

2010 MQHYA Membership Meeting

January 23, 2010

MEETING NOTES:

The meeting was called to order by President Darrin Kraft at 9:05 a.m. on Saturday, January 23, 2010.

MQHA member Russ Gardner asked if he could speak to the youth members a moment regarding choosing our qualifying shows.

Secretary Liz Creech read the minutes from the 2009 membership meeting. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer Christina Kreisch read the treasurer's report. The ending balance for 2009 was \$20,096.56 in the checking account and \$7,827.51 in the Barb Kerber Memorial Scholarship Fund. These numbers are down just a little from the previous year totals.

AQHYA President Cait Kerber gave an update on what is happening with AQHYA on a national level. Look for upcoming information on how to support the National Service Project.

MQHYA Youth Advisor Linda Murphy spoke on how proud she was of all of our members for a very successful 2009. She asked that everyone try to "think outside of the box" in 2010 to find ways to work around the current economic challenges we are all facing this year.

Special Awards:

Next we voted on the Special Awards. The following individuals were chosen, and received their award and recognition during the awards presentation Saturday evening:

Dorothy Sauer's Leadership Award:

Darrin Kraft

Don Fudge Sportsmanship Award:

Whitney Unkefer

Rookie of the Year Award:

Danielle Dickerson

Show of the Year:

Boystown/Tom Downing

Election of Officers:

Next it was time for the election of Officers. After many great speeches, and much deliberation over such great candidates, the following youth were chosen as our 2010 Officers and Directors:

President:	Nick Murphy
1st Vice President	Samantha Mitchell
2nd Vice President	Stacey Mitchell
Secretary:	Darrin Kraft
Treasurer:	Christina Kreisch
Reporter:	Casey Bazoian

Co-Youth Advisors: Linda Murphy and Coni Kreisch

Directors At Large:

Kelly Love
Jamie Miner
Shayla Mitchell
Brock Murphy

Regional Directors:

Region 1:	Emma Goodman
Region 2:	(still need someone!)
Region 3:	Mackenzie Fugitt
Region 4:	Kelsey Ward
Region 5:	Denim Smith
Region 6:	Miranda Reed

Old Business:

There was a unanimous decision to keep the **Barb Kerber Scholarship Fund** going. Now we just have to raise the \$2500 that is needed each year. Samantha Mitchell is going to work on the idea of holding a “Fish Fry” at the MQHA Show in Columbia in June. The proceeds would go towards the Scholarship Fund.

Please remember to contact Pam Downing or Kathy Zink if you have any clothes you would like to go on the **Consignment Clothing Sale!** They are always in need of more items to sell!

New Business:

2010 Qualifying Shows:

Ozark Quarter Horse Assn	Carthage, MO	March 6-7	2 Judges
KQHA Schools Almost Out	Wichita, KS	April 3-4	2 Judges
Midway Quarter Horse Show	Columbia, MO	April 10-11	2 Judges
Ozark Quarter Horse Assn	Carthage, MO	April 17-18	2 Judges
MQHA Maple Leaf Show	Columbia, MO	May 8-9	4 Judges
MQHA Boystown Show	St. Louis, MO	May 15-16	2 Judges

There are a total of 14 judges and you will pick your best 6 shows. Ties will be broken by your best 7th, 8th, 9th, etc. shows. ***Remember that you have to fill out your Letter of Intent and Code of Conduct and pay your fees before your points will begin to count towards qualifying!***

2010 Qualifying Shows (Speed Events):

Barrel Bash	Columbia, MO	March 26-28	4 Runs
KQHA Schools Almost Out	Wichita, KS	April 3-4	2 Runs
Ozark Quarter Horse Assn	Carthage, MO	April 17-18	2 Runs
MQHA Maple Leaf Show	Columbia, MO	May 8-9	4 Runs

There are a total of 12 runs and you will pick your best 6 shows. Ties will be broken by your best 7th, 8th, 9th, etc. shows. Remember that you have to fill out your Letter of Intent and Code of Conduct and pay your fees before your points will begin to count towards qualifying!

2011 Qualifying Shows:

It was decided that effective this year, the qualifying season for the 2011 World Show will begin on June 1, 2010 and run through May 31, 2011. This means that all of the MQHA Sanctioned regular AQHA shows (not including introductory or novice shows) between the above mentioned dates will be approved as qualifying shows for the 2011 World Show. You will then choose your best 8 shows. Ties will be broken by your best 9th, 10th, 11th, etc. shows. You will have to fill out another Letter of Intent for the 2011 World Show after June 1, 2010.

Fundraising:

Due to the current economy, the youth association has decided to try something different this year to raise the funds needed to run our association. Please see the attached sheet entitled "Fundraising" for complete details. If you have any questions about this program, please contact either Linda Murphy or Coni Kreisch.

Work Credit Hours:

It was decided that for 2010 we would eliminate the work credit hours in lieu of each youth fulfilling their sponsorship quota.

Youth Excellence Seminar (Y.E.S.):

AQHYA has announced the dates for the upcoming Youth Excellence Seminar. It will be held in Amarillo, Texas on June 24-26, 2010. Deadline for registration is May 1. Please consider attending this amazing and fun event!

AQHYA World Championship Show:

Make sure you have a 2011 AQHYA membership and an MQHYA membership!

Please fill out and turn in your Code of Conduct form, Letter of Intent form, and fees as soon as possible. Your points will not count towards qualifying until these forms are complete!

World Show Assistance Fund applications are available on the AQHYA website now! They are due by April 1 and they state that the "early bird gets the worm"!

Hardship and ownership deadlines are May 31, 2010 to show at the world show!

New Year End Awards Program!

This year we have started a new awards program with The Tack Room in Waterloo, Iowa. Those winning year end awards will receive a gift certificate with their award credit totals. They will also receive a catalog from The Tack Room with many great choices of items to order. All items will come with our Missouri Quarter Horse Logo. ***Keep in mind that orders MUST be placed by 3/31/10!*** Please give us your

feedback on this new program and let us know if you would like to continue this for 2010.

Community Service Projects:

Marilyn Whitacre discussed the Therapeutic Riding Show and what a great opportunity it is to serve others. Please consider helping with this great event in 2010!

Surprise donation!

Danielle Dickerson's grandmother, Jan Olivarez asked if she could present a donation to the MQHYA on behalf of a saddle club in which she was an active member that has recently disbanded. The remaining saddle club members, under the guidance of Jan Olivarez and Pat Likely, decided to give their remaining funds of \$1500.00 to the Missouri Quarter Horse Youth Association in hopes of helping our youth association! Please make sure you tell Mrs. Olivarez and Mrs. Likely thank you when you see them, for this generous gift!

USEF Offers New Varsity Lettering Program for High School Equestrians:

Frantina Williams shared with our group that her Mother, Heidi Williams, had recently learned of a new Varsity Lettering Program for High School Equestrians. I checked into the program and if you go to the website listed below, you can become a USEF non-competing equestrian member under the "club equestrian" membership for \$15.00 and be eligible to get and equestrian varsity letter.

www.usef.org/documents/Youth/HighSchoolAthlete.pdf

Questions contact: Lauren Fahey at lfahey@usef.org

Monthly MQHYA Newsletters:

Each month MQHYA members will be receiving a newsletter from our President Nick Murphy. The newsletter will hopefully provide you with all the information needed for upcoming events! We hope that we have everyone's current e-mail address in our system. If you received this letter you are fine. If you know of someone who is not getting this newsletter or if you would like to add an additional e-mail for your parents or trainer, please have them e-mail us and we will add them to the list. Also, if you know of a youth member who does not have e-mail, just let us know and we will send them a hard copy of the newsletter by regular mail.