# MHAO BOARD MEETING MINUTES – JULY 23, 2025

#### Call to Order & Welcome

Kathy at 7:38pm

**Present:** Kathy Christensen, Kim Moore, Gay Adams, Karen Breckenridge, Lorraine Beaumont, Sara Breyman, Nancy Eidam, Sandi Humphfres, & Julie Nygaard.

Not Present: Tammy Boyer, Sierra Breckenridge, Patricia Carlson, Kyndle Cummins, Camryn Nicholson,

& Erin Silver.

Quorum Present

## Secretary's Report

Gay

No meeting In June so no meeting minutes for review.

Treasurer's Report

Karen

### **BANK ACCOUNTS:**

General Checking	\$ 37,674
Interest Savings	25,511
MHAO Futurity	2,303
Nancy Falk, restricted funds	9,141
OMC Checking	54,130
Total Bank Accounts	\$ 128,758
Total Other Current Assets	320
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 129,078
Profit	\$ 58,490

 Income looks great centered In OMC and the Stallion Service Auction, but there are still some large expenses to post for the show along with the Futurity payouts.

### **COMMITTEEE REPORTS**

### Show Committee

Karen

We had a really good show with 133 horses with 105 Morgans. There were 200 rides. 205 stalls were filled. The food we offered for the special events was very good (thank you Kathy), and so was the food from the new restaurant people. Wait times at the restaurant (The Feed Room) were much improved this year. We hope they stay. The only bad part was due to the Oregon Horse Center (OHC) placing some stickers on some of the big rigs because of where they parked. OHC placed stickers rather than coming to talk to our show manager. We have talked to OHC management so we will have a better place for the big rigs to park next year.

Almost all the flowers from center ring were purchased. OHC even purchased some of them to use in their upcoming rodeo.

The footing in center ring was much better this year, and the facility was kept much cleaner than last year. The dressage arena was too dusty this year. Last year It was too muddy. We will talk to OHC and ask them to water that arena down before the dressage arena is set up with the hope that will make It better.

This year we had over \$20,000 in sponsorships. Good job Karen and anyone who helped!! After C-

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Fair, Kathy will send out thank you notes to the sponsors. Sponsors have also commented that they really like the sponsorship baskets that Julie and Kathy prepared. Super nice baskets this year! Evidently we are the only show that does that. Thank you, Julie and Kathy.

Kathy suggests we send out surveys after C-Fair. There was one negative comment out on Facebook which Kathy has responded to. We want to hear from more of our attendees.

We made \$1,500 from our Silent Auction. Good job Kim! Setting up and running the Silent Auction Is a lot of work.

We had more kids at the show this year which was good to see. However, none of them entered the Youth of the Year contest. We will highlight our Youth of the Year contest more next year. It was reported that Sierra is looking at doing the written test and the speeches online prior to the show next year.

We estimate we will have a profit from the show of about \$14,000 once all the expenses are posted. Congratulations to all who worked so hard to make the show a success, and especially to Karen and her family.

High Point Committee
 Erin not present

No report.

Education/Spring Clinic Committee
 Patricia not present

No report.

Humanitarian
 Patricia not present

No report.

■ Banquet Committee Patricia not present

No report.

Youth Committee
 Sierra/ Cami not present

No report.

Stallion Auction CommitteeGay

Nominations are open for 2026. Gay is doing some outreach.

■ Futurity Committee Gay

Futurity Payouts will go out by 7/31.

Promotion
 Lorraine

Lorraine will meet with Erin over this next week, then they will email out a report to the Board and let Gay know what to put Into the August newsletter.

Volunteers are needed to be by the stalls to talk to people about the Morgan horse. Lorraine currently did not know what the plans were or who would be showing. She is not sure If anyone wants to be in the breed challenge this year. Lorraine will be able to be there this year.

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## Not covered during the meeting:

Oregon State Fair Horse show dates are August 25, 2025 thru September 1, 2025 Click here for the Horse Show Handbook

# MembershipGay/Kathy

Doana reported that we have 69 members, 13 members have not renewed from last year We have:

12 Life Members

51 Members that renewed

4 New Members

2 New Members due to purchases

Between 2023 and 2024 we had 32 members who did not renew. Kathy and Gay will talk so they don't double up on contacting anyone and then start reaching out for new members.

**Not covered during the meeting:** The directory close date is set for August 31st. Membership dues were for 29 Family members, and 30 individual members paid in the current fiscal year. Spreadsheets listing our members were forwarded to all Board members prior to the meeting and were posted in the July newsletter.

### Ride/Drive Program

Sandi

3 people participating. Nothing new. Anyone who rides or drives should be enrolled and be participating In this program, whether they show or not.

### Open IncentiveSandi

2 people participating. Nothing new.

Suggestion received on Ride/Drive and Open Incentive that we spotlight them more in the Stable Sheet becausee we know we have more people that should be participating. We have entered Information In the Stable Sheet in the past for several months. Perhaps more detail In a spotlight will help.

## Website/Stable Sheet

Gay

Website is current. Let Gay know if anything needs to be changed or updated. At this point we are still working through Dallas for updates.

The Stable Sheet has a new format starting with the July Issue. Sales are more emphasized. Just one main section now, with links to classified ads and member news. With everything off the main section It will be easier for Gay to see what people are looking at and interested in. The classified ads are being expanded. Please look at It and let Gay know what you think.

#### Sunshine Committee

Tammy not present

No report, but Kathy stated cards have gone out. Tammy will be moving to Idaho. More information to follow.

## Alex Mooney Scholarship

Sara

Sara thought she would receive 2 applications this year, but none were submitted. Gay will work on more of a spotlight about our scholarship(s) in the Stable Sheet to help get applications for next

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year. There were 9 applications for the National Alex Mooney Scholarship, a record number. 3 of those applicants were from Washington, 1 from California, the rest from back East. Sara will let us know the Washington and California names after the national scholarship is judged and closed so we can talk to those entrants about our scholarship for next year. Cami, too.

History Committee

Nancy

Nothing to report. Nancy will reach out to Tammy to see if she is still interested in being on the committee since she is moving.

Emergency Committee

Julie

Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS Kathy

- **Good News!** We can now do potlucks again. We can't be the cook providing food for an event, but we can do a potluck. We can also still have an event catered or provide food from a store. This opens up the possibility for a progressive dinner at OMC next year.
- **Board positions:** Kathy needs Information on who Is staying on the Board for next year. So far, we know that she and Julie are stepping down. We will need someone to run for President, too.

**ACTION REQUEST:** Send an email to Kathy to let her know what your plans are. Gay will let Kathy know who Is reading the minutes from our meetings on the Stable Sheet. That will give her a list of possible new Board Members she can contact.

Gay Adams made a motion to close the meeting. Julie seconded. Meeting closed at 8:40pm

# **Next Meeting:**

August 13, 2025 at 7:30pm via conference call

### **Next Activity:**

August 27-31, 2025 - Promotion at State Fair. **Board members, please watch for a new email from Lorraine or Erin for more Information.** 

Respectfully submitted,

Gay Adams, MHAO Secretary