

## MHAO GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES – APRIL 24, 2021

**Present:** Kathy Christensen, Gay Adams, Doana Anderson, Mary Grimes, Erin Silver, Karen Weiderman

**Not Present:** Julie Nygaard, Karen Breckenridge, Sara Breyman, Shirley Champion, Nancy Eidam, Sandi Humphres, Grace Martin, Diane Pixlee, Martha Woodland

**Guests:** None

**Quorum not present**

**Meeting called to order at 3:10pm via conference call**

Gay Adams took minutes for Julie Nygaard and took roll call before the meeting started.

**Treasurers Report:** Gay Adams for Karen Breckenridge

As of 3/31/2021

\$17,185	General Checking
\$25,500	Savings Account
\$12,271	Futurity Account
\$12,654	Nancy Falk Trust Account
\$11,904	OMC Account
<u>\$ 499</u>	Miscellaneous
\$80,013	Total Current Assets
<u>\$ 1,177</u>	Fixed Assets
<b>\$81,190</b>	<b>Total Assets</b>

**P&L shows a loss of \$2,106** which is normal for this time of year. Our loss is centered in Stallion Service Auction expenses. During the meeting Gay said the loss is also centered in OMC expenses, but that was incorrect. Most show expenses were paid out last year. Along with Stallion Service Auction expenses the loss is centered in our General Fixed Expenses. Income from the Stallion Service Auction and from OMC have not come in yet. We need to increase the amount we are pulling in from membership. Everyone needs to work on membership, not just Doana as our membership chair.

**Oregon Morgan Classic:** Reported by Kathy Christensen for Karen Breckenridge

Prize list is now available online, and will be mailed out April 26<sup>th</sup>. The show staff is all in place, and the prizes and ribbons are all ready. Doana will get her wine donation to Silver Mesa for the sponsorship baskets, and Nora Skipper or Kathy Carlson will pick it up to take to Julie Nygaard. Other Board members are to find a way to get their wine to Julie as well. She needs the wine before the show.

**Silent Auction at OMC:** Reported by Kathy Christensen

We have begun collecting items. So far we have 2 pet baskets (one for a cat, one for a dog), painting by Nora, several jewelry items, trail saddle, 2 high resolution photos from our

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photographer, Morgan Bl@st or Show Horse Bl@ast ad, a subscription to The Morgan Horse magazine, 2 Beemer treatments by Julie Adams, and more. We need help from the whole Board to add to these items.

### **Stallion Service Auction:** Reported by Gay Adams

Auction closed on April 17<sup>th</sup>. We brought in \$19,150 in bids on the stallions, and \$850 in bids on the other items for a total of \$20,000. Income will start being posted to our accounts next week. We still have some bids that have not been paid for yet. There are 10 stallions that did not sell. They are quietly available for their opening bid thru April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021 on a first come, first served basis.

### **Futurity:** Reported by Gay Adams

26 horses have been renewed in the Futurity, 4 more are expected to come in for a total of 30 horses. 2 horses were not renewed, and there are 2 owners I have not heard from. After checking with Futurity horse owners, 10 horses are expected to be shown in Futurity classes at OMC and maybe one more. We should have at least 8 classes.

### **Stable Sheet:** Reported by Gay Adams & Karen Weiderman

Karen was complemented by the Board on her reporting from the membership. She commented she needs more stories and hopes people are still okay hearing from her. Gay has watched what people click on from section 1 of the newsletter. Different people click on different things, so she will continue to look for items that cover the full range of interests for our Morgan enthusiasts. She just hopes it is not too long for everyone to look thru.

### **Membership:** Reported by Doana Anderson

We have 11 Life members, 58 members (mix of family & individual memberships), 4 new members, 1 new member from a horse purchase for total of 74 memberships. We are so happy to welcome back Nora Skipper of Excaliber who hadn't renewed since 2011. 26 have not renewed from last year. There were 8 additions to our list since Doana's last report. Doana is considering mailing renewal requests to those members not renewed. Up to now, original renewal and reminders have been by email. Kathy offered to contact them. Doana suggests that to increase membership we shift our focus from Morgan owners to Morgan supporters. Discussion followed that if we don't increase our membership it will become difficult to continue our programs. At a prior meeting we talked about a trail ride in July to gather people together, particularly since no one came to this General Membership meeting. Without a quorum, that was tabled for more discussion at the May meeting. Having a brief meeting for members at OMC will be discussed in May as well. All Board members need to check the membership list Doana provided to be sure they have renewed their dues. We all need to help in drawing in more members.

### **Alex Mooney Scholarship:** Reported by Mary Grimes

Due to health reasons, Mary will be extending the application deadline to May 16<sup>th</sup>. She will

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work with Gay to update the application form and get that information out. Our web page needs to be updated as well. Gay will pass the information on to Dallas. Gay reminded Mary that Sara is on her committee and she should reach out to her for assistance. No applications have been received yet. Kathy said that notices will go out to FFA & 4H groups to talk about the scholarship and to encourage them to join MHAO. MHAO is a requirement to apply for the scholarship.

### **High Point:** Reported by Erin Silver

35 horses have been signed up so far. She will post more reminders out on Facebook about getting their registrations in. She has added one category for all virtual shows. Other types of competitions that have not been listed for our High Point Program are Working Equitation, Extreme Trail, Eventing, and Endurance. Erin will see what categories these fit into and get the flyer updated. Gay offered to help as Erin's computer is not always cooperative. We will get it updated and posted in the Stable Sheet and on our website.

### **Youth:** Reported by Kathy for Diane Pixlee

Kathy did not know about the April virtual show, but her understanding is that there were only 2 riders each month and they were riders with Diane. When Diane called the training barns before the virtual shows started, all the barns with Jr. and Youth riders said they would have some riders that would participate, but none did. It takes a lot of work to put the virtual shows together. The question is, is it worth it? Erin said she had planned to put some riders in, but was absolutely swamped this year and just didn't have time. Is it because we were down for a year, and now it is hard to get up and running? Gay suggested we do surveys to find out what our members want from us. Maybe shifting to Jan – March will help (this year it was Feb – April). Adding Saddlebreds or maybe amateur riders was also discussed. We will discuss again in May when we have a quorum and Diane & Grace are present.

No reports available on **Open Incentive, Ride/Drive, History, Gaming, or Sunshine**, although Martha has asked via email for names to send cards to. The Board discussed our concern at no attendance in this meeting by the general membership. Thoughts were to change back to March, and to again combine the meeting with an in-person Spring Clinic once the Pandemic is behind us. Again, maybe a survey is needed to find out what our membership wants. It is hard to get a read on it when we have the affect of the Pandemic in our way.

**Meeting adjourned at 3:58pm**

**Next Board Meeting will be May 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm via conference call.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Gay Adams for Julie Nygaard**