

MAINE QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING
October 9, 2011

ATTENDANCE: Linda Sue Goodwin, Wanda Lounder, Brandy Lounder-Cleaves, Julie Huston, Lynne Wolfe, Marsha Polley, Norm Viger, Dossey Viger, John Trafton, Angela Faulkner

Absent excused: Sherrye Trafton, Libby Santagata, Susan Oakland, Donna Tripp, Rick Drew, Mike Eash

Absent unexcused: Hiliary Holbrook, Heather Cote

Secretary's Report: Minutes distributed via email. Motion made and seconded to approve minutes as written. All in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Reports distributed via email. Motion made and seconded to approve pending future audit. All in favor.

Announcements:

Nominating Committee- Linda Sue to chair. Julie and Rick to assist.

There will be no Trade Show in 2012.

The Maine Appaloosa Horse Club asks that we include In State classes for them in our Open show in 2012.

Marge Sawtelle is managing website. Many thanks to Hiliary for a job well done with website. Send Marge all info. Lynne planning to have meeting minutes and treasurer's report posted on the website. She is also creating a mailing to go out to members. Angela will send her a labels list.

Jan Hickey Scholarship- Seniors looking for this. One applicant last year did not receive any response. Money has not been awarded since 2009. Pat Johnson had been handling this scholarship. Angela will confer with Sherrye to determine availability of this scholarship.

AQHA Take Aim- Deadline Dec. 31. John will write our plan for 2012. He recommends the board consider holding a Strategic Planning Session at our next meeting. It will take approximately 4 hours. The board will review the mission statement and set realistic short term goals. Take Aim plan will be generated by this effort. A motion was made and seconded to hold a Strategic Planning session facilitated by Donna Rosciti. All in favor. John will contact Donna Rosciti regarding facilitation.

Financial Issues- The prices being charged by Skowhegan Fair Association are too high for us in this economy. There is concern MeQHA may be paying a higher rate than other clubs. Norm will confer with Rick and other clubs who use the grounds and coordinate a meeting with Fair Association to negotiate a cheaper rate. Norm presented figures for 2 day and 4 day shows, offering Skowhegan Fair Association a flat fee for 100 stalls and being charged additionally for anything over 100. The board discussed offering paybacks in regular AQHA classes in lieu of futurities.

Norm presented information on sponsorships collected in 2010 and 2011. 2011 information does not contain what was collected for September show or by Heather Cote for Firecracker Versatility Class. In 2010, we collected \$8125 and in 2011, \$5800. Nothing was received from several businesses who have been sponsors in year's past. We also did not receive Bank of America money because no Take Aim plan was submitted for 2011. Norm reports the Belmont has agreed to sponsor us again, but only if we make a donation to his choice of charity. A way to do this may be to hold a class for charity.

Youth- No additional report. 4 active members who participated in YES conference and many show activities. No extra expenses incurred this year.

Rec Riding- The Trail Trial was a successful event. Thanks to Linda Sue and Frank for designing and setting up the course and serving a great lunch to the participants. Income on the event was \$295. All expenses except the ribbons were paid for by Board Member Donations.

Donna is hosting one more Rec Riding event this year, a trail ride in Parkman.

Donna and I have started to get the word out that we are looking for Saddle Up Maine hours. Members can continue to collect hours for the rest of the year, but we would like to find out if anyone is close to getting an award so we can get it purchased. Please pass the word if anyone in your barn is a Saddle Up Maine participant.

Banquet- The Board agreed we do not have the funds to hold a Banquet this year. There are 21 award recipients. Discussion occurred regarding Bylaws and elections. It was determined we could hold a luncheon and general membership meeting at our regularly scheduled Board meeting time of 11 a.m. on Dec. 4th. Wanda is sponsoring year end awards in the amount of \$250. Linda Sue will contact the engraver for a price quote on 21 plaques. The board agreed we should amend the bylaws to allow the annual general membership meeting to be held between November and February. Lynne will include this change in her mailing to members. Membership rates were discussed. The board agreed to change family membership to include a parent and 1 child, as well as husband and wife. A motion was made and seconded to reduce membership rates. Fees for 2012 will be as follows: Family \$40, Individual \$20, Junior \$15, 3 or more Juniors \$40. Lifetime to remain at \$200. All in favor.

One annual publication of the newsletter will be mailed. All other news will be available on the website.

The board discussed amending the bylaws to eliminate the President's right to vote except in the event of a tie. We agreed this was unnecessary at this time.

As there was no further business to be discussed, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 12:55.

Respectfully Submitted,

Angela M. Faulkner
MeQHA Secretary