

MISSISSIPPI AMATEUR QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES
JULY 8, 2025

P – Present		CI – Call In	A – Absent	EX - Excused
CI	Barbara Chambers, Pres.	EX	Aprille Watts (NE)	
A	Hanna Haynes, VP	EX	Rebecca Miller, Alt (NE)	
EX	Brooke Ware, Sec.	CI	Emma Dale(SW)	
CI	Laura Miller, Rep.	CI	Camryn Johnson Burton (SW)	
CI	Michele Johnston (NW)	CI	Cathy Cook (SW)	
CI	Mary Bess Woodruff (NW)	EX	Kim Brake, Alt. (SW)	
A	Cody Newsome Alt, (NW)	CI	Debbie Cole (SE)	
CI	Cynthia Schuetz-Smith (NE)	A	Lazette Everett (SE)	
EX	Nick Culwell(NE)	A	Denise Hoffman (SE)	
				,Alt. (SE)

Barbara Chambers called the meeting to order.

Emma Dale made a motion to approve the minutes. MaryBess Woodruff seconded; motion passed.

Finance – Barbara Chambers

Checking Account \$57,921.82

Scholarship \$14,926.79

CD \$14,597.75

Motion was made by Michele Johnston, seconded by Debbie Cole to approve the finance report. Motion carried. Barbara Chambers reminded everyone that last month Gay McCann, Financial Secretary, suggested considering moving some of the money from the checking account into a CD, to allow it to gain interest. The benefits of this were discussed, and research was conducted. Regions Bank rates are 7 month CD at 3.92%, 13 month CD 3.68% and 19 month CD at 3.44%. Motion was by Debbie Cole to transfer \$20,000 from our checking account into a 7 month interest bearing CD, with signatories of Barbara Chambers and Gay McCann. Motion was seconded by Cynthia Schuetz-Smith. Motion Carried.

Fudraising – Laura Miller

The T Shirts are still in progress. Some will be mailed out, and still collecting funds. Rough Estimate is \$500 profit.

The straw caps with the MQHA logo are still available for purchase for \$5 each. These will be available at the shows for purchase. I will be setting up a table at the Back to School Bash

The possibility of obtaining the back number/saddle pad pins is looking better, I believe a source for the longer pins has finally been found. Will try to have that in place for beginning of our show year along with reserve back numbers.

Autumn Fest – Barbara Chambers

Nothing to report at this time. We will be getting a volunteer work up out soon. .

Holiday Classic – Laura Miller

The proposed showbill was sent out via email prior to the meeting. The Committee advises that the flat fee was reviewed and will be sufficient. The committee recommends the following changes

1. The addition of weanling classes
2. The elimination of the \$10 entry fees for Small Fry classes. Appropriate office fee, stall fee, trail fee, shavings, RV hookups etc will still apply.

Motion made by Emma Dale and seconded by Michele Johnston for adding the weanling classes, motion carried.

Motion made by Mary Bess Woodruff and seconded by Cynthia Schuetz-Smith for eliminating the entry fee for Small Fry Classes, motion carried.

New Business

Debbie Cole brought up the topic of allowing for more than one scholarship to be awarded when applications warrant. After reviewing By-Laws, this topic will go back to Scholarship Committee for word smithing for Amateur Board approval, then to rules committee of open association, then open board to be completed by October meeting then on to General Amateur meeting in January.

Old Business –

None

There being no further business, Mary Bess Woodruff moved for adjournment. Cynthia Schuetz-Smith seconded; motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Miller