

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Minnesota Amateur Quarter Horse Association
December 2, 2006

The meeting was called to order by President Amy Cooney.

The minutes from the January 23, 2006, meeting was read. Motion to approve was made by Jay Cain, seconded by Joy Wohlin. Minutes were approved as presented.

The Treasurer's report was read by Anita York. The overall financial picture was provided as follows. From January 1, 2006, through October 31, 2006, our income was \$149,961.31, expenses \$144,045.54 showing a net overall of \$5,915.77. Our cash position is \$31,797.91. Anita also reported she has just received dues from MQHA in the amount of \$2,374.71 which is not included in the report. Sandy Jagger moved to approve the report, seconded by Jane Rocheleau and passed. The report was approved as presented.

Joy Wohlin-McNamara reported for the Nominating Committee. The nominating committee has selected candidates for each office and directors. Ballots are in the back of the room and voting will take place later in the meeting.

Rosie Hauge reported for the Awards Committee that the jackets are ordered and she mentioned the plan for the Top 6 Awards were going to be caps with lettering. Later in the meeting Rosie would like to discuss how the members feel about the number of awards.

Amy Cooney commented that the Corporate Challenge Show this year was profitable due to many factors, more stabling, sponsors, budget, etc. This year the rental of the cow barn was sponsored and the show was able to increase the number of participants. The committee stuck with the budget, concentrated on taking care of customers (exhibitors), resolved problems, added additional NSBA classes. Liz Midtlien will be the chairperson for the show. Warren Wilson, the former awards sub chair, has resigned his position for Corporate Challenge due to work commitments. The profit for the show was just over \$10,000. Discussion followed regarding how well the show was received by exhibitors and their positive reaction to hospitality provided by the show and sponsors.

There was no report from the Clothing Committee.

Sandy Jagger reported on the Open Show Awards Program that this year there were 10 Amateurs and 7 Youth participating in the program. She commented that dues and fees to participate in the program were collected so money was made on the program. She reported that after reviewing records for previous years and noted that many former participants are now active participants in MAQHA. She has many ideas for next year and also is submitting a grant request to AQHA that needs to be approved first by MQHA.

A sign up sheet for horse expo is being circulated by co-chairs Sandy Jagger, Susan Wilcox and Jane Rocheleau. The committee reported that last year their sales were down due to several factors including they need warm clothes to sell at the expo, the booth location was moved to an out of the way location and there were problems with the credit card sales. In 2005 the sales from Horse Expo totaled about \$6,700 and in 2006 the paid sales totaled about \$1,700.

The Silent Auction chair, Crystal Estrem, reported that approximate profit for 2006 was \$4,798. She is looking for donations and volunteers to work at the 2007 Silent Auction. She has sent out letters to all former corporate sponsors requesting donations.

NEW BUSINESS

Election of Officers and Board of Directors - Amy Cooney recognized the retiring board members, Warren Wilson, Eric Anderson and Sandy Jagger. The next action was the election of officers and board members. The slate of officers and board nominations were presented to the membership for voting. For each office individually, the President called for nominations from the floor. With no nominations from the floor for any of the officer positions, motions were made that nominations cease and were passed for each officer. Motions were then made, seconded and passed for a white ballot votes for each officer. The slate of officers that were nominated and elected are as follows: President, Brenda Rhode; Vice President, Mary Ebnet; Secretary, Julie Cain; Treasurer Anita York.

Nominations were requested from the floor for the Board of Directors. Jay Cain moved that nominations cease, motion was seconded by Joy Wohlin-McNamara, motion passed. Voting took place for the Board of Director positions. Joy Wohlin-McNamara reported on the voting of the membership for the Board positions, new board members will be Amy Darnell, Kathy Elmer and John Winkelman.

Ideas for the clothing program were discussed including zipped hooded sweatshirts, coats, hats, and various options including adding some rhinestones to brighten things up.

Committee Assignments

Nominating Committee volunteers are Joy Wohlin-McNamara and Tony Anderman will for the coming year. Next December only the directors will need to be elected as officers are elected for a 2 year term.

Horse Expo committee will consist of Sandy Jagger, Susan Wilcox and Jane Rocheleau.

Corporate Challenge Committee, Liz Midtlien is the chairperson. The committee is looking for additional committee members as well as volunteers to work during the show.

The Awards Program committee members include Rosie Hauge and Liz Midtlien. Rosie commented on the disparity between multiple placings versus one placing for the Top 6 awards as mentioned earlier in the meeting. Awards are provided per horse and rider combination regardless of the number of events or placings you may have earned in the year end system. After discussion Rosie made a motion that the committee look into ideas for the Top 6 awards and report at the January meeting. Discussion included various different organizations methods of determining awards. Additional ideas should be direct to the awards committee; volunteers in addition to Rosie and Liz include Julie Bernick, Paige Broekema and Shelly Kockelman.

The Open Show Program committee consists of Sandy Jagger, chairperson, volunteers for the committee include Patrice Thesing and Tammy Winkelman. Sandy brought information to the members regarding some ideas about promoting the program including speaking at a saddle club meeting, setting up a booth at some of the larger open shows, proposing an MBNA grant for advertising, promoting the program at the AI Novice shows at Verndale and Hinckley. She would like to put results in the newsletter and other publications. Discussion then turned to awards for the open show program. The Youth have gone ahead and ordered garment bags from Woodloch Tack at cost. Sandy moves for approval for garment bags for the Amateur award winners as well and will check with Brenda and John regarding printing. Motion seconded and passed.

Futurity Donations were the next item of new business. President Amy Cooney advised it is time to consider our commitment to the futurity program; we have donated money for the non-pro versatility class in the past. Previously we had a 3 year commitment at \$1,000 per year (\$600 for Champion and \$400 for Reserve Champion). After some discussion, Joy Wohlin made a motion that we donate \$1,000 to the futurity for the non-pro awards and that this donation be reviewed annually. Warren Wilson seconded the motion, motion passed. Discussion then following regarding the futurity amateur representative as we have no one in that position currently. It was moved and seconded that Mary and Jim Nigg will be the amateur co-representatives to the futurity committee as the committee meets at the same time the Amateurs meet.

Crystal Estrem reported that she is sending out donation letters to businesses that previously donated to the banquet. Volunteers are needed at the banquet for check in and check out.

The Horse Expo was discussed regarding the use of the credit card machine. Apparently the forms were not filled out properly, some credit cards were expired. Warren Wilson made a motion that we no longer accept credit cards. After some discussion regarding better training of horse expo booth staff and other suggestions, Jay Cain made a motion that we table this decision until the January meeting to determine the economic impact of this potential change. Paige seconded the motion and motion passed.

Anita York proposes MAQHA establish an annual budget to assist with expenditure guidance. Anita has reviewed the financial statements from the last few years and has developed a preliminary budget. John Winkelman moves a budget be approved by the Board of directors annually and the General Membership at the January meeting. Paige Broekema seconded the motion, motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Cain
Secretary