

**MAQHA General Membership Meeting
Saturday, December 5, 2009**

The meeting was called to order by Vice President, Alex Conger at 1:00 pm at the Hutchinson Event Center in Hutchinson, Minnesota.

The minutes from January 2009 were read. Warren Wilson moved to approve the minutes as read, Jay Cain seconded. Motion passed.

The Treasurers' report was read by Anita York. Anita reported the numbers for 2009 year to date, Income of \$111,389.90, expenses of \$103,833.96 for a profit of \$7,555.94. Cash on hand is \$38,058.09. Jay Cain made a motion to approve the report, Julie Bernick seconded, and all were in favor. Treasurer's report approved.

Committee Reports

Julie Bernick reported on the Year End Awards for 2009. The points have been tabulated. They are ordering one all around jacket, other all around and reserve all around winners have chosen an equivalent award. Those with an equivalent award will be bringing it to the awards ceremony. For the remainder of the placings gas cards will be awarded. Julie has agreed to continue as 2010 chair for this committee.

Teri Shaleen reported on the Clothing Sales, this year they moved a lot of inventory. Teri will now be the new MQHA membership secretary, so we will need a new 2010 committee chair. Todd Morrow volunteered as 2010 Clothing Sales chairman.

Jane Rocheleau provided a report on the 2009 Horse Expo. Darlene Gargano has volunteered as the chairperson for this event! Discussion continued about getting a better spot at Horse Expo.

Todd Morrow reported that letters will not be sent out to obtain donations for the silent Auction. The committee is relying on the membership, to find donations and bring them to the January meeting. Todd will present to the board a proposal for the 2010 budget for this committee so next year they can do some marketing to get more items. Discussion was also heard on potentially having part of the proceeds go to a charity.

Fund Raising Committee had no report. Some discussion about a bingo jingo was heard. Alex Conger agreed to continue as 2010 chair for this committee.

Corporate Challenge Committee report was provided by Jay Thesing. He sent around an analysis of the last 5 years of the show, noting increases and decreases in entries for the various years. They have changed the show to go from a 5 day to a 4 day show and really watched their expenses with the fairgrounds. They provided prizes that exhibitors were proud to win; these were created by thoughtful shopping and lower expenditures. He committee has had a meeting since the show was completed, they discussed location, etc. The dates are the Memorial Day weekend and they do have conflicts with the Texas Classic, Boystown and OshKosh. Jay reported that he and Patrice will run the office, Jay is open to someone else being the chair of the committee, but he will do it if no one else steps forward. Overall, he expressed a need that he has good support but needs more than just a handful of people to make this show run efficiently. Jay feels he cannot drive the fund raising and some of the volunteer logistics and at a minimum is looking for others to step forward to assist in these areas. After some discussion, particularly with some volunteers who may want to help, but are not sure how to do what needs to be done, it was suggested that Jay come up with a list of volunteer "positions". Discussion turned to how to get members to volunteer, incentives or requirements for volunteering. Others mentioned that if you ask someone face to face, they will generally accept a volunteer position. Discussion also turned to funding or paying a key volunteer to handle some of the fund raising or other demanding roles as some show positions are paid. Then perhaps have a fund raiser, like a spaghetti dinner, to fund the compensation for the volunteers, whether they are students from an Equine program or others. Jay hopes the board and officers are able to find a show chair as well as someone to coordinate fund raising and volunteers. Additional discussion continued about the purpose of MAQHA, is just for Corporate Challenge? Nominating Committee reported that they have candidates for election.

Membership/Welcoming Committee, no report. Jane Rocheleau will be the 2010 chairperson.

Futurity was reported on by Mary Nigg. After some discussion Mary went to the Futurity meeting to get an up to date report. A motion was made and rescinded. Discussion about trading a donation for some volunteer time at the corporate challenge was heard. Warren Wilson made a motion to table this business until the January meeting, motion seconded and passed. Mary provided additional information that the Futurity will be in Windom in 2010, they are working to advertise to attract more people, if there is an opinion about a facility change that needs to be done now.

Jane Rocheleau made an announcement that the Tack Swap and Clinic will be held the last weekend in February 2010. AQHA will be providing a clinician, a member of Team Wrangler.

Elections were held, nominations were called from the floor. With no nominations Jay Thesing moved that nominations cease, seconded by Julie Bernick, motion passed. Warren Wilson made a motion for a white ballot to be cast for the board members nominated, Amanda Fjerstad, Todd Morrow, Mary Beth Knight and Jill Garcia. Seconded by Jay Cain, motion passed.

With no further business, Jay Thesing moved that we adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jay Cain, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Cain, Secretary

PS After the meeting the Executive group met (Alex Conger, Anita York and Julie Cain). A Board Meeting will be held at 9 AM January 23, 2010, prior to the January Membership meeting which will be held at 10 AM. Please monitor the MAQHA webpage for any updates and an agenda for the meeting. Please all board members and Jay Thesing be in attendance. Thanks!

2010 MAQHA Officers and Directors

Susan Wilcox	President
Alex Conger	Vice President
Julie Cain	Secretary
Anita York	Treasurer
Brenda Rhode	Past President
Ladonna Schultz	Board Member (12/2010)
Karen Lawrence	Board Member (12/2010)
Lisa Anderson-Peck	Board Member (12/2010)
Todd Morrow	Board Member (12/2011)
Amada Fjerstad	Board Member (12/2011)
Mary Beth Knight	Board Member (12/2011)
Jill Garcia	Board Member (12/2011)

2010 MAQHA Committee Chairs

Year End Awards: Julie Bernick

MAQHA Clothing: Todd Morrow

Horse Expo: Darlene Gargano, Chair, members Mary Mensch, Jane Rocheleau

Silent Auction: Todd Morrow, Chari, Rusty Carlson, Andrea Gates

Fundraising Committee: Alex Conger, Chair

Corporate Challenge:

Nominating Committee: Dr. Roland Wohlin, Chair, Judy Wohlin, John Winkelman

Membership, Welcoming Committee: Jane Rocheleau, Chair, Kathy Baumgartner

Futurity Representatives: Jim or Mary Nigg