

## MeQHA General Membership Meeting

December 11, 2011

The Maine Quarter Horse Association's General Membership meeting was called to order at 11:10AM at the Maine Farm Bureau, Augusta, ME by Lynne Wolfe, President.

*Attendance:* Lynne Wolfe, Julie Huston, Rick Drew, Liberty Santagata, Linda Sue Goodwin, Hillary Holbrook, Donna Tripp, Marsha Polley, Wanda Lounder, Brandy Cleaves, Norm Viger, and Sherrye Johnson Trafton.

*Absent:* John Trafton, Heather Cote, Sue Oakland, and Angela Faulkner.

*Secretary's Report:* Printed copies available for all to read. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as written. All in favor.

*Treasurer's Report:* Presented my Marsha Polley. A motion was made and seconded to accept the report pending future audit. All in favor.

*Show Committee:* Presented by Rick Drew. Highlights include proposal of offering a flat fee for shows to help encourage higher number of entries and points. Rick has offered to run the Memorial Day show at a onetime reduced rate to help reduce show cost. Memorial Day show will be a 4 day show with 6 judges. For July show join with New England Horsemen's Council and Maine Horse Assoc for an open show that would also include QH classes. At this time the show committee does not think we should have a show but is exploring a trail ride and/or clinic option. Show committee and Finance Committee will work together to find sponsors. Motion made and seconded to accept report as read. All in favor.

*Recreational Riding:* Presented by Donna Trip and Marsha Polley. Highlights include proposal to hold 3 trail trials and offer year end awards. At this time there are plans for another Showdeo, MeQHA participation is requested. Motion made and seconded to accept report as read. All in favor.

*Youth Report:* Presented by Brandy Cleaves. Highlights include 2 youth and Brandy attended the Yes conference and had a great time. Youth membership is low this year. Motion made and seconded to accept report as read. All in favor.

*New Business:* Sherrye has been asked to judge the Extreme Mustang Challenge. Chris Cox & Stormy Mullins got her the assignment. She has asked if Chris Cox would consider doing a clinic at Skowhegan in September. They have not responded. Sherrye suggested getting Stacey Westfall instead since she is a local clinician. She also proposed doing a MeQHA Fall ride on Labor Day at Acadia National Park which she would run.

*Election of Officers:* Presented by Linda Sue Goodwin. As there were not enough members from the general membership in attendance to have a quorum, an election was not held.

The President appointed Julie Huston to the Secretary position and added Ellen Holmes to the board of directors, both for a one year term pending a future election during the next general membership meeting. There are still 2-3 year vacant positions for the board of directors.

President: Lynne Wolfe

First Vice President: Wanda Lounder

Second Vice President: Sherrye Johnson Trafton

Treasurer: Marsha Polley

Secretary: Julie Huston

Year end awards were presented by Lynne Wolfe.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 1:07PM. All in favor.

Julie Huston

MeQHA Secretary