

Morgan Horse Association of Oregon

March 20th, 2024

7:30 P.M.

Conference Call

Meeting called by: Gay Adams **Type of meeting:** General Meeting of the Board

Attendees: Gay Adams, Karen Breckenridge, Tammy Boyer, Sierra Breckenridge, Patricia Carlson, Kimberly Moore, Erin Silver, Kyndle Cummins, Lorraine Beaumont, Camryn Nicholson, Nancy Eidam, Sandi Humphres

QUORUM PRESENT

Not Present: Sara Breyman, Julie Nygaard, Diane Pixlee

Minutes

Agenda Item: Secretary's Report **Presenter:** Kimberly Moore

February Minutes were approved via email.

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

Balance Sheet As of February 29th, 2024:

General Checking: \$30,019

Savings Account: \$25,507

Futurity: \$5,496

Nancy Falk: \$10,203

OMC Checking: \$3,546

Miscellaneous: \$495

Grand Total of Assets: \$75,261

P&L: \$-7,243

****Gay gave the Board information about how the two initiation meetings went for new Board members. One of the most important discussions that came out of them was around the role each Board member plays as the voice of the members to the Board and the voice of the Board to the members. When we take on the responsibility of a Board member, we can no longer speak just for ourselves. Once a Board decision is made, we need to present it in a positive way to club members without interjecting our own opinions. The time to voice our individual opinions is during the discussion period for the Board. If we have an opinion for or against something, chances are other members share that opinion. It needs to be brought up so it can be part of the initial discussion. It is important not to hold back, but at the same time to present our opinions in a respectful manner. Once the discussion is completed and the Board votes on an action, then if we are talking about it to club members we need to speak for the Board decision, not our own opinion anymore. If club members bring something to us, we need to make sure they know that they have been heard and that we will take their ideas to the Board. Once that is done, we need to get back to the member to let them know what decision has been made. We can tell them how their idea was integrated or "their idea was part of the discussion, but that the Board wanted to try it this way this time", or something on that order. If not part of the Board decision, we can tell them we will revisit our decision again after this year's event, etc. But it is important that once the Board has given approval to a committee**

and they have begun to move forward, that we not keep revisiting our prior decision. That is disrespectful to the committee and keeps us from being functional and getting things done. That is why it is so important that all issues be brought forward during the initial discussion.

Also discussed during the initiation meetings for new Board members was the importance of Board members voting their mind. If you do not agree, you need to vote “nay” or abstain from voting. If you feel very strongly about it, you can ask the Secretary to note your name in the minutes that you specifically disagreed. Don’t vote for something and then bring up issues you feel later. But even after stating your nay vote, when you talk to a member outside the Board, you need to say, “the Board decided thus and so” and say why. At that point you need to keep your personal opinion to yourself. Everyone on the Board needs to speak with one voice on behalf of the Board.

Another topic was to speak with respect for all that has been done by the Board members who preceded us. We all need to know that our efforts are appreciated both during and after our service. We need to place a high value on all those who step forward to help.**

Committee Reports

OMC Show Committee:

Karen: She has been working on the Open to All Breed Working Western section, this has been all worked out. Kathy Christenson has donated a hi-point working western belt for this section because the Open to All Breeds will not be eligible for Oregon Morgan belt buckle. prize list changes and additions have all been sent to Kelly. Still aiming to get the finished product out by the 31st. Kathy and Karen have been working on the progressive dinner to fit in the confines of our insurance. Gay is going to be in contact with the insurance company to see if potlucks are still not covered. Ribbons have been ordered for the show. We received a show grant from AMHA for \$500.

Hi Point Committee:

Erin: Nothing new to report.

Spring Clinic and Fall Awards Banquet:

Patricia: The entries have trickled in slowly. She has more commitments than fees that have been paid. There are so far 7 rides on Saturday and 9 on Sunday. According to Mary Jane Brown, our clinician, it would be better to have riders there for both days due to the progressive nature of the clinic. Patricia is also offering a multiple-horse discount. Porta potty is reserved, and the tables are all rented. She will be getting everything set up on Friday. So far, she only has 3 auditors. Any board members that will be watching can be additional auditors if they choose.

Tammy: For the Spring Clinic she has found the following: Fred Meyer sandwiches are between \$4.99-\$7.49 each. Safeway club sandwich tray with 46 servings is \$19. Costco in Tigard has a croissant sandwich platter which serves 16-20 for \$32.99. Subway’s lunch bundle serves 12 \$167.76 which includes chips, cookie and a drink or \$13.98 each. Erin suggested looking at WinCo. Tammy will look at what the cost would be for WinCo, then they will decide between the options depending on how it works with the budget.

For the Fall Awards Banquet, she has investigated different venues. The Dye House charges \$500 which is a good portion of the budget. She looked at the Scio Historical Hall, it is \$175 with a \$200 refundable deposit. Papa’s Pizza Parlor in Corvallis has no facility charge if we buy the pizza, it’s large enough for our group and they don’t require a deposit. She estimates the cost of pizza would be \$211.00 and we would have the space for 2 hours. Not long enough for our banquet. Red Door Farm in Salem has not returned her calls. Basil and Board is too small to accommodate us. Pizza truck, Dough on the Go, wants \$500 deposit plus the cost of pizza. Lorraine suggested Pietro’s Pizza for food, and she believes they would be able to support our numbers. Decision still pending but we need to decide soon and get our reservation in.

Youth Committee:

Karen for Sierra: She's about halfway done with the Youth of The Year study guide.

Kyndle: She and Camryn will be getting together tomorrow to finalize the youth newsletter. They got a flier in the OMC Prize list; they will be putting together a line dance for Youth & others at OMC. Camryn, Kyndle and Kiersten Moore will be teaching the line dances. Kyndle & Camryn are now able to both access the Constant Contact account.

Stallion Auction Committee:

Gay: Bidding opened up March 1st all online. (24) horses so far and (4) other items. (2) stallions have bids on them, and one other item has a bid as well. Total bids right now are \$1,875. Nominations for stallions are open through March. She's waiting to hear back from MHCWS to see if we could offer a stall at Key Classic among other things.

Futurity Committee:

Gay: Futurity renewals all went out the first week of March, they are due back March 31st. We are taking ads for the booklet.

Promotion:

Lorraine: First event for the year will be the Spring Clinic where we will have a table, the first weekend in April. The majority of the horses being ridden in the clinic are not Morgans, so we will have promotional materials and showcase that Morgans make great Western horses and to promote the Open to All Breeds classes at OMC. Karen asked us to use some caution because we don't have that many open ranch rides available at OMC. Oregon AgFest is coming up the last weekend in April. We received a \$1,500 grant from AMHA. They are going ahead with ordering 2,000 brochures and will probably use all of them between AgFest and State Fair. Our emphasis will be toward the Youth. They have found some small plastic clear bags for the things we hand out to the kids, no logo or anything for .3-4/piece. We have been offered a table for promotion at Key and C-Fair. Getting promotional materials to Key needs to be worked out as Erin won't be there. No one on the board said they were going to Key so Gay will call around about mailing them up to someone there. The current budget is \$2,600 due to the AMHA grant of \$1,500 plus the regular budget of \$1,100.

Membership Committee:

Gay: Pretty much the same as last month. All the information has been shared with Doana and she has input it into our database. 12 Life Members as of March 9th 23 renewals, 2 new members for a total of 37 with 12 family members and 13 individual members. Anything after March 31st is delinquent. Doana sent out the renewals. 43 members from 2023 had not renewed yet. Between 2022 and 2023 we had 53 members that hadn't renewed. Gay asked for volunteers to call previous members. They would have a meeting first to divvy up who would be called by whom and talking points and questions that would be asked. Try to get our Membership above 100. Tammy has volunteered to help with this. Gay would like to understand why we're losing members, so that will be an important question for us to ask. Gay is still looking for someone to maintain our database.

Scholarship:

Nothing new to report

Ride/Drive Program:

Nothing new to report

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Nothing new to report. We do have funds available for this year's scholarship.

Open Incentive:

Nothing new to report

Humanitarian:

Nothing new to report

Emergency:

Nothing new to report

Website/Stable Sheet:

Gay: She did another full review on the website and Dallas said she would have it done by Monday, including the new membership form. Stable sheet will go out on the 10th.

History:

Nothing new to report

Meeting Adjourned

9:05 p.m.

Next scheduled meeting will be the General Membership meeting on 4/6/2024 at the Spring Clinic.

Stallion Service Auction will close on April 20th at 3pm.

Promotion Booth at the Oregon AgFest at the Oregon State Fairgrounds is April 27-28, 2024

Next regular Board meeting is May 22nd at 7:30pm vis conference call.