

Jan. 22, 2011 MAQHA General Meeting

President Todd Morrow called the meeting to order at 10a.m. at the Radisson Hotel in Duluth, MN. There were 37 Amateur members in attendance.

The Secretary's Report from the 2010 Board Meeting and the 2010 December meeting were read. A motion to accept the reports as read was made by Darlene Gargano and seconded by Paige Broekema. Motion Passed.

Treasurer's Report: Brenda Stevermer reported that we have a current balance of \$39,840.84 A motion to accept the report as read was made by Darlene Gargano and Seconded by Paige Broekema. Motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Horse Expo: Darlene Gargano reported that Expo was going to be a little later in the spring this year. It will be April 29 – May 1st this year. She passed around a sign-up sheet for those wanting to volunteer working, and encouraged everyone to do so. It is a great opportunity to meet new people in the horse industry, and see the many different horse breeds that are in our state! Mary Mensch also encouraged everyone to help out, and said she has several people lined up to represent the American Quarter Horse. They want to pay for their own stalls, and fees to do so! A letter from one of the participants was read to those attending, and was very positive.

Awards: "They are here, and ready to be handed out!" was reported by Julie Bernick.

Old Business: Donation for the 2011 Futurity was discussed. In the past, MAQHA has donated money to be split between the Versatility Class winner/2nd place. After discussing the costs of belt buckles and similar type prizes, Dr. Wohlin made a motion to give \$500 to the Futurity for a donation. It was seconded by Brenda Stevermer. Motion passed.

Rosie Hauge brought up the discussion about rejoining MAQHA and MQHA into one functioning group again. Discussion followed – there being no motion on the floor to do so, no action was taken.

Corporate Challenge: Show Chair, Ken Pautzke gave an update on the Working Hunter/Hunter Hack Clinic, Special Event, judges, class schedules, classes, fees, office help, NSBA classes, and prize suggestions for the show. The committee is hard at work getting everything worked out. Ken stated that Weezie would be handing out the 1st place awards for each of the judges in the arena. The rest of the prizes would be on a table somewhere, for the exhibitors to pick up. This will cut down on class lengths as there will be multiple judges in the pen at one time. Peg Edmundson and her crew will be running the show office. Ken would like our Ring Stewards to stay with their judge for the entire show this year. We will be paying them \$100 per day this year. The committee also would like the Stewards to dress alike, so they can be easily identified in the arena. Ken would also like to get together with the Ring Stewards to go over scribing for the classes that call for it...Showmanship and Horsemanship are

also scribed classes now. It was also mentioned that AQHA is now offering a Ring Steward Class/Seminar for those wishing to learn how to Ring Steward. Rosie Hauge has been lining up the Stewards, so if you are interested, please give her a call! The Corporate Challenge Committee has also been coming up with sponsor and vendor ideas for the show. One of the ideas is to sell Trail cones with advertising on them and they would be used exclusively during the Trail Classes. Our vendor space around the Coliseum this year will be free to our vendors as long as they donate an item for a drawing during the show. Outside vendors will be charged what MAQHA is charged for those spaces, as well as the item for a drawing. LaDonna Schultze is in charge of getting our judges fed again this year. There will be a Hospitality Tent set up outside the horse barn that will have tables and chairs for gathering and relaxing, etc. There will not be an exhibitor party this year, but they would like to have food available in the tent every night from 5p.m. – 7p.m. Cookies, cheese and crackers, and chili were mentioned. LaDonna will be contacting our Amateurs to have everyone pitch in to fill the cookie jar...more to come. Anyone wanting to volunteer to help with any aspect of the Corporate is invited to join in – they will be calling you for help!

Tack Swap/Clinic: This year's MAQHA Tack Swap and Clinic will be February 26, 2011 at Simon Arena in Cannon Falls. The clinician this year is Ryan Cuttingim from Indiana. He is a Team Wrangler member and will touch on Showmanship, Horsemanship, and Western Riding. There will be 10 slots for horses at \$100 each to audit. If you are interested in bringing a horse to audit, please contact Bonnie Minor. Jane Rocheleau is in charge of the Tack Swap part of the weekend and she will be checking tack in on Friday night from 4p.m. – 7p.m. and again on Saturday morning from 7a.m. – 9:30 a.m. This should help with the congestion and the checking-in process. Anyone wanting to help should contact Jane.

Other Old Business brought up was regarding clothing sales and inventory. Todd was asked if new merchandise/clothing would be available at the Swap and the Horse Expo. He is checking into this at this time.

There being no New Business, a motion to adjourn was made at 11:00a.m. by Bart Moon and seconded by Dr. Wohlin. Motion passed, meeting was adjourned.

Everyone was reminded to turn in their items for the evening's silent auction and wine raffle.

There was one correction to the awards for that night for Novice Amateur Trail.

Respectfully submitted, Patrice Thesing MAQHA Secretary