

The 2012 MAQHA annual December meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m. by President Todd Morrow.

A motion to forego the reading of the Secretary's Report from the January 2012 MAQHA meeting was made by Julie Bernick and seconded by Darlene Gargano. The motion passed. The minutes are posted on the MQHA website.

MAQHA Treasurer Brenda Stevermer reported that MAQHA has approximately \$71,000.00 in their checking account. There are few payables left from the Corporate Challenge yet, and we have 5 checks from the 2011 Corporate Challenge that have not been cashed yet. They were issued for NSBA winnings. The people have been notified, and at this time, none have responded. A motion to add the amount of the checks back into our account was made by Julie Bernick and seconded by Rhonda Clark. If the checks need to be re-issued, Brenda will do so. Brenda also gave a detailed report on the Corporate Challenge financials, as well as a Corporate Challenge committee breakdown of roles.

Elections for three new board members and our new officers followed. Our new board members are Elaine Manders, Carah Pearson, and Kris Reuvers. MAQHA sends a huge Thank-You to Todd Flatness, Denise Green, and Anthony Kinney for their time served on the board. New officers are as follows: President – Russ Carlson, Vice-President – Paige Broekema, Treasurer – Brenda Stevermer, and Secretary – Patrice Thesing.

Our committee reports followed elections.

Nominating: They will plan on getting together sometime this year, and get a list of nominees together for 2014. Dr. Wohlin, Judy Wohlin, and Todd Morrow are on this committee.

Year End Awards: Brenda Stevermer and Julie Bernick requested that if you are receiving a year-end award this year, that you arrange to have someone pick it up for you if you are unable. They will not be mailing out awards this year. Also, all of the vendors they used were from Minnesota. This year's awards for our All-Arounds will be silver stirrups. Third place through sixth place will receive wine glasses, stemless glasses, and Professional Choice leg wraps.

Horse Expo: Darlene Gargano reported that things are falling into place. She has a list of potential helpers that she will work from, instead of having volunteers sign up at this time. She will be calling, so please offer an hour or two of your time – well worth it! Mary Mensch reported that she has five horses lined up to represent the American Quarter Horse, with a sixth one possible. At this time, these people donate their time and their horse's talents to represent our association. They are also expected to take off work, and pay for their own stalls. Mary requested that MAQHA pay \$800.00 for the horse stalls @ \$125.00, and tack stalls @\$50.00. Benda Stevermer wondered if perhaps MQHA would pay for half of the expenses. Discussion followed. Gretta Graceland wondered if the caliber of horses representing MAQHA/MQHA had improved over the last couple of years – she was assured that they had, and she volunteered to pay \$125 for a stall. Julie Bernick stated that since the horses represent MQHA as well, she thought MQHA would be open to paying for half of the stalls needed. Rhonda Clark made the motion to have MAQHA pay \$400.00 of the needed monies, and if MQHA wouldn't pay the rest, MAQHA would pay for all of the stalls needed. Paige Broekema seconded and the motion passed.

Silent Auction: Todd reported that we would again be doing the Wine Raffle – everyone is asked to bring a bottle of wine to the Banquet. Russ stated that this year a specified time for the drawing will be announced, and the wine will be distributed at the dinner. Last year many members didn't know about the drawing time, and missed out. Brenda reported that many of the vendors that we had furnish our awards, also donated something for the silent auction. Member Kris Reuvers and her family also donated 25lbs. of beef. Thank-You!

Welcoming: Kathy Baumgartner has had a few calls consisting of questions about shows, memberships, and general information. She and Jane Rocheleau thought the Board Members should have their phone numbers listed and be on the committee as well. Jane gave an overview of what the committee is trying to accomplish. Discussion followed. The committee would like to reach more potential members – Rhonda Clark asked Julie Gintner if she would be able to write something in the WSCA Spotlight monthly newsletter. Julie agreed to put a little write up monthly for the Spotlight.

We have a lot of events that aren't necessarily shows. Jane said that MAQHA has to be their own advocate, and promote all of the events we help put on. Horse Expo, 4-H Boot Camp, Champ Show to mention a few.

Clothing Sales: Todd Morrow reported that we still had some jackets left. Darlene Gargano mentioned how quickly the YOUTH clothing sold at Horse Expo. She suggested some new fun items be available. Designs, colors, etc, were also discussed. Todd apologized for not having any items there for members to look at, and promised to have new items and ideas at the January meeting. Members thought something with the MAQHA Logo would be useful. Russ Carlson suggested members with ideas send them to Todd or Julie Bernick before the January meeting.

Corporate Challenge: Brenda Stevermer passed out a handout with the committee's notes for the 2013 Corporate Challenge. Todd Morrow gave an update. New in 2013, the show will hire the fairgrounds to set jumps and trail courses. Questions about using the Cattle Barn as a warm-up pen were put to rest when Todd reported the cost of set-up and maintenance during the show would be approximately \$20,000.00. The Werner Arena will be open 24 hours/day this year. Also, the show bill will contain printed breaks and lengths of breaks. The committee is still making plans for the Clinics and Special Events, and judges for the show have been verbally hired. They will be: Clay Macleod, Rick Christy, Holly Hover, Nancy Sue Ryan, and John Dean. At this time we are still waiting to hear back from several other judges to complete the roster. If there is someone you would like us to consider, please let Russ or Patrice know. Awards for the show were discussed at length. Some suggestions were Kindle's for the Youth All-Arounds, and Sheets for the others. It was suggested that money is always appreciated! Jane Rocheleau made a motion to pay cash through 4th place like we did a previous year. Kelly Manner seconded, and the motion passed.

Dr. Wohlin stepped in at this time from the Futurity Committee meeting and asked if the Amateurs would like the Amateur classes at the Futurity to be held on Friday. After some discussion Russ Carlson made a motion to leave the class schedule the same. It was seconded by Jane Rocheleau and the motion passed.

Jane Rocheleau also gave a quick update on the MQHA Clinic and Tack Swap. This year it will be held at Simon Arena in Cannon Falls on February 22 and 23rd. Check-in for items will begin at 5:00p.m. on Feb. 22nd. Commission will be 13 % across the board this year. If you can help, please give Jane Rocheleau a call. Bonnie Minor and Jay Thesing are working on the clinicians at this time.

At this time, many of the members present had to leave for the MQHA Board meeting. There being no Old or New Business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Rhonda Clark and seconded by Paige Broekema. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrice Thesing Sec.