

# Morgan Horse Association of Oregon

September 18, 2024

7:30 P.M.

Via conference call

Meeting called by:	Gay Adams	Type of meeting:	General Meeting of the Board
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**Attendees:**

**Board Members:**

Gay Adams, Karen Breckenridge, Kimberly Moore, Kyndle Cummins, Erin Silver, Julie Nygaard,  
Tammy Boyer, Patricia Carlson, Camryn Nicholson, Sierra Breckenridge, Sandi Humphres

**QUORUM PRESENT**

**Board Members Not Present:** Lorraine Beaumont, Nancy Eidam, Sara Breyman, Diane Pixlee

## Minutes

**Agenda Item:** Secretary's Report **Presenter:** Kimberly Moore

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

**ACTION:** Minutes were approved unanimously

**Agenda item:** Treasurer's Report **Presenter:** Karen Breckenridge

Balance Sheet As of August 31, 2024:

General Checking: \$27,455

Savings Account: \$25,508.70

Futurity: \$9,969.50

Nancy Falk: \$9,702.85

OMC Checking: \$5,746.98

**Grand Total of Assets: \$78,655.53**

**P&L: (-3,849)** The majority of this is due to OMC. Futurity is showing a positive \$4,616 and the Stallion auction after the transfer is showing \$3,200. Only one check has been cashed for the prize money as of August 31, 2024. Gay thinks there is about \$5,000 in outstanding checks. There are no outstanding accounts receivables and Karen has made the final payment on the Dye House.

## **Committee Reports:**

### **OMC Show Committee:**

**Karen:** Competition licensing renewal has been paid. She has purchased 4 leather in-hand halters from a Schneider's flash sale for approximately %50 off with free engraved plates and free shipping. So what would have been a \$412 purchase, she was able to get these for \$160 and free shipping.

### **Hi Point Committee:**

**Erin:** Deadline has closed, and there were a bunch of points turned in. They have not been tallied yet, but she will do that before she leaves for Oklahoma. There are approximately 35-45 people participating. Prizes will be done the same way as last year where they can pick their prize from a catalog. Erin would like to change the submission form to remove the "email or mail" portion and just have "mail" as emails are hard to organize and sometimes don't come thru.

### **Spring Clinic and Fall Awards Banquet:**

**Patricia:** She has the excess supplies left over from the spring clinic that can be used for the fall banquet or the next spring clinic. She would like to pair up with the Arabian club for the next clinic. She is holding off on picking a date until she gets more feedback on what dates are available. The facility situation is still not decided on as well. Gay received a phone call from the Arabian club asking to join Oregon Morgan Classic. This year we had lower attendance, but last year we maxed out the facility, so it's hard to commit. Gay will have a meeting with them on the 24<sup>th</sup> to discuss ideas, whether it's a show or a clinic to partner with them, and they will conference-in Patricia and Karen. Erin suggested we could do a clinic one day and then a schooling show the next.

Washington is holding their fall awards banquet on the same day we are.

**Kim:** We are looking at getting pre-made tacos from a local taco shop. This will also include rice and beans, chips and salsa, shredded lettuce and cheese.

**Erin:** Kathy Christensen will be making up a flyer for the Fall Banquet. Doors open at 12:30 and meeting to start at 1:00 p.m. Lunch and meeting at 1:00 p.m. party or games at 2:00 p.m., and awards at 3:00 p.m. Silent auction to end at 3:30 p.m.

**Erin:** We are staying with the same Fiesta theme we had talked about previously, there will still be a dessert auction. Various games for the banquet were discussed.

### **Youth Committee:**

**Camryn:** Youth newsletter is not ready currently.

**Sierra:** Study guide for YOY is almost finished and ready to be sent in after having a few people go through it and proofread before the final version.

### **Stallion Auction Committee:**

**Gay:** She has the information for the AMHA/AMHACT Stallion Auction and will update her stallion outreach information. Starting to make calls for our auction..

**Futurity Committee:**

**Gay:** Nothing new to report. Prize money went out late, in August. If anyone has any foals for this year it's not too late to get them in. Close date is December 31st for the lowest nomination fee. Renewals will be due March 31st.

**Promotion:**

**Erin:** State Fair went well; we had 4 horses competing in our Morgan group. It was Morgans vs. Mules in the breed challenge. The Mule group wore the same things and did drill team-type maneuvers so unfortunately, they beat us on uniformity, etc. Horse numbers were down this year over all breeds this year. We had a table set up at the stalls for 4 days. We had a good representation for promotion, but probably didn't hand out as much literature as we have in the past due to the foot traffic in the barn being low. There was discussion regarding whether a booth in the main area for promotion might be better than having a table in the barn where the horses are stalled. However, unless it's an unmanned table, it might be too difficult to do both. More costly, too.

**Membership Committee:**

**Gay:** She has put a few "feelers" out in reaching out to members and former members. Needs to do more. Gay had a meeting with Sue Ellis, Christy Nicholson, Camryn Nicholson and Kyndle Moore to talk about them possibly taking over the Stable Sheet newsletter. They all feel it's too much to take on with their schedules and responsibilities. Patricia feels like she could commit to doing part of it. Gay is still looking for more people to help pick up all or part of areas of the Stable Sheet so she can be freed up to focus on membership. We currently have 52 members and 31 that did not renew from last year. There are 12 out of the 52 that are life members.

**Ride/Drive Program:**

**Sandi:** Nothing new to report.

**Open Incentive:**

There was a new discussion regarding the amount of reimbursement money we want to continue to offer going forward. There is concern because we are in a overall deficit this year. Even discussed if we want to continue this program. Karen stated that there are usually only 3 people that participate. Per Sandi it is a selling point for new members who may not show. We lowered the maximum payout from \$100 to \$50 last year. Discussion regarding the new PNWDA (Pacific Northwest Dressage Association) followed. People feel like there are too many "memberships" they must pay into along with PNWDA with little reward. Erin suggested we lower the payout to \$25 given the Club's current finances. The question was brought to the table if we would be interested in having half-Morgans participate in this program and the hi point program. Regarding High Point, Erin feels like there should be a separate category for half-Morgans as one category covering all disciplines. However, the half-Morgan participants need to be able to prove either the sire or the dam is registered to prove it's a half-Morgan for the program.

**MOTION:** Patricia moved to leave the payout to \$50 per year and \$10 per show and open it to half-morgans. Tammy seconded this. Did not pass.

**ACTION:** More discussion followed.

**MOTION:** Karen moved to have a maximum annual \$30 reimbursement with a \$10 maximum per event.. This was seconded by Julie.

**ACTION:** PASSED



**Scholarship:**

**Gay:** Nothing to report. We have received a new donation to cover the next 2 years.

**Emergency:**

**Julie:** Nothing new to report.

**Humanitarian:**

**Julie:** Nothing new to report.

**Website/Stable Sheet:**

**Gay:** Nothing new on the website. Stable Sheet discussed under membership.

**Sunshine Fund:**

**Tammy:** Nothing new to report.

**History Committee:**

**Gay:** Nothing new to report. If anyone has any historic pictures of horses from our region they would like posted in the newsletter, please contact Gay.

**New Business:**

**Gay:** The new roster for the upcoming 2025 election year is Kathy Christensen for President, Kimberly Moore for Vice-President, Gay Adams for Secretary and Karen Breckenridge for Treasurer. The Directors that are staying are Kyndle Cummins, Erin Silver, Sandi Humphres and Lorraine Beaumont. For Directors running for a two-year term are Sierra Breckenridge, Tammy Boyer, Patricia Carlson, Sara Breyman, Nancy Eidam and Julie Nygaard. Our youth director running is Camryn Nicholson for a one-year term. Diana will send out ballots on or by October 10<sup>th</sup> via email.

**Kyndle:** She has contacted Doublegood fundraiser for a gourmet popcorn fundraiser. It's ready to set up at any time and would run for 4 days. If anyone wants to be a "seller" please contact her.

**Meeting Adjourned**

Adjourned at 9:15 p.m. Next scheduled meeting will be our General Membership meeting/Fall Banquet on November 10th, 2024, at 12:30 p.m. in person at Mission Mill's Dye House.

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