

MISSISSIPPI QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
 MINUTES
 Special Meeting on June 2020 Horse show
 May 4, 2020

P = Present CI = Call-In EX = Excused Absence A= Absent

CI	Brooks Derryberry, Pres.	CI	Suzy McBeath (NE)		
CI	Sandy McBeath, 1st VP	CI	Vicki Kinsey (SW)	CI	Tom McBeath, AQHA Dir
CI	Herman Alford, 2 nd VP	EX	Cathy Cook (SW)		Clark Scoggin, AQHA Dir
CI	Cindy Johnson (NW)	CI	Kim Brake (SE)	CI	MB Woodruff, AQHA Dir
CI	Brooke Ware (NW)	CI	Bobby Harrison (SE)	CI	Aprille Watts, Past President
CI	Christy Carwile (NW)	CI	Laura Miller (SE)		Gay McCann

Brooks Derryberry called the meeting to order. Herman Alford led us in an opening prayer.

Tom McBeath talked to the fairground management and Commissioner of Agriculture and was told MQHA was cleared to have the June 6-7, 2020 horse show if we vote to have it. Currently the only restriction we would be held to is staying on the North side of the fairgrounds. At this time, Covid-19 testing is being held on the South side of the fairgrounds. Mississippi Street will be the dividing line. Fairground management will help direct horse show traffic onto the North side avoiding the testing area.

Each Officer and Director was given a chance to ask questions and give his/her opinion on having the show.

Mary Bess Woodruff – Yes: if the State says we are clear to have the show.

Vicki Kinsey – Yes

Kim Brake - Yes: if the State says we are clear to have the show.

Cindy Johnson – Yes

Brooke Ware – Yes

Aprille Watts – Yes

Laura Miller – No. Questions presented: With the Governor’s new order, is the show considered an indoor or outdoor activity. Indoor activities are restricted to 10 people and outdoor activities are restricted to 20 people. Will masks be mandated/will we require them; if so, we will need to provide a supply of masks for everyone. Hand sanitizer needs to be provided in the show office. There will need to be frequent cleaning of public areas. Signs promoting social distancing need to be hung in several places, as well as marking 6-foot increments in the show office. Scribes and Judges need to be encouraged to sit one seat apart while judging. Another area other than the judges’ room will need to be found for the judges to eat. Classes may need to split into cuts of 10.

Tom McBeath – Based on the conversation last week with the Commissioner there was not going to be a limit to the amount of people.

Vicki Kinsey– Would AQHA refund money if we weren’t able to have the show?

Tom McBeath – He would expect that AQHA would not refund the fees already paid, but rather apply them to a future show if we were not able to have the June show. Tom will confirm with Commissioner and fairground management that the show does not have to fit within the 10/20-person limit.

Brooks Derryberry – Yes (tentatively): if approved by commissioner with no restrictions. If face masks are required and/or a limit on number of people, the vote would be changed to not having the show.

Bobby Harrison – Yes: Bobby has talked to all 4 judges and asked them to wait on purchasing plane tickets until we have confirmed having the show. With the potential of having a large show, will we have adequate parking being limited to the north side of the fairgrounds?

Christy Carwile –Yes: We need to know how many hookups are available and let exhibitors know a generator may be needed. The fairgrounds management needs to ensure all hookups available are working properly. We will need to make sure that non-living quarter trailers not allowed to park in a space blocking a hookup for a living-quarters.

Suzy McBeath – Yes: Suzy has received calls from several people inquiring if we are having the show, because are wanting to come. A decision needs to be made quickly because tomorrow (Tuesday, May 5th) is 30 days out to purchase get plane tickets and flights are limited. We should not require face masks, but can encourage the use of them. With the exception of official horse show worker, we shouldn't provide face masks. Suzy recommended posting entry form online and encouraging people to fill them out before getting to the show to help with office crowds. Limiting the number of people in the office at one time, will help encourage social distancing.

Herman Alford – yes

Sandy McBeath – Yes: Arkansas has cancelled their Memorial Day show, allowing us the potential to have a great show with the response seen to other shows.

Tom McBeath – Yes: With the Governor's new order coming out tonight, Tom will contact the fairgrounds manager and have him confirm with the Commissioner that there will not be limits to the number of people. If the final decision is made to have the show, all directors and officers will need to work from now until/through the show to promote it and help it run smoothly with the restrictions on the fairgrounds.

Brooks Derryberry – Once Tom hears from the commissioner tomorrow, an email with his comments will be sent out to the officers and directors.

Laura Miller wants to note there is a \$1000 per day penalty if an activity deemed to go against the Governor's current order. Brooks suggested getting the Commissioner's decision in an email so we have the confirmation in writing.

Bobby Harrison made a motion to go forward with the horse show, pending Tom McBeath's meeting with the Commissioner and fairground management. Suzy seconded; motion passed.

There being no further business, Sandy moved for adjournment and Suzy McBeath seconded. The motion was approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Brooke Ware