

MAQHA Meeting  
January 23, 2010  
Saint Cloud, Minnesota

President Susan Wilcox called the meeting to order at 10 am.

Susan Wilcox read the minutes, LaDonna Schultz moved they be approved as read, seconded and passed.

Anita York presented the Treasurer's report for 2009. Anita reported income of \$113,809.90; expenses of \$105,057.60 for a profit of \$8,752.30 as well as an on hand balance of \$39,254.45. Rosie Hauge moved the treasurer's report be approved, seconded and passed.

Year end awards were reported on by Julie Bernick. Julie advised the Top 6 awards are at the meeting and will be presented after the meeting. This year some of the All Around and Reserve All Around arranged for their own awards instead of the traditional jacket and embroidery for their items. Susan Wilcox requested feedback from the membership. Discussion followed touching on budget, some sort of remembrance and that the awards be "horsey" instead of generic awards.

Todd Morrow reported on the MAQHA clothing sales. Todd has reviewed the inventory and recommends we have a "fire sale" on some of the existing clothing, by "fire sale" he means to use it for open show award donations, charity donation or aggressively sell it to bring a fresh inventory with new style. Other ideas from the floor included give it out at horse expo with paid memberships. Rusty moved that we allow Todd to take care of reducing the inventory, motion seconded and passed. Please refer your great clothing ideas to Susan Wilcox or Todd Morrow before the next meeting.

Todd Morrow provided information for the 2010 and 2011 Silent Auction Fundraiser. They have stalls donated from shows. Todd would like a budget for postage and stationary to do a mailing for next year. This worked well in the past, Andrea would send out about 100 letters and they would send her merchandise for the silent auction. Rusty Carlson moved that we approve an amount for postage as historically when handled by mailings this has been beneficial to the fund raiser. After discussion the amount for postage was determined to be up to \$350 but no budget for stationary as this can be done with word processing and printed on plain paper. Dr. Wohlin seconded the motion. Todd also recommended that we support a charity with animals and kids, such as "Majestic Hills", a therapeutic riding academy. There are many facets to this, and a possible connection may be made to the corporate challenge committee. After further discussion, it was decided that Plan "A" would be to associate with the proposed MQHA Foundation.

There was no report from the Fund Raising committee.

The Horse Expo report was provided by Jane Rocheleau for Darlene Gargano. The vendors are down about 32% for the expo. Darlene has two people lined up for the parade of breeds. Call Darlene if you want to volunteer, the schedule is by 4 hour increments, there are a few slots remaining.

Butch Wohlin indicated that volunteers are needed for the nominating committee, currently Butch and Judy are the committee members.

The Membership/Welcoming Committee presented a couple of ideas, a pizza thing, discussion turned to the MQHA outreach committee. Susan Wilcox recommends a partnership with the youth association. Discussion followed about potluck at the stalls at shows, themes for the mixer (football cake, St Patrick Day cookies, etc.)

The Futurity donation was the next item of discussion. The discussion included pros and cons of a donation with string, how to enforce it. They requested \$1000. Last year we provided a donation of \$500. Rosie Hauge moved that we donate \$500 and ask for help at the Corporate Challenge, but don't require it. Julie Bernick seconded the motion, motion passed. Rosie will talk to Eric Petry regarding the donation and our request for assistance at the Corporate Challenge.

Corporate Challenge Committee has hired judges, contracted with the fairgrounds. There will be a Corporate Challenge meeting after the Board Meeting. Ken Pautzke and Jay Thesing have discussed the possibility of having Trail, Halter and Showmanship being triple judged, that would be Saturday and Sunday of Memorial Day weekend. Other shows have had success with this and better numbers. LaDonna Schultz made a motion that we look into having multiple judges multiple days. Discussion turned to the need for committed volunteers to handle the work; we need to shorten the shift times for volunteers. Todd suggested that if no volunteers are willing to handle the areas needed Board members should be responsible for these tasks. Several key positions were identified and Susan Wilcox requested volunteers for these positions. Susan now has key persons responsible in key areas to coordinate volunteers for their venue (gates, ringmaster, exhibitor party, etc.). Susan Wilcox will post this information on the website as well as future meeting dates for MAQHA board and general membership meetings. There will be a Corporate Challenge phone meeting, for those interested in attending, please let Jay Thesing know and he will provide you with the call-in information. *Notation: Rusty Carlson advised he would be hosting an event for gate volunteers only!*

An announcement was made that AQHA has changed their position on Halter for Select Amateurs. In the past the Select All Around was not inclusive of halter. AQHA will now be including Amateur halter for Select All Around. There was a vote regarding the 2010 Select All Around for Minnesota—should Amateur halter be included for the Select All Around. A hand count was completed and the Amateur halter points will be included for Select All Around.

An announcement was made by Jane Rocheleau that the MQHA Tack Swap and Clinic will be held on February 27 at Simon's Arena. Tack swap check in is from 7 am to 9:30 am, the clinic starts at 9 AM. There will be a lunch stand, it will be in the February Newsletter and WSCA Spotlight.

Rusty Carlson moved that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Brenda Rhode, all in favor, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Julie Cain, MAQHA Secretary