

**MAQHA Meeting Minutes**  
**December 4, 2010**  
**Shakopee, Minnesota**

President Susan Wilcox called the meeting to order at Noon at Canterbury Park.

Due to another meeting underway, Eric Petry had a quick inquiry. The futurity is moving to Simons in Cannon Falls, it will be the same weekend as it was in the past. He would like an indication of interest and opinions regarding having another show in conjunction with the Futurity. A show of hands produced approximately half in attendance would be interested in a show that weekend.

Copies of the minutes from the January 23, 2010, were provided at the meeting and were published on the website. A motion for approval of the minutes was made by Julie Bernick and seconded by Tiffany Sullivan. The minutes were approved.

Anita York provided the Treasurer's Report to date with 2010 income of \$98,363.82; expenses of \$100,429.09 for a loss of \$2,065.27. Cash on hand as of the meeting date was \$37,189.18. Patrice Thesing made a motion to approve the report; seconded by Julie Gintner, report approved.

#### Committee Reports

##### Year End Awards

Julie Bernick has the awards list; her budget is \$4,000. Regarding All Around Awards, if the winners want a jacket or patch, contact Julie Bernick immediately. Discussions regarding the other Amateur Awards were heard, a VISA Check Card was discussed.

##### MAQHA Clothing Sales

Todd Morrow has very little inventory left, about 70 pieces. They will donate some to the Silent Auction; he has not order stock yet. He has been looking for something unique. Todd will probably venture back to the square logo that was used a few years ago. He will bring some samples of new inventory to the January meeting.

##### Horse Expo

Mary Mensch reported that they are all set to go. The schedule times are on the website, space has been submitted. She has some riders that are interested in bringing horses and paying their own stalls. Mary will screen and coordinate all quarter horse breed representatives as well as signage regarding the horse, its job, parentage, age, etc. The 2011 expo dates are 4/29 to 5/1. A signup sheet will probably be passed around at the January meeting. Clothing at expo was also discussed.

##### Silent Auction

Todd Morrow reported that a mailing was completed to 75 vendor and/or equine contacts. No responses were received. Some donations were generated from the World Show; a pair of Blue Ribbon spurs straps, weatherbeeta dog blankets and potentially some artwork. Todd will be asking for donations from the shows for stalls. All members are encouraged to gather donations. They may also have a cork game which involves a donation and potential to win a nice bottle of wine.

No report from the Fund Raising Committee.

##### Corporate Challenge

Ken Pautzke reported he has volunteered and been accepted as the 2011 Chair of the show. Advertising has begun. A day of Special Event has been added for Thursday as well as an over fences clinic with Lainie DeBoer, a Team Wrangler member. Purina is sponsoring the over fences classes. Information was shared

that some of the shows that previously were conflicts with Corporate Challenge may not be in 2011. They need to fill a minimum of 400 stalls. They have changed to a flat fee concept and are creating a venue for the exhibitor to save money. A tent will be outside the barn office which will be a hospitality area, no official exhibitor event is planned, and the tent may offer beverage and accompaniments depending on the weather for exhibitors when they have available time. Open and Amateur awards will be cash; the youth and novice awards will be prizes, Ken is trying to find a unique award. Ring stewards will be paid \$100 per day. Ken prefers the ring stewards are paired with the judges and will be consistent or the same through the entire show. The name will be the same, Corporate Challenge. Jay Thesing is interested in showing, so Ken will be searching for a Show Secretary. Madeline White will be the barn manager. Fairgrounds will handle the parking of the trailers. They are looking to sponsors to be involved, for example the trail may be sponsored by one of the tracks (harness or Canterbury); instead of bushes some appropriate decorations may be used. There will also be some NSBA futurity classes. Show bill and schedule available on [www.mnqha.com](http://www.mnqha.com). The goal of the show is to break even. Ken is looking forward to a good show.

#### Nominating Committee and Elections

Dr. Roland Wohlin reported on the slate of officers proposed by the nominating committee. They are: President – Todd Morrow; Vice President – Russ Carlson; Secretary – Patrice Thesing; Treasurer – Brenda Stevermer; Board Members Todd Flatness, Anthony Kinney, Denise Green and in the event Todd Morrow is elected, Madeline White would be proposed as his board replacement. Dr. Roland Wohlin made a motion for a white ballot for the nominations; motion was seconded and passed.

#### Membership/Welcoming Committee

Jan Rocheleau reported that the purpose of this committee is to encourage and welcome new members, guests and show participants at various events. They are continuing to come up with ideas on how to make people more welcome and comfortable. Mary Mensch suggested that some shows add first time AQHA exhibitor classes, they were well received. More discussion followed, Todd Morrow, the incoming President will discuss an intern program at the January meeting.

#### No Old Business

#### New Business

There was some discussion about the Corporate Challenge Leadership. Ken Pautzke is no longer an amateur as he is an AQHA steward. Is this an issue that needs to be discussed or not? After some comments, it was decided that this should be tabled to the January meeting for the incoming officers and directors to address at the January meeting since this is a 2011 event.

The topic of MAQHA continuing as a separate entity from MQHA was discussed. Once again, this was tabled to the January 2011 meeting for the incoming officers, directors and membership

With no further business, a motion for adjournment was made and seconded, meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted,  
Julie Cain, MAQHA Secretary