

MHAO BOARD MEETING MINUTES, FEBRUARY 10, 2021

Board members present: Karen Weiderman, Martha Woodland, Sara Breyman, Kathy Christensen, Julie Nygaard, Karen Breckenridge, Gay Adams, Doana Anderson, Nancy Eidam, Erin Silver, Shirley Champion, Diane Pixlee and Grace Martin

Board members not present: Mary Grimes and Sandi Humphres

Quorum met.

The meeting was by conference call and was called to order at 7:35pm.

SECRETARY REPORT: The minutes from the January 16, 2021 meeting were approved via email.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Karen Breckenridge as of January 31, 2021 -

General Checking \$18,635
Savings \$25,499
Futurity \$12,184
Nancy Falk Trust \$12,654 – restricted funds
OMC Checking \$10,82
Total Fixed Assets \$1,177
Paypal Online \$194
Other Current Assets \$273

TOTAL ASSETS \$81,439.00

There is still one person to collect money from advertising back in September. Also, two people owe money from the Futurity Booklet ads that we will collect.

The Internal Audit is complete. Gay reported that they looked at 10+ transactions and there were no discrepancies. Gay will write up a report for Karen and send a copy to Kathy.

The MHAO taxes will be turned in at the end of the week.

Karen also reported that the OMC credit card has been hacked. The person bought car parts in Michigan. It has been reported and we will be reimbursed for the total amount.

COMMITTEE REPORTS –

SHOW REPORT -Karen Breckenridge

The Belt Buckles have been ordered. We will be listed in the Saddle Horse Report. We have approval from the AHSA, AMHA, USEF, Oregon Dressage and UPHA for the OMC Show. The grant application was sent to AMHA and has been accepted. We don't know yet if we will receive anything. The Medals will roll over from last year. Julie Nygaard has accepted the job of putting together the sponsor baskets. Each Board member is asked to donate one or two bottles of wine to fill 13-15 baskets. Karen has talked to 15 professional trainers about running ads for the Professional Directory that goes in the back of the Prize list; so far 3 trainers have donated \$300 in ads. The Professional Directory ads pay for the printing and mailing of the premium booklet. In 2019 we had \$20,000. in sponsors for our classes and this year so far we have \$2600 committed. Talk to horse related businesses that you patronize; Vets, horse shoers, feed stores, tack stores, etc... We need as many sponsors as we can get. We anticipate it will be harder this year.

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Judges update- We now have all of our judges for the show. *Renee Johnson*, a 2020 Morgan Grand National judge has said yes. Her job will be English, Western, Classical and Driving Dressage. Working Western judge will be *Peggy Bond-Heath* and the main judge will be *Ron Bartholomew*.

HI-POINT- Erin Silver

No 'new' news to report except that there will be a facebook blast on how to sign up and encouraging everyone to sign up for our end of the year hi-point awards. We also need the revised program which will include something for virtual shows to be available to put into the Stable Sheet newsletter in March.

Karen B. has booked the Dye House in Salem for the awards Banquet. It was suggested to move the time up 1 hour to accommodate members that drive a longer distance. Time frame from 12:00 to 4:00. Previous time was 1:00- 5:00.

EDUCATION/SPRING CLINIC – Erin Silver

There was a discussion about having a virtual clipping clinic in April. Sara Breyman has graciously volunteered to do the Zoom clinic for that subject. Sara and Erin will get together to talk it over and get some plans in motion.

There was also a discussion about possibly having a Social weekend in Stub Stewart horse park or Silver Creek Falls this July. This would be a trail ride for MHAO members. Doana Anderson and Erin will work on this idea. Nothing was decided.

Our bylaws state that we need to have General Membership meeting before April 30th each year. In years past we have combined it with our Educational clinic. There was discussion about having the Clipping, Auction and Membership meeting all together or separate. Gay and Kathy will figure this out and report back to the Board.

YOUTH COMMITTEE – Diane Pixlee & Grace Martin

The Virtual Shows are a go! There will be 3 shows this year starting with the February Show. The patterns will go out on February 15th and they need to be turned in by February 26th. It will cost \$20.00 per class and there are 4 classes to enter; Showmanship, Saddleseat, Huntseat and Western. The youth will receive feedback on different parts of their patterns so they can improve for the next show. Diane has talked to trainers and let them know that this is open to any youth that rides a Morgan. You do not need to be an MHAO member but this may encourage them to join. Grace mentioned that she joined because it was \$15.00 if you were a member of MHAO and \$20.00 if non-member. Great incentive to increase our membership. There will be 4 different age groups: 9 & under that will be strictly walk-trot with easy patterns, 10-13, 14-17 and 18-21. There will be criteria as to how the videographer makes the tapes; such as where to stand, how far away, etc... Diane plans to have ribbons for each class and a hi-point at the end of the series, possibly gift cards. Nancy Eidam suggested we do a '*certificate of accomplishment*' for all. She found a certificate in some old boxes, she was going through, and enjoyed the memory of earning it. It's important to feel accomplished and to be able to hang something on the wall or keep in a notebook. Diane and the board liked this idea and agreed. Nancy also thought a good idea would be to do a cover letter, sign ups and printed patterns to send out to potential entrants. Diane thanked Sara Breyman for the pattern help. The judge has been lined up and is Todd Trushel. He will review the video patterns and write comments for each entrant. The question was asked how much to

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pay the judge? This could depend on the total number of entrants. Karen will email Nancy Harvey to ask the going rate for Virtual show judges and get back to Diane. Gay and Diane will get together to send out a special edition of the Stable Sheet and to get out on the club Facebook page. Diane & Grace will get it out on Instagram, the Youth Facebook page, and other Facebook pages. Grace will also write it up in the Youth Newsletter.

STALLION AUCTION – Gay Adams

The nominations for Stallions will remain open through February. There are 31 Stallions signed up so far. They will be featured in the February Stable Sheet. The Morgan Horse Magazine comes out in April with an Advertisement about our MHAO Auction. Online bidding is in place and bidders without online access can call in their bids to Gay. The Auction will close on April 17th at 3pm PDT.

FUTURITY – Gay Adams

There are currently 32 horses signed up for the Futurity. Participants must be a member of MHAO to participate, and this program brings in 4-6 new members each year. The overall number enrolled is down due to the retirement of a number of breeders. This year only we will add 3 year old Halter classes along with a Sweepstakes Class; and 5 yr old performance classes. This is due to not having Futurity classes in 2020. There will also be a futurity high point award for 5 yr olds as well as 4 yr olds.

Futurity renewals will go out the end of February or first of March.

PROMOTION – Kathy Christensen

No 'new' news to report.

MEMBERSHIP - Doana Anderson

We have 11 Life Members, 48 Renewals, and 4 New Members & one new member – We welcome Cassandra Ney of Echo Acres in Parma, ID who entered her horse into the Futurity. We also welcome back Mary Rynerson

64 total 2021 Members so far; 33 members have still not renewed from 2020. Renewal reminders were sent out after the last meeting.

RIDE/DRIVE PROGRAM AND OPEN INCENTIVE – Shirley Champion

It was reported that 1 new member signed up today so there is a total of 5 in the Ride/Drive program. Shirley will be contacting Sandi Humphres about getting people entered from the Mountaineering competitions. Shirley brought up that a new person in the Ride/Drive Program told her that she rides so much that the Patches might cover her whole body. Shirley will look into Milestone Patches.

The Open Incentive Program currently has 2 people participating.

WEBSITE/STABLE SHEET/FACEBOOK –Karen Weideman Gay Adams and Grace Martin

The Stable Sheet comes out on the 10th of each month. Our Website currently has Show dates listed, forms for membership, etc...and is up-to-date – *Thank you Dallas.*

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The committee has ideas to put our current programs such as the Ride/Drive and Hi-Point onto our Media outlets periodically such as the Stable Sheet and Facebook to keep it on people's minds. Grace will put these Blasts on Instagram also. It was suggested we set up a schedule for doing this. Grace mentioned that her Youth Newsletters will now be coming out quarterly. The schedule will be March, June, September and December.

SCHOLARSHIP – Sara Breyman

Grace Martin will get the word out about the MHAO Alex Mooney Scholarship in the March Youth Newsletter. Sara will ask AMHA to list it in their newsletter. The MHAO application is due by April 15th. The idea for a donate button on our website is still being researched by Sara. AMHA is looking to do this for theirs as well.

HUMANITARIAN AWARD – Karen B., Diane and Julie

The deadline for nominations is May 1st, 2021. We will be contacting Patricia Carlson after that date to make up the framed certificates.

EMERGENCY FUND – Julie Nygaard, Karen Breckenridge, & Diane Pixlee

No 'new' news to report

SUNSHINE FUND – Martha Woodland

Martha will get the membership list and be ready to send out well wishes to members as they are reported to her.

HISTORY – Nancy Eidam and Gay Adams

Nancy reported that she has found a storage shed she can purchase and keep at her place. This Summer when there is better weather she will get things moved over from the current rented Storage unit that she will then close. There are a lot of boxes of History for the MHAO and other clubs that Nancy has been involved in. Once it is at her place she will be able to go through and organize it.

NEW BUSINESS –

Sara asked if anyone has a use for a Judges stand from the old Far West shows. It is being stored in the loft at their barn. It is white with lattice around the base. Free to new home.

President Kathy Christensen thanked everyone for keeping the meeting brief and the board said thank you also.

Meeting adjourned at 8:52pm

Next meeting will be March 10th 2021 at 7:30 PM via conference call

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Nygaard – MHAO Secretary