

**Minutes of the General Membership of  
The Minnesota Amateur Quarter Horse Association  
December 3, 2005**

The meeting was called to order by President, Amy Cooney.

The Minutes from the January 22, 2005, meeting were read and approved. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Mary Ebnet and seconded by Amy Darnell.

The Treasurer's report was read by Anita York. The overall financial picture was provided as follows: Income was reported at \$129,689.50, expenses were \$122,660.87 showing a net overall of \$7,028.63. Our cash position is \$26,654.05. We are still waiting for some 2005 membership dues from Chad Horkey, we expect those to be received by year end. Jay Cain moved to approve the report, Sandy Jagger seconded the motion. The report was approved as presented.

**Committee Reports**

Amy Cooney reported on the Nominating Committee. The committee is presenting 4 candidates for 4 open board positions for the election today. Nominations will be accepted from the floor later in New Business.

Rosie Hauge reported for the Awards Committee. Amy has ordered the letterman jackets. Ninety horses will be receiving amateur awards. Liz Midtlien has found awards under \$10 (bridle bags) including lettering MAQHA Top 6. Sandy Jagger made a motion that we approve the awards committee to spend \$1000 total for top 6 awards. Paige Broekema seconded the motion, motion passed.

Amy Cooney reported on the Corporate Challenge Committee. This year after income and expense the net was \$4,414. The four judges have been hired and the committee is in place and active. Anyone who would like to work on the committee is welcome to join. A new show secretary is being hired, changes have been made including limiting over fences classes to Hunter Hack. Currently they are working on budgeting and advertising.

Anita Darnell has chaired the clothing committee. She reported we have a large inventory and have now been tracking sales for two years. Even with the large inventory in place clothing is profitable and we will probably have enough inventory for the Horse Expo. Anita needs to turn this over to someone new and will be available for guidance if needed. Currently the setups are now done, therefore, it is currently not labor intensive.

Chris Flatness reported on the Open Show Awards Program. This year there are only 7 participants (3 amateur and 4 youth). The program generated \$190 of income. Additional discussion will be held in new business regarding the future of this program.

**Old Business**

Crystal Estrem requested donations and volunteers for the Silent Auction at the January meeting/awards banquet. Crystal has a list for businesses that she has solicited by letter; you can check it for businesses you may know to see if they have been approached. She also has available letters, stamps and envelopes that members can take and hand out to businesses that are not on the list.

**New Business**

The next item of business was the Election of Board Members. Amy Cooney acknowledged the retiring board members, Rusty Carlson, Julie Hornig, Shelley Kockelman and Rosie Hauge for their service. Nominations from the nominating committee included: Terri Shaleen, Carol Machemer, Liz Midtlien and Susan Wilcox. Nominations from the floor were opened. Having no nominations from the floor, the President requested a white ballot. Jay Cain made a motion for a white ballot vote; the motion was seconded and passed.

The need for a Clothing Program Coordinator was next for discussion. Terri Shaleen volunteered to handle the program. Clothing has done well at the early winter shows and the Horse Expo.

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The Open Show Awards Program was discussed next. The intent of the program is to encourage open show participants to become active members of MAQHA. Open Show Programs for other breeds and states were discussed as well as access to information, awards, costs, etc. It was mentioned that MQHA is now a member organization of WSCA, so it is not necessary to belong to MQHA and a saddle club. Rosie Hauge made a motion to make a bigger deal about the open show program and investigate other organizations. It was seconded by Julie Bernick. Rosie advised the Novice Shows would be willing to have the paperwork available, etc. After further discussion, Jay Cain made a motion to table Rosie's motion, Paige Broekema seconded, motion to table passed. Further discussion followed and Sandy Jagger agreed to chair the committee with volunteers Cathy Osdoba, Mary Mensch and Chris Flatness. Information about the program once established should be provided at the Novice Shows (Rosie and possibly Ron Sunby). It was then moved that we vote on the tabled motion, seconded and Rosie's motion passed.

### Committee Assignments

Members for the 2006 Nominating Committee were then requested. The Committee networks to find nominees for the officers and directors of MAQHA. No volunteers came forward, so this will be tabled until the January 2006 meeting.

The Horse Expo co-chaired by Jane Rocheleau and Sandy Jagger is now looking for volunteers to work at the 2006 Horse Expo. A signup sheet was passed around and will be again in January. The volunteers sell merchandise and promote MQHA and MAQHA through their presence at Horse Expo.

President Amy Cooney inquired as to thoughts, ideas or volunteers for the Membership Committee.

Amy Cooney reported on the Corporate Challenge Committee. The committee is open for new members. A big thank you to all members and volunteers who have helped make the Corporate Challenge a success.

The Awards Committee for 2006 has ~~the following volunteers, Rosie Hauge, Liz Midtlien and Susan Wilcox~~ not been determined. This committee is in charge of the all around jackets and the Top 6 Awards.

The Futurity Donation sponsors the versatility award for which last year we donated \$1000. The points for this award are accumulated from the time horses are a weanlings through their 3 year old year. To be eligible, they must be nominated and presented at the futurity in the 3 year old year riding class. The points do transfer to new owners if the horse is sold. Jay Thessing moved that we donate \$1000 to the Futurity, Paige Broekema seconded the motion, motion passed.

The Tack Swap has a problem with a conflicting date. A show in Verndale is on the same date. There will be problems getting clinicians and volunteers due to the conflict. Look for an update at the January meeting. Rosie Hauge reported the Novice Show is looking for donations from MAQHA. Last year MAQHA donated some left over towels from Corporate Challenge, there were not enough for placings, so they used them as special prizes. They are requesting again left over towels from Corporate Challenge. Anita Darnell moved to donate towels from Corporate Challenge to District 7 for their All Novice Show. Seconded by Sandy Jagger and passed.

The next item of business is the MAQHA calendar. Ken Pautzke and Lana Green are unable to undertake this project this year. If we are to have a calendar this year, a volunteer is needed to compile the photos and names with the printers. The volunteer would also need to take the calendars to the banquet and expo for sale. The cost last year was \$1300, each month costs \$120, our costs are basically covered. It was suggested the calendar run from February to January as it won't be available until the January meeting. Jay Cain volunteered to coordinate the calendar program. There will be a signup sheet for the months and pay the calendar fee.

With no further business, Jay Thessing moved that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Jay Cain, motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

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Respectfully submitted, Julie Cain, Co-Secretary