

The August 13, 2026 MHAO Board Meeting was held via conference call. The meeting was called to order by President Kathy Christensen at 7:38pm

Board Members Present: Kathy Christensen, Kim Moore, Gay Adams, Karen Breckenridge, Kyndle Cummins, Erin Silver, Kiersten Moore, & Sarah DeFazio

Not Present: Sierra Breckenridge, Tammy Boyer, Patricia Carlson, Sandi Humphres, Camryn Nicholson, Nancy Eidam, & Sara Breyman

Quorum Present

Secretary Report - Gay Adams

Board members were asked to read the minutes prior to the meeting and come prepared with any corrections needed. Motion made for approval as submitted by Kathy Christensen, 2nd by Kiersten Moore. Approved.

Treasurer's Report as of 7/31/2026 - Karen Breckenridge

\$29,944	General Checking
25,514	Savings
6,129	Futurity
8,353	Nancy Falk Donation
17,822	OMC
\$88,035	Total Assets
\$ 8,767	Current Income

Income is centered in OMC & SSA with additions from membership dues and donations to the Alex Mooney Scholarship fund and the Futurity. There is one more bill to pay for OMC for printing. Estimated at around \$600. Per Gay, the prize money payout for the Futurity classes has not gone out yet. Waiting for sponsorship funds to come in. They are expected by month end.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SHOW COMMITTEE – Karen Breckenridge

We had about a \$4,000 profit on OMC this year. Great job Karen, and all who helped her! She is already working on next year's show and has been able to take advantage of discounts.

HIGH POINT COMMITTEE – Erin Silver

Points are coming in. Deadline for points is September 15th. Erin is now changing her focus to looking at awards. Kathy and Erin will get together to look at funding for the high point awards.

EDUCATION/SPRING CLINIC COMMITTEE – Patricia Carlson not present

No report.

HUMANITARIAN AWARD – Patricia Carlson not present

No report.

BANQUET COMMITTEE – Patricia Carlson not present

No report. Kathy will continue to try to reach Patricia. We need to get planning started for this. Kathy has some ideas on food for the banquet that she wants to run by Patricia.

YOUTH COMMITTEE – Camryn Nicholson & Sierra Breckenridge not present

No report provided. Per Kathy, Cami is stepping down. Kathy is not sure we can find a Youth Director as we don't have many active youth riders. Kathy would like to find another adult to help Sierra. Per Sarah DeFazio, Grace Martin is interested in helping. Suggestions were made on possible Youth Directors or people to call.

Eddie and Sarah have moved their barn. They are wanting to give more clinics and lessons and may be able to help to increase our Youth Membership. Sarah will send me information on their new location for the Stable Sheet.

STALLION AUCTION COMMITTEE – Gay Adams

Final accounting still pending waiting for Futurity sponsorship dollars to come in. Once that is in we will calculate how much will go to the Futurity. She is targeting that to be complete by the end of the month.

FUTURITY COMMITTEE – Gay Adams

Waiting on a large sponsorship payment to come in. It is expected to be received by month end. Once in, Gay will distribute the prize money.

PROMOTION COMMITTEE – Erin Silver

Sarah & Kathy will meet with Darrel Hansen to discuss a possible Morgan demonstration at the Oregon State Fair. Erin is checking with the State Fair. If not a Morgan horse demonstration, we will try for the ability to have a Morgan horse there for people to see and an information table with handouts.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE – Kathy Christensen & Gay Adams

No report was received from Doana Anderson prior to meeting. Just after the meeting Gay learned there were no new members since 6/25/2026.

Gay needs to finalize the program pages for the directory and get the ads for the directory to Doana. She is trying to move her personal residence, so that has been delayed.

RIDE/DRIVE PROGRAM – Sandi Humphres

No report.

OPEN INCENTIVE –Karen Breckenridge & Sandi Humphres

Nothing new per Karen. Just 2 people participating so far this year.

WEBSITE/STABLE SHEET – Gay Adams

Nothing new. Patricia Carlson may be interested in handling the newsletter.

Social Media – Kiersten Moore

Kiersten will post some things to the MHAO Facebook page before our next meeting.

SUNSHINE – Tammy Boyer not present

No report.

ALEX MOONEY SCHOLARSHIP – Sara Breyman not present

No report.

HISTORY COMMITTEE – Nancy Eidam not present

No report.

EMERGENCY COMMITTEE – Kim Moore

Nothing to report. Crossing our fingers for all members. There is concern with all the fires that are going on in Oregon and Washington.

CORPORATE LIASON – Sarah DeFazio

Sarah is already talking to past sponsors about next year. She has the corporate letter we have used in the past and has shortened it to one page. She will communicate with Kathy about it before starting to send it out. Kathy suggests we start sending it out this month to potential new sponsors.

NEW BUSINESS – Kathy Christensen

The only thing new relates to the search for new Board members. Gay, Kim, Tammy, and Cami are stepping down. There are still some Board members Kathy has not heard from. There was discussion on the number of Board positions we should declare. Only a minimum of 9 are required per the By-Laws. 15 positions have been declared. Currently if they are not filled, those empty positions can be filled by Board appointment after the election. If we make a formal change to how many positions we are declaring to 9, we would not be able to add Board members later.

Next Meeting:

September 16th, 2026 at 7:30pm via conference call. Gay will lead the meeting as Kathy Christensen will be on vacation, and Kim Moore will not be available.

Next Activities:

*Possible Promotion at the Oregon State Fair for 3-days over Memorial Day weekend.

*Award Banquet & General Membership Meeting: November 8th, 2026 at the Willamette Heritage Center in Salem.

Motion to adjourn from Karen Breckenridge. 2nd by Gay. Approved. Adjourned at 8:26pm.

**Respectfully submitted,
Gay Adams, MHAO Secretary**