

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

October 3, 2023

Chair: Liane Nelson, President

Note Taker: Shannon Boyce, Secretary

Attendance: Liane Nelson, Shannon Boyce, Doug Perkins, Katurah Waye, Jonathan Melong, Lois-Anne Landry, Angela Geddes, Barry MacEachern

- Meeting was held virtually via Zoom and was called to order at 7:05 pm by Liane Nelson, president.
- 1. Motion to approve the agenda was made by Doug Perkins, seconded by Shannon Boyce. Motion carried.
- 2. Minutes of the last meeting, held virtually on Zoom July 13, 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 Katurah Waye, seconded by Lois-Anne Landry. Motion carried.
- 3. Liane Nelson provided the President's report where she discussed planning for the AGM in November. The agenda will be provided to members ahead of the event on our website. It has been requested by a few members that we offer a virtual option for the AGM. We will broadcast the meeting through Zoom. A moderator may be required to repeat any major points. Shannon Boyce will monitor the chat for online member comments. As per the by-laws it is ok for members to have another member vote by proxy with the proper form filled out.

There will be two proposed bylaw revisions for the AGM. The first is the addition of a lifetime membership category (Article 3, add 5.d.). The second is the addition of a MQHYA representative (president or alternate) to attend as a non-voting member at the BOD meetings. We also need to edit the constitution according to what is on the website. We can edit at the AGM, sign it and upload it onto the website. A good practice (which isn't in our by-laws) is to give a 30 day window of notice to members with the proposed changes uploaded onto the website.

- 4. Jonathan Melong provided the Treasure's report. 2023 has a roughly \$10,000 surplus. \$6,000 from the fundraising and sponsorship can be allocated towards the year end awards and banquet instead of the originally proposed \$3,000. Jonathan is currently working on the year end financials.
- 5. No committee reports were presented. All committee chairs are to prepare a year-end report to be read at the AGM.
- 6. A- Several motions which required immediate action were brought forward within the Board of Director's online chat. They are being placed within the official minutes so they are on record.
  - 1. Shannon Boyce made a motion to approve the budget for year end awards. Shandi Dryden seconded the motion. All were in favour. Jonathan, during our meeting, motioned to increase the MQHA contribution to the year end awards & banquet from

the fundraising and sponsorship funds from \$3,000 to \$6,000. Shannon Boyce seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2. Shannon Boyce made a motion to approve the ticket prices for the year end banquet. Shandi Dryden seconded the motion. All were in favour.
3. Lacey Fisher made a motion to provide \$600 to each MQHYA member (from the youth account) attending the NYATT. Seconded by Lois-Anne Landry. All were in favour.
4. Lacey Fisher made a motion to pay for team vests for 6 MQHYA members attending Congress to support the NYATT team, but not participating in NYATT. Motion seconded by Lois-Anne Landry. All were in favour.

B- Discussion was had regarding the September show. Possible options include having the MQHA show Friday-Saturday and the Paint show Sunday-Monday, drop the September show for 1 year and look at acquiring that weekend with PLP for the following year, changing the venue to an alternate location, and offering to take over the Paint show with the Maritime Paint Horse Association paying Rose for offering Paint classes.

C- There has been no update regarding Beth taking the Show Manager course.

7. Returning members of the MQHA (due to just completing year one of a two year position) are Liane Nelson, Shannon Boyce, Barry MacEachern, Shandi Dryden and Sarah Boss. There are 7 positions available for the new BOD. Katurah Waye, Leah Currie and Lacey Fisher are all finishing 2 year terms while Doug Perkins and Jonathan Melong are finishing one year terms. The temporary positions Lois-Anne Landry and Angela Geddes are filling are also available. All are welcome to re-offer to become BOD members.

Unfortunately Jonathan Melong will not be re-offering due to personal commitments. He did advise the BOD that the treasurer role is a big job; however, hiring a bookkeeper would be quite difficult. He found that when he was looking for receipts and documents he could text the members and get the required information. That would be difficult for a bookkeeper with no MQHA/AQHA experience. He also discussed how sponsorship is huge! There would be no MQHA without sponsorship. We need more people on the sponsorship committee. It can't be all left to Katurah and a few others. Perhaps the show committee can also be the sponsorship committee to help increase its numbers.

8. A date for the next board meeting was set for Saturday, November 4th, 2023 immediately following the AGM.
9. Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:42 pm- Jonathan Melong