

The Board meeting was held via conference call and was called to order by Kathy Christensen at 7:37pm.

Board Members Present: Kathy Christensen, Kim Moore, Gay Adams, Karen Breckenridge, Sierra Breckenridge, Patricia Carlson, Sandi Humphres, Erin Silver, Nancy Eidam

Not Present: Tammy Boyer, Kyndle Cummins, Camryn Nicholson, Julie Nygaard, Lorraine Beaumont, Sara Breyman.

Quorum met.

Secretary Report - Gay Adams

The September minutes were distributed prior to the meeting for membership review. No corrections were received. Kathy moved that the minutes be approved. Sandi seconded. Approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report as of 9/30/2025 - Karen Breckenridge

\$27,951	General Checking
25,511	Savings
3,057	Futurity
9,141	Nancy Falk Donation
13,774	OMC
273	Miscellaneous
\$79,707	Total Assets
\$ 9,119	Current Net Income

Net income was centered mostly in income from the Oregon Morgan Classic. Income also came from the MHAO Stallion Service Auction and Membership dues. We have two outstanding invoices for ads in the 2025 Breeders' Cup Futurity Booklet. Those people have been contacted recently, and the payments are expected to come in.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SHOW COMMITTEE – Karen Breckenridge

Nothing to report at this time. Kathy mentioned that this year we sent out thank you notes to all our sponsors. They were well received based on comments back from the sponsors. The sponsors told us it was the first time they had ever received a thank you note for sponsoring a show. We noticed that C-Fair followed our example this year. Their thank you notes included a "Save The Date" notice for next year's show. Our two clubs seem to be watching each other and sharing ideas.

HIGH POINT COMMITTEE – Erin Silver

We have about 30-32 competitors turning in points. That is about the same number as last year. Erin got behind this year so will be working with gift certificates for comparable amounts to what awards would have cost. She also purchased some mugs to give out. Erin would like to raise her budget from \$1,500 to \$2,000 or so for next year. Costs for awards have gone up. A higher budget might also help in giving better awards. She may turn to a different supplier. It was mentioned that MHCWS asks for sponsors of at least some of their awards.

EDUCATION/SPRING CLINIC COMMITTEE – Patricia Carlson

Suzy Morgan will be our facilitator. Subject not determined yet. Patricia is reaching out to the Deardorff's to see if we might be able to have our clinic in their arena. She is thinking it would be in April. Patricia wants to see what subject Deardorff's might want to see. It was suggested she call them right away as Deardorff's typically give a clinic in January or February at their location. The comment was, "Don't wait, or we may lose out." We want to be able to start promoting the clinic right away. If not with our Award Banquet, then in January for sure.

HUMANITARIAN AWARD – Patricia Carlson

We have received a nomination for the Humanitarian Award from Shelley Bullard. It will be presented at OMC.

EMERGENCY COMMITTEE – Kathy Christensen for Julie Nygaard

Nothing to report.

BANQUET COMMITTEE – Patricia Carlson

Not many RSVP's have been received so far. Reminders will go out via Facebook and a special edition of the Stable Sheet. Sitting at 21 so far which includes the Board members that will be there.

YOUTH COMMITTEE – Sierra Breckenridge

Nothing to report. Kathy wants to pull together all committee members in January to make some plans. Kathy sent 2 emails to her 4H contact that was discussed in our last meeting. She did not receive a reply. She will now reach out to the local 4H groups.

STALLION AUCTION COMMITTEE – Gay Adams

Gay is reaching out for stallion donations and has three so far.

FUTURITY COMMITTEE – Gay Adams

Currently we have 28 horses in our futurity including three 2025 foals. Nominations at the initial fee of \$45 are due by December 31st. We normally get more foals in toward the end of the year. Renewals are due March 31st.

We have 19 photos submitted to our Foal Photo contest so far with more promised. Three judges are in place. Gay is posting the photos to our website as soon as they come in. The winning photos will be announced at the Banquet. If all the promised photos come in, we will have more than we usually do. Gay thinks this is due to an email that went to all futurity participants and to all the stallion donors from last year.

PROMOTION COMMITTEE – Erin Silver

We have funds leftover from our Promotion Grant. After the banquet there will be a discussion on how best to use these funds for promotion.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE – Kathy Christensen & Gay Adams

We currently have 71 members with 13 not renewed from 2024. This is much better than last year when we had 52 members with 31 not renewed. Our congratulations to all who have worked on

this. That said, we still have a lot of work to do. We need to increase our numbers. So far, 34% of our members have voted. 2026 renewal requests have not gone out yet.

RIDE/DRIVE PROGRAM – Sandi Humphres

One rider has turned in their hours and will receive an award at the banquet.

OPEN INCENTIVE –Karen Breckenridge & Sandi Humphres

3 people taking advantage of this program.

WEBSITE/STABLE SHEET – Gay Adams

Special edition of the Stable Sheet for the Banquet should go out tomorrow. November edition is scheduled for November 12th after the banquet. Gay wants to work more with Dallas to be able to update the website along with Dallas. This way we can get it updated sooner and keep it up to date throughout the year more easily.

SUNSHINE – Kathy Christensen for Tammy Boyer

All requests have been sent and fulfilled.

ALEX MOONEY SCHOLARSHIP – Kathy Christensen for Sara Breyman

Nothing to report.

HISTORY COMMITTEE – Nancy Eidam

Nothing new to report. Gay and Nancy still want to get together if the weather will cooperate.

NEW BUSINESS – Kathy Christensen

There was discussion on the collegiate programs at UofO and OSU. The November Stable Sheet will publish more information about these programs and about one way we can help. They are looking for horses that attendees can ride on one weekend in December. We understand there are a few Morgan horses that will be included. It is a good way to get Morgan horses seen by more people if our Morgan owners are comfortable with it. Horses can be designated for certain classes only and owners are welcome to be there.

Those programs are also looking for donations to cover stall costs and awards. They do offer a Morgan High Point Award.

The Morgan Horse Young Adult Alliance is establishing a database list of volunteers if anyone is interested.

Next Meeting:

Our next meeting is the in-person General Membership Meeting combined with our Award Banquet, Sunday November 9th, 2025, at the Willamette Heritage Center (Dye House) in Salem Oregon. Food provided. Election results will be announced. There is no schedule yet for 2026.

Erin moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:25pm. Gay seconded. Approved. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Gay Adams, MHAO Secretary