

**MAQHA General Membership Meeting**  
Saturday, December 6, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President, Brenda Rhode at 1:00 p.m.

The minutes from the April 2008 meeting were read. Warren Wilson moved to approve the minutes as read, Tiffany Stevens seconded, motion passed.

The Treasurer's Report was read by Anita York. Anita reported the numbers for 2008 year to date, Income of \$121,816.82, Expenses of \$117,123.20 with an overall total of \$4,693.62. The cash balance in the bank account is \$30,169.48. Jay Thesing moved to approve the Treasurer's Report, Tiffany Stevens seconded, all were in favor. Treasurer's report was approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Rosie Hauge reported on the MAQHA Year End Awards. The award method for 2008 is same as it was in 2007. In 2007 the awards were gift cards from Pard's Western Shop, in 2008 awards may be gas cards. For each Top 6 placing someone will receive a dollar value of gas card. The jackets have been ordered. Rosie announced this was her last year to handle the awards; a new chairperson will need to volunteer for 2009.

Terri Shaleen reported for the MAQHA Clothing Sales. She was not able to take the clothing to as many shows as she did in 2007 and the Expo Sales were slow. She mentioned that the public, who mainly buys the clothing at Expo, wants a large horse head on the sweatshirts. Discussion followed and Terri will work with John Winkelman regarding inventory. After additional discussion it was proposed that clothing be used for year end awards instead of gas cards. Jane Rocheleau moved that the current clothing inventory be used for Year End Awards. Julie Bernick seconded the motion, motion passed.

Open Show Award Committee had no report, no committee members were present.

Jane Rocheleau reported the dates for the Horse Expo are April 24, 25 and 26, 2009. She is sending around the sign up sheet for workers for Expo. The expo opens on Friday at 8 a.m. Discussion included ideas regarding the location of the booth, whether it would be better to be more spread out and have different locations for the MQHA and MAQHA booth. It was reported that Gloria Enger handles the reservations for both the MQHA and MAQHA booths.

The Silent Auction is currently looking for each member to contribute or locate donations for this event. They are looking for nice items to sell and encourage members to solicit from businesses in their area for services, products, etc. All of the shows have donated stalls to the MAQHA for the silent auction. Contact Jane Rocheleau for additional information.

Jay Thesing reported for the Corporate Challenge Committee. Jay provided hand outs regarding information on past shows, entries, etc. The entry growth has mainly been from adding the NSBA entries for the NSBA dual classes. Another entry area that increased was the Amateur Novice division. This past year the show made a profit of about \$4,000 compared with a loss in 2007 of \$9,000. Several reasons for the success were given and the committee was successful trying to control expenses as well as tighten the budget. The current dilemma is that due to personal commitments Liz will not be the chairperson for the 2009. A chairperson is needed, this person needs to motivate others to do their roles, and it needs to coordinate volunteers for the shows and overall has made it work. The future of the event was discussed in light of the economy, the enormous expense of the State Fairgrounds rental, successfully obtaining sponsorships and the Memorial Day weekend time slot. In 2008 451 stalls were rented, other show options have about 300 stalls available. After further discussion Jay Cain made a motion that Jay Thesing chair the Corporate Challenge Committee, seconded by John Winkelman, motion passed. Jay Thesing's mentioned he accepted this position as he knows when he calls members looking for help, help will be there.

Butch Wohlin reported the nominating committee has volunteers willing to serve as officers and directors for the election. The election will be after the committee reports are completed.

The Membership Welcoming Committee sponsored a Pizza Party at Winona. Everyone got their pizza and disappeared, little or no social interaction. Members were urged to reach out to new people, greet them and make them feel welcome. Discussion included a coupling of food and an event to capture people and provide some entertainment. Perhaps we should coordinate with the youth for an event. Todd Morrow reported that when he and Ken worked some shows, people would call and let them know they had never been there before, it's not a big deal, just help people feel comfortable. Also there was conversation regarding the Expo as a platform for making new people feel welcome. Discussion turned to the Novice shows, they are joint venturing with Ron at Verndale, the Novice Shows will be a weekend, and then the saddles will be presented the same weekend as the shows.

Mary Nigg reported on the Futurity, the Futurity meeting was being held simultaneously with the MAQHA meeting. Mary indicated they would be looking for a donation for the NonPro Versatility award. This award is presented to the 3 year old with the most points accumulated through their showing at the futurity. Anita York reported that our donation last year was \$500, which was down from our previous donation of \$1,000 previously. Jay Thesing made a motion that \$500 be donated, seconded by John Winkelman, motion passed.

## NEW BUSINESS

Jayne Rocheleau reported that MQHA is putting on a Clinic/tack Swap at Simons Arena February 28, 2008. The schedule and content is still in process, workers are needed, and she will pass around a list at the January meeting. Tables, clothes racks and saddle racks are needed to display the merchandise for sale. She will put an ad in the January newsletter and more information will be available on the website.

## ELECTIONS

The slate of officers and directors were presented by the Nominating Committee as follows:

President Susan Wilcox  
Vice President Alex Conger  
Secretary Julie Cain  
Treasurer Anita York  
Directors: LaDonna Schultz, Karen Lawrence, Lisa Anderson-Peck  
Director proposed to complete Susan Wilcox's term if necessary: Julianne Hornig

Nominations from the floor were called for each office and the slate of directors. No nominations were received from the floor. The following motions were made to cast a white ballot as follows.

President, Susan Wilcox, Jay Thesing made the motion, seconded by Tiffany Stevens, motion passed.

Vice President Alex Conger, Jay Thesing made the motion, seconded by Tiffany Stevens, motion passed.

Secretary, Julie Cain, Warren Wilson made the motion, seconded and motion passed.

Treasurer, Anita York, Jay Cain made the motion, seconded and motion passed.

Board positions, all directors nominated, John Winkelman made the motion, motion seconded and passed.

## 2009 Committee Volunteers

**Year End Awards - 2009** - Julie Bernick, Amy Darnell and Tiffany Stevens

**MAQHA Clothing Sales** - Teri Shaleen and John Winkelman

**Open Show Award Program** – Looking for volunteers! To be determined at January 2009 meeting

**Horse Expo** - Jane Rocheleau, Susan Wilcox

**Fund Raising Committee (Silent Auction, etc)** – Looking for volunteers! To be determined at January 2009 meeting

**Corporate Challenge Committee** - Jay Thesing, Chairperson

**Nominating Committee** – John Winkelman, Dr. Roland Wohlin, and Judy Wohlin (Need 4 Directors for expiring December 2009 elections)

**Membership/Welcoming Committee** – Jane Rocheleau, John Winkelman, Megan Glenn, Amy Darnell, Kathy Baumgartner

**Futurity Representatives** – Jim or Mary Nigg

With no further business, Jay Thesing moved the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Warren Wilson. Meeting adjourned.

Julie Cain, Secretary  
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