

The February 17, 2026 Board meeting was held via conference call and was called to order by President, Kathy Christensen, at 7:35pm

Board Members Present: Kathy Christensen, Kim Moore, Gay Adams, Karen Breckenridge, Sierra Breckenridge, Tammy Boyer, Patricia Carlson, Sandi Humphres, Camryn Nicholson, & Erin Silver, Nancy Eidam, Kiersten Moore, & Sarah DeFazio.

Not Present:

Kyndle Cummins & Sara Breyman

Quorum present

Secretary Report - Gay Adams

The January minutes and budget were approved with the following changes via email. Any reference to sponsorship was changed to sponsorship or donation to the Spring Signature Event. The Youth transfer from the Nancy Falk Turst was changed from \$550 to \$500. The Youth Grant was applied for, but we had not heard the result yet. The budget amount for the President's fund was removed.

Treasurer's Report as of 1/31/2026 - Karen Breckenridge

\$25,092	General Checking
25,512	Savings
3,177	Futurity
8,893	Nancy Falk Donation
12,772	OMC
273	Miscellaneous
\$75,719	Total Assets
(\$2,149)	Current loss

A loss is normal at this time of year. The loss is centered in our General Fixed Expenses and outlay for awards, etc. for the upcoming Oregon Morgan Classic. It will stay as a loss until more sponsorships for OMC come in along with bids for the Stallion Service Auction which closes in mid-April. Karen has already received some OMC sponsorships. Our reservation for the Dye House for our Annual Award Banquet has been paid. We did receive a \$300 grant for the Youth of The Year program at OMC. We are still waiting to hear back on our applications for an AMHA show grant and Promotion grant.

Our annual internal audit has not been done yet. Discussion followed along with an explanation of how much time it takes, and the challenge of finding two MHAO members not on the Board to help with it. The procedure requires 2 MHAO members and 1 Board member to be on the committee headed by Karen. A suggestion was made to do it every two years or so. Tabled for further discussion. Patricia Carlson volunteered to be the Board member on the committee.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SHOW COMMITTEE – Karen Breckenridge

Sponsorships are already coming in. Karen updated us on the status of all the awards she has taken care of and what she is working on. All required insurance certificates are in. We are celebrating our 25th year. Sponsorship bags are in. Doing all we can to make the event special.

Getting some ideas from the Oregon Horse Center about any expected rate changes. Still need to figure out how we will cover any increases. Stalls are going up a \$1. Shavings will be up \$1.25 per bag. Early arrival is going up \$5. They have introduced a new garbage fee that “might” be imposed for excess garbage clean-up. Evidently someone left a refrigerator, and someone left a grill last year. A suggestion was made to post signs saying that type of garbage was not to be left behind. Passing the fee on to an attendee if we knew who left something like that behind was also discussed should it occur. The amount of the fee could be anywhere from \$0 - \$350.

Our primary hotel for exhibitors and attendees has changed. Our staff will still stay at the Holiday Inn Express. Exhibitors and attendees are now offered the same rate of \$189 per night at a sister hotel, LaQuinta Inn, which is located in the same general area. With UofO graduation, other hotel rates are very high and hard to get into. Register early. We need to get the word out about this change.

A show grant has been applied for. We may not get one as we made a profit last year. We won't hear the result until March or April.

HIGH POINT COMMITTEE – Kathy Christensen for Erin Silver

The Oregon Morgan Classic will count for double points in this program.

EDUCATION/SPRING CLINIC COMMITTEE – Patricia Carlson & Sarah DeFazio

Sarah said registrations are going well and the event is on track to goal. She is receiving good support, sponsorships and enrollment. She is looking for 10 more riders in the clinic and would like 10-15 more riders in the open schooling show. Auditors are welcome. The show office at the Fairgrounds is reserved for MHAO as their homebase for membership sign-ups and promotion material. The MHAO General Membership meeting can be held there as well on Sunday March 8th, but we can also use the grandstand or another location in the arena building if we have too many attendees to fit in that space.

Close for entries and RSVP's is February 20th so food can be planned for. Patricia requested a new special Stable Sheet edition about the clinic be sent out just before that.

There were some concerns at the last meeting about whether we should be a sponsor or donor of this clinic, and if supporting it met our By-Law obligation to provide education. There was also concern about whether we were getting into a conflict of interest situation. A meeting was held with Shelley Bullard for advice to make sure everything we were doing was okay. Our contribution is a donation. No contract is needed. There should be no concern about Sarah DeFazio being the owner of the LLC that is hosting the event. The meeting with Shelley is now part of our documentation to show our due diligence, and Kathy stated we have no concerns about what we are doing should our association be audited. The clinic is in line with our stated purpose.

HUMANITARIAN AWARD – Patricia Carlson

Nothing to report at this time.

EMERGENCY COMMITTEE – Kim Moore

Nothing to report.

BANQUET COMMITTEE – Patricia Carlson

Deposit for the Dye house has been paid.

YOUTH COMMITTEE – Camryn Nicholson, Sierra Breckenridge, & Kathy Christensen

Kathy thanked Camryn for her work on the Youth Newsletter and especially the February edition. Camryn has more things she can add lined up for months ahead and would appreciate any info or ideas others might send her way.

There was additional discussion on the Associate or Youth Membership we had voted on at the last meeting. Reminder of what was approved:

JANUARY MOTION: Erin Silver moved to approve one new Associate Membership level for youth involved with 4H, FFA, or OHSET (or other high school equestrian program) at a fee of \$20 to include our Youth of the Year education and enter the contest at OMC, and the ability to apply for the MHAO Alex Mooney Scholarship. Full membership in MHAO would be required to utilize our High Point, Open Incentive, and other programs. Seconded by both Sara Breyman and Patricia Carlson. Approved.

During discussion at this month's meeting, Kathy wanted to add Collegiate equestrian programs. Erin was concerned about how we would police whether the new member was a member of 4H, FFA, OHSET or other High School Equestrian programs, or any college programs. She suggested we make it simpler and just look at the age of the applicant. Another concern was a youth learning to ride, but not being involved in any of the programs mentioned.

Patricia Carlson made a motion to approve a Youth membership for 21 yr olds and under for a fee of \$20 that gave the member access to the Alex Mooney Scholarship, our newsletters & Facebook pages, and our Youth of the Year competition & education. To have access to High Point, Open Incentive, and other programs they would need to become an individual or family member. The discussion continued. The cost of \$20 was a concern. There were recommendations to lower the fee amount. Everyone still agreed what programs they could access. They would not be able to vote in our elections. They would not be able to represent us at Nationals in YOTY unless they were a member of AMHA. They could become a member of AMHA for free by working thru the AMHA Figure level Merit program. It was suggested this be called a Youth Membership rather than an Associate Membership. Some suggested the age be under 18. Age was to be determined as of December 31st before their 18th or 21st birthday. (Our membership qualifications usually say by October 31st, the end of our fiscal year). /Motion was tabled for more discussion.

Patricia Carlson is to call a meeting with the Youth committee members to discuss it and return to the Board with a recommendation.

Gay mentioned that once we were settled on the qualifications, etc. and the Board had approved it, we would need to put it out to the membership for a vote. This is because our membership levels and fees are included in our By-Laws. By-Law changes need to be approved by the membership. Thru Doana Anderson, we now have the ability for our members to vote online. We no longer have to wait for a General Membership meeting for our members to approve a By-Law change.

STALLION AUCTION COMMITTEE – Gay Adams

The Stallion Service Auction is now open for bidding with 16 stallions so far. The goal is 30 stallions. I'm way behind on my calling. 7 other items are posted, and she is looking for more. The auction is all online and will close April 18th at 3pm PDT. Those unable to bid online can call in their bid to me. Proxy bids are accepted.

FUTURITY COMMITTEE – Gay Adams

There have been no new nominations since last month. Some changes are in. Renewal requests will go out in early March, due March 31st. One more 2025 entry is expected. We currently have 25 entries. Here is a breakout by year of birth:

4 – 2022

7 – 2023

11 – 2024

3 – 2025

PROMOTION COMMITTEE –Erin Silver

Sarah DeFazio and Erin Silver took some horses (a mix of Morgan's and Saddlebreds) to ride in the main arena at the Mt. Hood Equestrian Center during a brainstorming event for horse people that was going on there. The idea from the administrator of the facility was to have some horses working in the arena during their discussion. We may do more things like that with little to no financial cost. It makes for good PR and promotion.

MHAO will have promotion material available at the Signature Spring Event at the Oregon State Fairgrounds, Historic Arena on March 6-8, 2026. MHAO is one of the supporters of this event. We are supporting it in lieu of having our own event.

We will have a booth with a horse at the Oregon AgFest April 25 & 26 at the Oregon State Fairgrounds. Volunteers are needed to man the booth and be available to answer questions. Promotion material will be available.

The horse show at the Oregon State Fair has been cancelled. We will look for other things we can do for promotion. We may do something at the Fair since it is the Year of the Horse. More discussion to follow.

Patricia requested some promotional material that she can get out to local shows in her area (Southern Oregon).

A promotion grant has been applied for. We likely won't hear if we will have one or not until March or April. Erin has asked for \$1,500.

Kathy is sending out promotion letters. There is a group getting together to look at our sponsorship packages and the promotion letter for OMC that we have been sending out. No changes will be made this year. The group is targeting 2027 for any changes.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE – Kathy Christensen & Gay Adams

No report has been received from Doana yet. Some renewal applications are coming in from the new website application. It appears to be a hit! Payments are coming in, but we are having a challenge identifying who paid without additional work. Dallas, Sarah, and Karen are working on it. At our last report our membership count was ahead of where we were at the same time last year.

RIDE/DRIVE PROGRAM – Sandi Humphres

Nothing to report.

OPEN INCENTIVE –Karen Breckenridge & Sandi Humphres

Nothing to report.

WEBSITE/STABLE SHEET – Gay Adams

I haven't been able to gain direct access to the website. Dallas has tried to get me in and is not sure why it is not working. Gay has started working on getting a manual packet of corrections to Dallas for Dallas to make the corrections. Nothing to report on the Stable Sheet other than if you want to see past issues for any reason, they are all posted and available on the website. Our Member only section is also accessible now. Past issues of our Directories are posted there.

SUNSHINE – Tammy Boyer

2 cards were sent. And Tammy expressed her thanks to Patricia and Gay for their donations to this function.

ALEX MOONEY SCHOLARSHIP – Kathy Christensen for Sara Breyman

Nothing to report at this time.

HISTORY COMMITTEE – Nancy Eidam

Nothing to report at this time. Tammy & Gay plan to visit Nancy in the Spring to see what they can get started for the website on the club history page. They are waiting until warmer weather so travel is safer.

NEW BUSINESS – Kathy Christensen

- Kathy made a motion to approve the appointment of Kiersten Moore and Sarah DeFazio to the Board. Seconded by Gay. Approved.
- Sponsorship group will meet at Blackburn Barn in Banks OR on February 28th to work on a revamp of our sponsorship packages and set strategy for 2027.
- Next regular Board meeting will be April 15th via conference call at 7:30pm. We didn't have one on the tentative schedule, pending a decision on when our General Membership Meeting would be.

- The General Membership meeting is our March meeting, Sunday March 8th at the Signature Spring Event during the lunch break for the Open Schooling Show. Let Kathy know if you will be there.
- Other next events are the close of the Stallion Service Auction on April 18th at 3pm PDT and our booth at the Oregon AgFest event on April 25 & 26, 2026.

Motion to adjourn was made by Patricia Carlson, seconded by Erin. Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm

Respectively submitted,
Gay Adams, Secretary