

MISSISSIPPI AMATEUR QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES
March 11, 2025

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

Barbara Chambers called the meeting to order.

Mary Bess Woodruff made a motion to dispense with the reading, and approve the minutes. Debbie Cole seconded; motion passed.

Finance – Barbara Chambers

No financial report was sent out this month. Barbara had the Bank of Yazoo CD transferred to Regions Bank. The current balance is \$14,458.89. It will now be earning 4% interest for 14 months at Regions Bank. Gay McCann will now also be able to receive information on the CD.

Fundraising – Laura Miller

There was a total of 37 t-shirts sold in the fundraiser. That order has been placed; the exact profit will be determined after shipping costs have been calculated. The silent auction will be held again at the Autumn Fest in October. The next potential fundraiser is the MAQHA logo drinking straw caps. Laura noted that unlike our previous fundraisers, this one requires the pre-purchase of the product by the association. With 100 straw caps purchased, an addition 100 straw caps are given free. The upfront cost for 100 straw caps with 100 free would be \$345. The sale cost for the fundraiser will be determined once the total upfront cost is determined, and the product is received.

Cynthia Schuetz-Smith made a motion to purchase the MAQHA logo drinking straw caps. Lazette Everett seconded; motion passed.

Autumn Fest – October 10-12, 2025

The building, food truck, secretary, manager and scribes have been confirmed. Becca Miller is working on finalizing the judges for the show. Nick Culwell will be taking the cattle reservations. Laura Miller is working on finalizing the showbill. The same schedule format as 2024 will be followed for 2025. It will be noted on the showbill that MQHA Small Fry classes are not AQHA pointed; they will be following the MQHA show rules. There are a few details left to be clarified, such as, Wesley Allen's arrival time and early arrival fees.

Holiday Classic – December 13-14, 2025

Facility contracts have been signed, and Becca Miller is working on finalizing judges. The cookie bar was popular at the 2024 show, and will be held again at the 2025 show. Details are continuing to be finalized, any input is greatly appreciated.

Old Business —

Kim Brake was appointed as the Alternate Director for the Southwest district. Awards committee members will be Brooke Ware, Cynthia Schuetz-Smith, and Laura Miller. The Nominating Committee still needs to be appointed (one director from each district is needed); Aprille Watts from the Northeast has volunteered. If anyone else would like to be on the Nominating Committee, please let Barbara know.

New Business —

Please like and share the MAQHA Facebook page and posts to help promote and increase viewers. Laura Miller purchased Wesley Allen a Dixie National Jacket, as a gift of appreciation for all he does for MAQHA. The cost was \$130. Mary Bess Woodruff made a motion to reimburse Laura for the purchase of the jacket. Hanna Haynes seconded; motion passed.

There being no further business, Mary Bess Woodruff moved for adjournment. Debbie Cole seconded; motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Brooke Ware