

MYQHA Meeting January 25th, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 10:12am by president Connor Crook.

Members present were Connor Crook, Taylor Jacobs, Lexxi Perez, Alex Beckman, Danielle Paulson, Sally Russell, Anna Balfany, and Olivia Peterson.

The Secretary's report was read. Lexxi Perez made a motion to approve this report, Sally Russell seconded this motion.

The Treasurer's report was read by Treasurer Lexxi Perez. Our current balance is \$5,883.08. Danielle Paulson made a motion to approve this report, Alex Beckman seconded.

Our fundraisers for this year were discussed. The first fundraiser will take place on Saturday, March 15th, at the TQ Circuit show in Winona, Minnesota. The youth will be in charge of setting and taking down trail as well as resetting the obstacles during the classes. We will also be doing a potluck again this year. Each youth member is to bring a dish to serve, preferably something warm. Please try to include a St Patricks day theme as this is St Patricks day weekend.

Our next fundraiser will be at the April R&J show on Saturday, April 5th. We will possibly be doing a music in motion event where a rider and their horse can ride to a song of their choice. The audience will bet on which horse and rider combination will win and a percentage of the winnings will go back to the rider and the highest bidder. The other money will go back to MYQHA. This fundraiser will be further discussed at our next meeting at the March Winona Show.

There will be no fundraiser at the April TQ Circuit show due to a possible cancelation of the show.

Several fundraiser will take place at the Corporate Challenge, May 23rd-26th. We will be selling our new clothing at this show, as well as doing silent auction baskets again. We will also try to get a work saddle from RS saddlery and have a raffle drawing to win this saddle. Taylor Jacobs will be contacting RS saddlery in Cannon Falls about getting a discounted saddle for this fundraiser. We will not be in charge of trail at the Corporate Challenge due to busy schedules and the many other fundraisers we have at this show.

The MQHA 4-H boot camp was also discussed. We will make more of an effort to sell our clothing at this show in order to promote our association and attract more members. The boot camp does not conflict with the YES conference this year so all members that are able to participate are encourage to do so! It was suggested that one night the youth should be in charge of playing a game of capture the flag or some kind of relay race involving all of the counties. We would also like to have a bonfire this year.

At this year's State Show on July 19th in Winona Minnesota, we will be having our trainer's calcutta again. The dates of the state show are moved this year, but we will still be continuing with this fundraiser.

Alex Beckman made a motion to approve these fundraisers for the 2014 year, Lexxi Perez seconded.

The committee chairmen were determined:

YES: Paige and Shannon Wacker

Open Show: Sally Russell and Taylor Jacobs

World Show: Connor Crook

NYATT: Danielle Paulson and Lexxi Perez

Year-End Awards: Anna Balfany and Vickie Kettlewell

Danielle Paulson made a motion to approve these committee chairmen, Lexxi Perez seconded.

The Year-End awards were given out. Pictures were taken by Lexxi Perez and Reporter, Alex Beckman.

Heroes for Horses was discussed. A box was set on the MYQHA table for donations during the banquet. The organization is a program to raise money for the quarter horse foundation in equine research and sports medicine. An affiliate can earn up to \$2,000 and volunteer hours can be used to earn awards. More information can be found on their website.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:14am by President Connor Crook.

