2 good quality, dry erase, large fake cheques – they look great for futurity photos and can be reused over the years if they're properly cared for. They cost roughly \$150 – 200 and can come out of the miscellaneous budget. (Eric Gogin Signs salisbury) (office expense)

Unfortunately, the committee decided to not hold all breed classes at the Sizzler – we only had five horses turn out for them, and with our AQHA entries doubling, the days just became too long. This may be something we can revisit in the future but just doesn't seem feasible when we already have over one hundred horses registered for the Sizzler.

Conclusion:

In conclusion, a huge thank you to our office staff, Rose and Beth, who work all year on our shows to make sure they run smoothly, and everyone enjoys their time – I am confident that we would not have had such a successful CDC without them working the office. Again, a big thanks to Katurah for all of your hard work – you won't be alone in it next time! A big thank you to Lacey who headed all the Youth activities and ensured they thoroughly enjoyed their show. And of course – thank you to the whole show committee who all helped out organizing the CDC – I know reading 300 messages in the group chat on the daily can be overwhelming, but everyone's dedication is greatly appreciated. Onto the Sizzler!

Outgate announcements right at the beginning of the show – use outgate unless you have a tack change for the next class

MYQHA Report July 17, 2023 – Lacey Fisher

MYQHA - Youth

- DUCK race – completed Saturday July 9th. Thank you to Trina & Doug for hosting the event for the youth. The winner won \$1000!! Kat EMT them, and EMT Avery B \$100 as she sold the winning ticket. \$1450 was the profit (102 ducks sold. Total \$2550. \$1000 to the winner and \$100 to the youth who sold the ticket)
- Hannah and her MYQHA board are hosting a youth meeting during the Summer Sizzler show, 30 minutes after the Friday show. Announcement & Agenda will post shortly. (Agenda topic - Dates AGM 2024, NYATT 2023 applications, Saturday night events and helpers, Youth clinic 2024)
- August Youth Challenge – Poster is out for W/J participants and Rose will be posting the Youth participants one this week. Please encourage all youth to participate. It's great team building for them!
 - Website – under YOUTH and NYATT – I would suggest one updated. ***“Congress Team participants MUST participate in August Youth Team Tournament”/ Challenge or received sign off from the MQHA board due to attending another AQHA event.***
- Parent Lead Line & Parent showmanship –Aug show Saturday night – looking forward to seeing everyone!
- We have had a few requests for the carrot trail – which we will run Friday night ONLY IF time allows and we are not announcing it until Friday based on time. (Rose to connect with Hannah & Lacey F)
- NYATT: National Youth Activity Team Tournament – held Sunday, October 15th, 2023, during Congress.
 - Events are: ***Barrel Racing, Hunt Seat Equitation, Hunter Under Saddle, Ranch Riding, Reining, Showmanship, Western Horsemanship, and Western Pleasure.*** Team can have a max of 14 members and a maximum of two team members may complete in any one class.
 - YOUTH will be spoken to about the NYATT at the August meeting and can submit their A) interest B) 1, 2 and 3rd request for their classes.
 - Attend this event is very much ALL cost on the participants personally.
 - MYQHA – in the past cover cost for the entry forms, team jackets for our youth & than any members who qualify a \$\$ to assist them with cost. (Last year we gave \$600 to 2 of our youth)

Sponsorship Committee July 13 2023

Katurah Waye (Chair)

Liane Nelson

Kristi St-Hilaire

Barry MacEachern

Kim Artz

Jonathan Melong

Rikki-Leigh Humphreys

Sponsorship

- Sponsorship Committee brought in \$19,080.00
- Youth Sponsorship Competition brought in \$15,375.00
- Amateur Sponsorship Competition brought in \$6,500.00

Fundraising

- Pressure Washer Tickets – Sold \$230.00 at the ER and \$160.00 at CDC
- Kiss the Pig was held at the CDC – Which raised \$680.00
- Wine Survivor – To be held at the Summer Sizzler. Everyone brings a bottle of wine and \$20.00, whoever participates gets their name into a draw and the person who gets their name drawn takes home all the wine. MQHA keeps the cash to go into the MQHA account
- Kim Artz has items for the Banquet Auction

Exhibitor bags

- Lacey Fisher with RE/MAX (Bags cost \$190.77) CDC Show (\$159.23 remaining to fill bags)
- Perkins Quarter Horses (Bags cost \$240.45) SS Show (\$110.00 remaining to fill bags)
- Ranch By Design (Bags cost \$240.45) FC Show (110 remaining to fill bags)

Show Booklet

- Katurah used Canva to create a show booklet for the CDC
- 15 Copies printed by Staples cost \$150.58

BBQ

- Received a sponsor for the Canada Day Classic BBQ
- Received a sponsor for the Summer Sizzler (Sobeys will donate hot dogs and Superstore will donate hamburgers)

Social Committee

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Katurah Waye (Chair)

Amanda Gautreau

Leah Currie

Liane Nelson

Sarah Boss

Approved budget of \$750 for the show season

*Canada Day Classic Expenses \$65.00 (Buns from Mrs. Dunsters)

Summer Sizzler

- **Thursday Night** We will be having a move in BBQ (we have the hot dogs sponsored from Sobey's Sussex and Super Store will be donating hamburgers) – Will need to purchase buns from Mrs. Dunsters again
- **Throughout the weekend** Wine Survivor will be happening during this weekend – a poster with more information will be released after CDC. (this will be a fundraiser for MQHA)
- **Throughout the weekend** Giving out ice cream sandwiches during the weekend (MQHA will purchase)
- Barn Olympics Friday Night
- Saturday Night Youth games (Parent Leadline & Parent SMS)

Fall Classic

- **Monday Night** Potluck – Will advertise after Summer Sizzler (Will ask Lois to make a Poster)
- **Monday Night** Games after potluck (either hosted my Social Committee or Youth)