

Minutes Of The General Membership Of The Minnesota Amateur Quarter Horse Association

January 23, 2006

The meeting was called to order by President Amy Cooney.

The minutes from the December 3, 2005, meeting were read. Corrections to the minutes were as follows: For the Open Show Program Sandy Jagger is the chairperson and the Awards Committee members for 2006 were not yet finalized. Charlie Gildea moved to approve the minutes as corrected, seconded by Marty Penkhus. Motion passed and minutes as corrected were approved as corrected.

The Treasurer's report was read by Anita York. The overall financial picture was provided as follows: Income was reported at \$129,699.50, expenses were \$123,442.78 showing a net overall of \$6,256.72. Our cash position is \$25,882.14. We are still waiting for some membership dues from Chad Horkey; we expect those to be received shortly. Rosie Hauge moved to approve the report; the motion was seconded and passed. The report was approved as presented.

Committee Reports

Year End Award Committee 2005 reported the awards are here. Rosie Hauge and Liz Midtlien volunteered to work on this committee again in 2006.

Anita Darnell reported for the MAQHA Clothing Sales committee. She will be taking the clothing to Winona where Terri Shaleen will take over this project.

Sandy Jagger reported for the Open Show Award Program Committee. They are meeting at about 3:00 p.m. near the lobby/large hallway outside the meeting room. The form for participating in the awards program will be on the MNQHA website.

Jane Rocheleau can use more helpers for the Horse Expo in April. She has organized the volunteers who already signed up into time slots and still has openings.

Crystal Estrem reported that help is still needed for the Silent Auction check out. Next year we will also advertise the silent auction in the newsletter; it was on the MNQHA website.

Liz Midtlien reported on the Corporate Challenge Committee, the show will be May 26 to May 29, 2006. Liz has some information and entry packets are available at the meeting and they are also on the website. Amy Cooney commented that the committee is still open for membership and there would be a meeting immediately after the January Amateur meeting.

The 2006 Nominating Committee now has two volunteers, Rosie Hauge and Joy Wohlin. The nominating committee will be finding individuals to run for President, Vice President and several board member positions for the election in December 2006.

The Membership Committee still has no volunteers. Discussion revolved around having membership forms at the Horse Expo and Novice Show as well as ideas on generating new members.

Regarding the Tack Swap and Clinic, nothing is finalized. Check the website or newsletter for information if something is organized.

Discussion then turned to the All Novice Show that a district is sponsoring. Ron Sunby will also be having an all novice show so a work saddle is planned a high point.

Old Business

Jay Cain has the MAQHA calendars from the printers; the cost of the calendars was greater than last year as the printer had more work. Sandy Jagger moved that we sell the calendars for \$5 each (poster or bound) in conjunction with the silent auction and upcoming shows. The motion was passed and

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there were 29 ayes and 10 nays, motion passed. After tonight Terri Shaleen will take the calendars and left over calendars to Horse Expo. In the past the leftover calendars (wall and bound) are given away as "freebies" at the Horse Expo.

NEW BUSINESS

Two youth members came to the MAQHA membership requesting support for their Region 3 Leadership Conference which will be April 7, 8, and 9 in Minnesota. It will be located at a hotel near the Mall of America. They are responsible for the expenses of the event and are seeking sponsorships for various activities as well as speakers, for motivational or leadership. A motion was made, discussion continued and amendments were made and withdrawn. Joy Wohlin moved that we donate \$500 for the youth regional conference. The motion was seconded and passed.

Liz Midtlien reported that sponsorships and new vendors and exhibitors need to be attracted. The banners are being produced this year with a new format and all will be reprinted. This year we are discontinuing the diamond bracelet incentive and instead have prizes of travel vouchers. Volunteers are still needed; you can work as little as an hour at a time. The exhibitor handbook, with patterns and advertisements will be provided to exhibitors free. See Liz for information on advertising in this year's exhibitor book.

The next item was the topic of the 2006 All Around Awards. A motion was made and withdrawn. Rosie moved that in September if a member is in contention of winning an all around award it would be award winner who must contact the committee with their preference of winning a buckle or a jacket. If no choice is made by the award winner at that time, you will receive a buckle. Additional discussion followed regarding a potential budget for the all around awards. Sandy Jagger amended Rosie's motion that in October the committee would call the potential winners and get an indication of their preference. Joy Wohlin then amended the amendment to give the committee the power to contact the potential winners and the committee makes the decision regarding the awards. The motion and each amendment were seconded and passed. Joy Wohlin then moved that a budget be established for \$2000 for the 6 all around awards. This was seconded by Amy Darnell. Liz Midtlien then moved that in addition the budget be amended to 10% plus or minus of the \$2000 due to unexpected changes or expenses for the coming year. This was also seconded by Amy Darnell and passed.

Anita Darnell requested a donation for the State Show for All Around Awards for Amateur High Points including divisions for Amateur, Select Amateur and Novice Amateur. The awards have been varied, some years a jacket was the award. Rose Hauge made a motion no donation be made for the state show for all around awards, the motion was defeated, 12 ayes to 20 nays. Joy Wohlin then made a motion that we purchase 2 AQHA All Around Trophies for the all arounds at the state show. Rosie Hauge will make a plaque that can be donated for the all around trophy for Novice Amateur. The motion was seconded and passed.

Anita York reported that as a subset of MQHA we are considered a subset of a nonprofit organization as is the youth group. Anita York, our Treasurer, provides financial records to MQHA's treasurer for tax purposes. Anita went on to add that we need to look into blanket bond (crime) coverage for our Treasurer.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Charlie Gildea, seconded by Crystal Estrem and passed. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Cain
MAQHA Co-Secretary