

## MAQHA January 28, 2012 Meeting Minutes

President Todd Morrow called the annual January MAQHA general meeting at the Lakeville Holiday Inn to order at 10:00a.m. There were 43 Amateur members present.

Secretary's Report from the Dec.3 meeting at Canterbury was read by Sec. Patrice Thesing with one correction to the minutes. It was noted that Dale Christianson was one of the new board members, not Dave as was read. The correction was noted and made. Warren Wilson made a motion to accept the Report with the noted change, it was seconded by Rosie Hauge, motion passed.

Treasurer Brenda Stevermer, being busy with the awards for the day, gave a brief report, stating that at this time there were two expenses. A report to put on the website will follow. There was no further discussion.

### Committee Reports:

Year End Awards: Julie Bernick and Brenda Stevermer shopped at the Congress this year. Not only was it a lot of fun, they found some great awards and donations from vendors. They reiterated how generous the vendors were, and stated that if one vendor gave something, another one would hear about it, and give as well! They then modeled the new jacket that they would like to add to the MAQHA Clothing sales line.

Clothing Sales: Julie Bernick and Todd Morrow presented the new jackets that Julie and Brenda found at Haris' during the Congress. They will have the original MAQHA Logo (4 squares/colored horse heads) on the back. Men and Women's sizes will be available in Black and Gray, and Black on Black. The jackets are made so they wick moisture away from you. They were priced at \$125 at Haris', but they are very high quality. Julie said she would do further research to see if she could find them elsewhere, without giving up the quality. Robin Beall said she bought one very similar at the Region 3 Experience that had similar quality and price. Haris' donated the modeled jacket to this year's MAQHA Silent Auction.

Silent Auction/Fund Raising: Todd reminded everyone about the evening's MAQHA Silent Auction and Wine Raffle. He hoped everyone brought many donations and wine for both fund raisers. Russ Carlson stated that this year's big prize in the wine raffle was a \$180 bottle of Dom Perignon!

Horse Expo: Darlene Gargano handed the report over to Mary Mensch initially. Mary is in charge of getting our riders/horses that represent the American Quarter Horse at the Expo. In year's past, MQHA has paid for two stalls at the event for our exhibitors. We normally have more than 2 horses and riders there with their Quarter horses. The cost of the rest of the stalls, falls on the people donating their time and talent to help promote the Quarter Horse. Mary requested that maybe MAQHA could help cover some of the cost, because these folks give their time, talent, take time off work, etc. to help promote us! Warren Wilson asked if MQHA helped in any way, and Mary said they donated the 2 stalls, but she would like to have more than 2 horses and riders represent the Quarter Horse. She suggested having 6 horse/riders, with MQHA splitting the cost of the 2 stalls between the 6, so that they would each get something for their time, or to have MAQHA give an additional donation or stalls. Warren Wilson made a motion to have MAQHA donate 4 more stalls to add to the 2 that MQHA already has taken care of, for a total of 6 stalls. Terrie Shaleen clarified that the stalls for Expo. are \$60, so it would be a total of \$240. Rhonda Clark seconded the motion. Motion passed. Mary thanked the members present and then gave the floor back to Darlene. Darlene also thanked the members present and then reminded everyone of the sign-up sheet to volunteer at the Horse Expo. She would love to have volunteers for 4 hours of at a time, but she will again take whatever time you can give! Please contact Darlene Gargano if you can help – the dates are April 27, 28, and 29, 2012.

Nominating Committee: Todd Morrow reminded everyone of the newly appointed MAQHA Board of Directors and had them stand. Our new directors Darren Mitchem from Duluth, Dale Christianson from Cambridge, Barb Walton from Cottage Grove, and Rhonda Clark from Hibbing were all present at the meeting.

Welcoming Committee: Kathy Baumgartner and Jane Rocheleau presented an ad that they would like to place in the MQHA newsletter and the WSCA Spotlight. They handed out an example of what they had in mind. The ad would introduce our Open Show exhibitors to MAQHA and MQHA. It would be a point of contact for someone with questions about a particular show or event. Kathy and Jane would have their phone numbers available and then guide a question to someone else at a show ,etc. Julie Bernick suggested putting it on the MQHA website as well. It could be knowledge driven so if they were looking for a particular class, they wouldn't have to read through all of the individual showbills. For example they could type in Team Penning and all of the shows with those classes would pop up. Rosie Hauge asked if the ad was a final draft? She thought since it was a MAQHA ad, perhaps it should contain news about the Free Clinics and Special Events at this year's Corporate Challenge. After much discussion, Jane and Kathy stated they didn't necessarily want to be so specific in the ad, in fear of missing someone's shows or information. Michael VanDorn asked about having an Ambassador at the shows to help. JoLee Messerli acknowledged the need for more helpers, and Julianne Hornig suggested a sign-up sheet for each show. You would let Jane and Kathy know what shows you were going to attend, and then you could help someone when you got to the show. Kathy and Jane could call on you to help at those specific shows. More discussion followed. Todd Morrow thanked Kathy and Jane for all of their hard work and time spent on getting such a nice ad together. They will continue to work on things and get something more final to put on the website. Julie Bernick reminded the members that MQHA has/had an Outreach Committee under Past - President Bonnie Minor. She was very involved with that, and wasn't sure if they still were doing anything, but thought it should be checked on.

Futurity Report: Mary Nigg asked those present how they liked the schedule and format of the 2011 Futurity. Most agreed that the 2-day / three judges was well received. Mary said they will be following the same format this year. She also reported that Eric Petry had stepped down as Futurity Chairman and that they are currently looking for a new one. Bob Dietz will be the Photographer. The judges will be: Buddy Fischer, Matt Howell, and Lindsey Martin. The Futurity will be Sept.

15 and 16. They have also added Stakes Classes with details to follow. On behalf of the 2012 Futurity, Mary requested another donation from MAQHA. Susan Wilcox asked if we should discuss the use of our donation, if it's in MAQHA's best interest to donate to the Futurity, and if the Non-Pro's were the ones that actually benefitted from the monies. Mary Nigg left to gather more information. Upon her return to the meeting, Mary said all of the money collected for the Futurity went into the General Fund and it is then dispersed to the winners. Warren Wilson made a motion to give the Futurity \$1000 again this year if we have the money. Amy Darnell added that we should make sure it is allocated to the Non-Pro's. Brenda Stevermer commented that maybe we wait to decide until after the Corporate Challenge to make sure we made money, and had it to donate. Warren then rescinded his first motion. A new motion to donate \$1000 to the Futurity for the Non-Pro classes to be decided after the Corporate Challenge was made by Michael Van Dorn and seconded by Anthony Kinney. Motion passed. Mary thanked the members.

MQHA Tack Swap and Clinic: Jane Rocheleau gave an update of the Swap and Clinic. It will be at Simon Arena in Cannon Falls on February 25. People can begin checking in their Swap items on Friday night from 4 –7p.m., and also from 7-9a.m. on Saturday morning. There will be a 13% commission rate to sellers' this year. The Clinic will begin at 10:00 a.m. with Dawn Baker. Lainie DeBoer gave us a little background on Dawn. She is a native Minnesotan as is very excited to be back in the area! She has won numerous titles including the Master's Hunter Under Saddle at the Congress. She is very talented in the Western disciplines as well. Bonnie Minor said there were six slots available to audit with your horse for \$100 each per slot, so if you are interested please contact her. Jane also asked that anyone needing tickets to contact her. The monies from the Tack Swap go to the MQHA Scholarship Fund.

Old Business: The updating of the Bi-Laws were addressed. After some discussion it was felt that the Bi-Laws were fine at this time. The current set will be published on the website.

New Business: Warren Wilson made a motion to change the name of The MAQHA Corporate Challenge, to the Ken Pautzke Memorial Corporate Challenge. Michael Van Dorn seconded. Motion passed unanimously. After further discussion, noting that it was NOT Ken's wish for it to become a "Memorial show", the members agreed to name a class at the Corporate Challenge after him instead. Warren rescinded his original motion, making a new motion that the High -Point Halter class would be renamed the Ken Pautzke Memorial Hi-Point Halter class for 2012. Russ Carlson seconded, motion passed.

There being no other new business Rosie Hauge made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and it was seconded by Michael VanDorn. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

Everyone remained seated for the presentation of the MAQHA year-end awards. The awards were a Boot Jack for one award, and if you had two or more you received a Boot Jack and a MAQHA leather Checkbook Cover.

Respectfully submitted, Patrice Thesing