MAQHA Meeting January 24, 2004

President Tonya Fricke called the meeting to order at approximately 9:40 a.m.

The Secretary's report included the reading of the minutes of the December meeting. A motion to accept the report was made by Linda Henderson and seconded by Jay Cain, all approved

Anita York gave the Treasurer's Report. She advised there has been no change since the December report provided to the membership by Ken Pautzke. In the future the new Treasurer reported she plans on presenting a financial statement. Jay Cain moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Linda Henderson. The motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Amy Ginter reported on the open show program. There are more participants in 2003 than in the past. Amy is looking for a volunteer to handle the open show program. This position also tabulates the youth open show program. Amy commented the participants are great to work with. The awards for this program will be handed out at the meeting today. Joannie McArthur volunteered to handle this program in 2004.

Tonya Fricke reported on the All Novice Show and the great results we have had with this program in the past. She and Rusty are the chairpersons of this program and are looking for help to coordinate award donations and workers for the show. She is passing around a sign up sheet. Call Tonya or Rusty for more information, the date of the show this year is Saturday, August 21, 2004.

Jayne Rocheleau, the chairperson for Horse Expo, reported last month a sign up sheet was passed around and there are a few openings for volunteers to work the booth on Saturday, which is a big day at Expo, very busy. The expo is the last weekend in April.

Ken Pautzke reported on the Corporate Challenge. There is a new pre-entry form for horses and riders this year, the pre-entry form is not a class entry form, but it would include copies of papers and membership cards as well as basic information. If you use the pre-entry form, the \$10 per entry office charge will be waived. Reining has been dropped; the green classes will be every other day instead of every day, this is to shorten the schedule so the days are not so long. The last class of the show is horsemanship and to encourage enrollment \$2500 will be jackpotted between the Amateur and Select Amateur classes. Entrants must show under all 4 judges and it will be split unequally between amateur and amateur select. \$600 each will go to the top amateur and select amateur in horsemanship; Second and third in Amateur will receive \$400 and \$300 respectively and participants who did not receive any prize will have a drawing for \$300 each in Amateur and Select Amateur Horsemanship. Stall reservations are being accepted immediately; shavings are the same. Harold Compton will be the show photographer. We are expecting a large show. Ken advised he needed 12 ring stewards and was looking for volunteers.

- Tonya Fricke made an announcement that the Rochester Regional Equestrian Center in Rochester is offering several courses, Introduction to Equine Science and Light Horse Science.
- The Silent Auction has started. Tonya is looking for volunteers to handle the room in one-hour blocks. A sign up sheet is being sent around. Tonya thanked everyone for their donations.

NEW BUSINESS

- The Bylaws need to be reviewed. It is anticipated the current bylaws will be printed in the next newsletter. The last time they have been revised was 1996 and they need to be reviewed for changes. The current Bylaws indicate that the secretary/treasurer position was one and it has been split into two. Discussion also turned to the point system for the Select group, halter was not required otherwise the point system follows MQHA. Warren Wilson and Julie Cain volunteered to review the Bylaws for changes with Tonya Fricke. Anita York recommended the bylaws be published annually in the newsletter. Jay Cain mentioned we may want to post the By-laws on the website for easy reference for members.
- Anita York sought approval for \$53.20 to be reimbursed for a Quicken accounting program to automate the MAQHA accounting records. Amy Ginter made a motion we reimburse Anita; Shelley Kockelman seconded; all in favor.
- Report on the MAQHA clothing, Rusty, Anita and Amy need to meet with Ken and Todd to discuss ordering possibilities, etc.
- Amy Ginter is our new Vice President since Tonya has now taken on the role of President.
- With no further business Jay Cain moved the meeting be adjourned; seconded by Sandy Jaeger. Meeting adjourned. The MAQHA Awards presentation followed the meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Julie Cain