

# Morgan Horse Association of Oregon

August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025

7:30 P.M.

Via conference call

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**Meeting called by:** Kathy Christensen                      **Type of meeting:** General Meeting of the Board

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**Attendees:**                      **Board Members:**  
Kathy Christensen, Gay Adams (late), Karen Breckenridge, Kimberly Moore, Kyndle Cummins,  
Erin Silver, Patricia Carlson, Sierra Breckenridge, Nancy Eidam, Sara Breyman (left early).

**QUORUM PRESENT**

**Board Members Not Present:** Lorraine Beaumont, Sandi Humphres, Tammy Boyer, Camryn  
Nicholson, Julie Nygaard.

## *Minutes*

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**Agenda Item: Secretary's Report**    **Presenter:**      Gay Adams

**MOTION:** Patricia moved to approve and/or acknowledge the July minutes, seconded by Kathy  
**ACTION:** Minutes were approved.

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**Agenda item: Treasurer's Report**    **Presenter:**      Karen Breckenridge

Balance Sheet As of July 31, 2025:

General Checking: \$34,548

Savings Account: \$25,511

Futurity: \$2,302

Nancy Falk: \$9,140

OMC Checking: \$15,255

**Grand Total of Assets: \$86,759**

**P&L: \$16,491**

Income is centered in OMC & the Stallion Service Auction as our main fund raisers.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

## **Oregon Morgan Classic:**

Karen: Not much going on at this time. There was discussion about the mailed prize list. It is a lot of work for Kelly (show secretary) and for Karen, and the trainers are becoming reluctant to purchase the ads that pay for the printing. They do not see that they are getting any business from them.

**MOTION:** Kathy moved to stop the printed version of our premium list for OMC. Seconded by Patricia.

**ACTION:** Approved with one abstain, and one member not present until after the vote was taken. (Quorum present for the vote.)

## **High Point:**

Erin: People are turning in their points daily to meet the deadline of September 15<sup>th</sup>. We will do as we have done the last few years giving people the ability to choose their award based on the points they have earned.

## **Spring Clinic:**

Patricia: Nothing to report

## **Banquet:**

Patricia: Nothing to report at this time.

## **Humanitarian/Emergency:**

No report

## **Youth:**

Sierra: Nothing to report.

There was discussion regarding how to attract more youth. Kathy suggested reaching out to the 4-H youth by offering an associate membership in MHAO for a small fee, possibly \$5 or \$10. Patricia questioned the need to charge kids for an educational type program that promotes the Morgan horse so offered to donate \$100 to sponsor a group of 4-H youth to join MHAO under a new affiliate or educational membership program. They would get our two newsletters and our information packets like what we hand out at AgFest and the State Fair. They would be considered as associate Youth members of the club. Eligibility for high point awards would still require a full MHAO membership and points earned on a Morgan.

Patricia made a motion to create a discounted Youth membership for 4H members. Kathy requested it be tabled until she could talk to a contact she has at 4H. More discussion will follow.

## **Stallion Auction Committee:**

Gay: Starting to put out feelers for the 2026 Stallion Service Auction.

## **Futurity Committee:**

Gay: Checks have gone out to recipients. She has three 2025 foals so far. Deadline to enter 2025 foals for the lowest nomination fee is December 31, 2025. Photo foal contest is open for photos. Some received already. Looking for more and looking for 3 judges. Let her know if you are interested.

## **Promotion:**

Erin: We have a team for the breed challenge at the State Fair. It will be Thursday night, August 28<sup>th</sup> starting at 7pm. She has heard from a few people who might show in other classes. Judge is Bartholomew who is a friendly judge for Morgans. The State Fair offers Morgan classes for Hunter Pleasure, Western Pleasure, and 17 and under Saddle Seat & English Pleasure. There are also a selection of Hunter Pleasure & Western Pleasure Open classes including Stake classes. Those who have been at the Salem Fairgrounds report that the stalls are better. We will have an information table set up.

### **Membership:**

Gay & Kathy: Gay did not request a report from Doana. Per Kathy and Karen, we have two new memberships for this year. One is new, the other a renewal. Includes some new youth members. Erin & Kathy will bombard people at PNW. No one has had time to reach out to the list we have from AMHA.

### **Ride/Drive Program:**

No report.

### **Open Incentive:**

No report.

### **Website/Stable Sheet:**

Gay: Gay doesn't have direct access to the club website yet. Dallas is our webmaster and requests to not be asked to update the website more than once a year, so Gay is trying to get set up to make update changes. Gay will work with Dallas to gain direct access for future updates prior to year end.

### **Sunshine Committee:**

No report

### **Alex Mooney Scholarship:**

No report

### **History Committee:**

Nancy: Nothing to report.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Mother Lode Horse show is cancelled. Springfest only had 40 horses this year. It is a shame as the facility is fantastic.

Sandi, Kathy, & Julie are planning to leave the Board. We need new nominees. Kathy will reach out to Tammy to see if she will stay on. She is in the process of moving to Idaho. We need someone to step forward as President. Gay will have something in the next newsletter asking for nominees.

A discussion was started about what we need to do to increase membership and Morgan horse ownership. At times the discussion got heated. Times have changed. With the exception of FFA, 4H, and OHSET it is harder to get kids and their families into clubs like ours. The economy has taken its toll financially on the equine industry. The middle class is being squeezed, and kids have many other choices they can make. The price for horses and the cost of their care is a factor but is beyond our control. Lesson programs have become hard to find. Insurance costs and increased liability concerns are another limiting factor. Ever changing Legislation requirements are also making it hard. We have fewer facilities for events at a reasonable or manageable cost. We are all aware of all the problems. With that in mind, the big question is **"What should we be doing to preserve our club and our breed in Oregon?"** This needs to be part

of a larger discussion for our club. Gay mentioned she wants to take the question to our AMHA Directors for additional support and an even broader discussion for the Western Region. MHAO and MHCWS are the only operating clubs left in the entire Western Region. The Directors need to be doing something, too.

Kathy mentioned that Board members get tired. Gay brought up that it is important for Board members to be working on things they care about. And every Committee Chair needs to mentor someone to take their place. She agreed to let Kathy know the names of members who read the club minutes in the Stable Sheet. If they are interested enough to read the minutes, maybe they would be interested in becoming Board members.

Kathy asked for a motion to close the meeting.

MOTION: Patricia moved for the meeting to close. Kathy seconded.  
Passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 9:10pm.

## **NEXT MEETING:**

- Via email: September 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm via conference call, Please RSVP to Kim Moore who will run the meeting.
- Board Ballot needs to be out by October 9<sup>th</sup> via email (Doana will distribute)
- Optional meeting October 29<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm via conference call
- Award Banquet is Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at the Willamette Heritage Center (Dye House) in Salem. Let Kathy know if you will be in attendance.

Respectfully submitted:

Kim Moore & Gay Adams  
Acting Secretary & Secretary  
Morgan Horse Association of Oregon