

Morgan Horse Association of Oregon

August 14, 2024

7:30 P.M.

Via conference call

Meeting called by: Gay Adams

Type of meeting: General Meeting of the Board

Attendees:

Board Members:

Gay Adams, Karen Breckenridge, Kimberly Moore, Kyndle Cummins, Erin Silver, Julie Nygaard, Tammy Boyer, Sara Breyman, Diane Pixlee, Nancy Eidam

QUORUM PRESENT

Board Members Not Present: Lorraine Beaumont, Patricia Carlson, Sierra Breckenridge, Sandi Humphres

Minutes

Agenda Item: Secretary's Report

Presenter: Kimberly Moore

Motion: Julie moved to approve the minutes as corrected, seconded by Gay

ACTION: Minutes were approved unanimously

Agenda item: Treasurer's Report

Presenter: Karen Breckenridge

Balance Sheet As of July 31, 2024:

General Checking: \$34,359

Savings Account: \$25,508

Futurity: \$2,651

Nancy Falk: \$9.703

OMC Checking: \$6,825

Grand Total of Assets: \$79,319

P&L: -\$3,186

Karen states that the majority of this is in relation to OMC as well as our membership numbers are not where they should be. However, we did make \$10,000 in the stallion auction. Gay added that she hasn't done the payouts yet for the futurity so this will add to the deficit. She apologizes for the delay, and estimates by the time the year ends, the club may show a loss of approximately \$10,000. She may lower the estimated Futurity payout from \$6,500 to an amount that matches prior years that had similar SSA results.

Karen has received all the monies for futurity booklet ads. Gay has not made the transfer from the SSA account to the Futurity account yet. The net profit from the SSA is divided 60% to the club to cover the cost of the futurity classes at OMC and 40% to the Futurity. This transfer is what provides our Futurity prize money.

Committee Reports:

OMC Show Committee:

Karen: Julie and Karen drove over to the Deschutes fairgrounds and Brasada Rimrock show grounds. Karen also visited Albany Linn County fairgrounds. Due to low turnout and how dirty the Oregon Horse Center was this year (dirtier than normal), we wanted to see what our other options might be. See the comparison chart on the last page of these minutes.

We are very concerned about our low turnout at OMC this year and wanted to be sure we took action that will help us do better going forward. We looked at when our show was held as well as where it was held.

After looking over our facility options, it was decided that we either can't afford these other facilities, they are not large enough to accommodate us, they do not offer enough services to us in comparison to what we receive from the Oregon Horse Center, and/or they do not have an opening in their schedule that would work for us.

Karen was able to negotiate a week later date for 2025 at the Oregon Horse Center which should keep us from being in competition with the Charity Fair in California, put us after school is out, and give OHC a chance to get things ready for us. This year we came in right after a prior show. They needed a week to get ready for us. Next year's dates are June 18-21, 2025. We should continue to have the 3rd weekend in June going forward (next to the last weekend). Karen has filed our new dates with USEF and USDF.

Hi Point Committee:

Erin: Nothing new to report.

Spring Clinic and Fall Awards Banquet:

Tammy: Nothing new to report for education for the spring clinic. In regards to the fall banquet she and Patricia met and they would like to see it become more like a fun activity with maybe some games. She has sent out an email to everyone about a taco caterer she's looking into. She is looking into a burger truck to come in as well, possibly In-N-Out.

Youth Committee:

Kyndle: Nothing new to report. The newsletter is still in progress and will go out as soon as it's completed. Karen reported that Sierra is still working on the YOTY study booklet which should be done soon. We will not have a representative at Nationals for the YOTY competition. None of our youth were old enough.

Stallion Auction Committee:

Gay: She has started her search for stallions.

Futurity Committee:

Gay: Prize money will go out as soon as the final accounting is done. Gay was waiting for some invoices to come thru.

Promotion:

Erin: Nothing new to report. State Fair is coming up and she has maybe three horses gathered for the Battle of The Breeds. They will have the promotional materials set up in the stalls Thursday through Sunday of the fair.

Membership Committee:

Gay: She has gotten a few calls out. Information from Doana shows we have 52 members but there may be a discrepancy with what Karen shows. She's going to ask Doana to wait to put together a directory until next March for 2023-2025.

Ride/Drive Program:

Gay: Per Sandi nothing new to report.

Open Incentive:

Karen: Hasn't had anything this last month.

Scholarship:

Gay: We have \$1,000 for a future scholarship. Nothing else to report.

Emergency:

Julie: Nothing new to report.

Humanitarian:

Gay: Nothing new that she knows of.

Website/Stable Sheet:

Gay: Our distribution list for the Stable Sheet went up to over 500 contacts raising the cost for our Constant Contact subscription from \$436.80 to \$680.40. This distribution includes members, local morgan owners, and contacts for our SSA. She needs an okay from the Board for the increased cost.

Motion: Julie moved to approve the \$244 increase, seconded by Nancy

ACTION: Motion passed unanimously.

Sunshine Fund:

Tammy: In May she sent out two cards, costing the Club nothing. In June she sent out two bouquets, one for \$74.32 and one was \$74.95. There is now a balance of \$157.18 left in the budget. Two more get well cards will also be sent out in the near future.

History Committee:

Nancy: Nothing new to report. She has sent Gay some information regarding the early days of the Club and she will start making an outline of what she can. Gay and Nancy will see if they can get together after September, time and weather permitting.

New Business:

Gay: What can we do to minimize our losses? Various fundraising ideas were discussed. Gay stressed the need to get going right away so income can come in before October 31st. Kyndle has some ideas and will get information out to Board members after State Fair. Other Board members are asked to think on this for other ideas so we can finalize them at our next Board meeting. Anything we do at the Banquet will apply to next year and not reduce our loss for this year. Per Gay, we need to do both.

Erin: Erin suggests we sell our two cargo trailers and replace them with one so it's the only one that would need to be hauled to OMC. The dressage trailer is falling apart. Then you wouldn't have them stored in two different places, either. She has done some research on what a used larger trailer would cost. Her estimate is \$8,000. Various pros and cons were discussed. Karen will evaluate what she needs for the dressage area at OMC, but since we are going back to OHC next year, she can make do with the two we have for now. That will give us time to raise funds before the 2026 show. This will be brought up again at our next meeting. Maybe we can have fundraising at the fall banquet to help pay for a new trailer. There was also discussion regarding if Karen could work out of one trailer for all of the show, or if two would work better. Will a new 20' trailer fit where we need to park it in the OHC facility? We may just replace the dressage trailer. Maybe someone would step forward to help in hauling at least one of the trailers to make it easier on Karen. Maybe Bullards would be willing to store both. And there is a question as to whether Bullards would have the ability to store a larger trailer if we went to just one. More investigation will be done on options and cost. More discussion will follow.

Gay: Regarding the upcoming election, Diane has said that she is willing to stay on the Board or not stay depending on what is needed. If she does not continue on the Board, she will still stay on the SSA and Futurity committees. We do need a President and no one on the current Board is willing to take on that role. Gay heard a rumor that Kathy Christensen may be willing to step forward as our President next year. Tammy will be staying on the board and stay as Sunshine chair but doesn't want to be on the fall banquet committee. Not sure if she will stay on the other committees. Tammy and Gay will discuss this further. Gay said if someone would take on the Stable Sheet and Kathy becomes President, she is willing to be Secretary and take on the membership database maintenance. But she has to be able to drop those two things in order to do that. Someone on the Board will need to take on the newsletter. Gay will call Kathy to see what she can find out as far as Kathy running for President. An update will follow. The ballot needs to go out by October 10th. Gay has already invited people to let her know if they are interested in being on the Board or being a volunteer via the Stable Sheet. Gay is so pleased that everyone on the Board is willing to continue. We have a great Board. This is so wonderful. Thank you everyone.

Meeting Adjourned

Adjourned at 9:00 p.m. Next scheduled meeting will be on September 18th, 2024, at 7:30 p.m. via conference call.

2024 Comparison of Facilities for Oregon Morgan Classic				
Topics	Redmond Deschutes Fairground	Brassada - Rim Rock Show Grounds	Albany Linn County Fairgrounds	Oregon Horse Center
Deposit Policy	20% of overall contract due at time of signing contract (est of \$2,500)	Didn't ask	Didn't ask	\$ 500.00
Arena Daily Fee - Move In Day	\$ 1,875.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 657.50	\$ 880.00
Arena Daily Fee - Show Days	\$ 3,750.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,630.00	\$ 1,775.00
How many arenas in daily fee	3	3	1	3
Warm Up Arena daily fee (Free if we rent 100 stalls)			\$ 500.00	
How many arenas are covered	2	1	2	3
Drags per day	2/day if they do it - most shows hire a company to come in with equipment and manpower	\$100 per tractor hour - can ask for how many drags we need	2 per session	Whatever we ask for - not charged for extra drags
Daily Stall Fee	\$ 15.00	\$ 25.00 (includes 1 bag of shavings)	\$ 20.00	\$ 18.00
Available Stalls	400	210	191 (plus 10 portable in warm up arena)	237
Size of Stalls	10 x 10	12 x 12	10 x 10	10 x 10
	No mats - on asphalt	Asphalt with Mats	No mats - on asphalt	No mats - dirt floor
Baled Shavings (price per bag)	Unavailable	\$ 10.00	\$ 8.50	\$ 9.25
	We would have to contract to have shavings delivered to facility and then we would be responsible to deliver to stalls	They deliver	They deliver	They deliver
Stall Cleanup at End of Show	We would have to clean stalls or hire a crew to do it for us	Facility takes care of - doesn't cost us anything	We would be charged for stall cleanup at end of show	Facility takes care of - doesn't cost us anything
Center Ring	Yes - fee varies depends upon what they put together for us	We would need to provide	We would need to provide	Yes - white fencing
Trail Equipment	None	Only have barrels and a few poles	None	Yes - everything we need
RV Spaces	\$45	\$25	\$35 - \$40	\$35 - \$40

2024 Comparison of Facilities for Oregon Morgan Classic				
Topics	Redmond Deschutes Fairground	Brasada - Rim Rock Show Grounds	Albany Linn County Fairgrounds	Dragon Horse Center
Other Disadvantages	Dressage/working western arena hasn't been used in a long time - would need work to get it ready to use	Dirty - Kelly would have to sit in the cafe - no separate office. Only 3 electrical boxes in stall area - they suggested you bring generators if you need electricity at stalls	If you put the portables up they go in the warm up arena making the arena smaller	Dirty
Show Date Availability	None until August	None until August	None until August	Move in day June 17 & show June 18-21