

MISSISSIPPI AMATEUR QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS / ANNUAL MEETING
MINUTES
January 25, 2025

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

Rebecca Miller called the meeting to order.

Rebecca Miller proposed reading the December meeting minutes. Laura Miller made a motion to forego reading and approve the minutes. Debbie Cole seconded; motion passed.

Finance –

Rebecca Miller read the financial reports. Fundraising goal for the previous year was met. Net income \$9,400 for the year.

Laura made a motion to approve the financial report. Cathy Cook seconded; motion passed.

Fundraising –

- Laura noted Fundraising was included in November and December financial reports, this will go towards 2025 fundraising goal. \$1,500 was total raised.
- T-shirts are available for sale through Feb. 16th. Will be distributed in April
- Back number fundraiser will continue for the year.
- Silent Auction at Autumn fest raised over \$1,000, and will be hosted again this year.

Autumn Fest –

- Very profitable show. Great show!

Holiday Classic –

- Great show, great sponsors. \$500 from Co-Op (Thank you Mrs. Diane Godwin). \$250 Tractor Supply (thank you Diane Godwin). \$250 from Farm Bureau.
- Judges meals were covered by various amateur members and we thank you for your support. (Mrs. Mary Bess; Mrs. Debbie Cole)

Old Business –

None

New Business –

- Sportsmanship nominations: Sandy Slocum Lipscomb, Laura Miller, Mary Shaw, Allison Johnston and Mrs. Barbara Chambers.
- Laura and Barbara both withdrew their nominations.
- Allison Johnston will be the recipient of the sportsmanship award.

- Laura has been selected as the AQHA amateur ambassador for MAQHA.
- Nominations for 2025 Slate of Officers and Directors: (See table below)
 - Laura Miller Motions to close nominations, Allison Johnston Seconds. Motion Carried.

Amateur		
Office	Year (to be reelected/roll off in January of)	Name
President	2026	Barbara Chambers
Vice President	2026	Hanna Haynes
Secretary	2026	Brooke Ware
Reporter	2026	Laura Miller
Northwest Director	2028	Michele Johnston
	2027	Cody Newsome
	2026	Mary Bess Woodruff
	2026	Alternate: Christy Harris
Northeast Director	2028	Cynthia Schuetz-Smith
	2027	Nick Culwell
	2026	Aprille Watts
	2026	Alternate: Rebecca Miller
Southwest Director	2028	Emma Dale
	2027	Camryn Johnson
	2026	Cathy Cook
	2026	Alternate:
Southeast Director	2028	Lazette Everett
	2027	Debbie Cole
	2026	Denise Hoffmann
	2026	Alternate: Kim Brake

Suzy McBeath motions to approve board of directors as presented. Nick Culwell Seconds, motion carried.

New Business continued:

- Bank of Yazoo CD: 2025 president Barbara Chambers. Presents information about CD MAQHA has at the Bank of Yazoo. It is about \$14,000.00 and has likely reached maturity and is rolling over at little to no interest.

- Suzy McBeath makes a motion to move the Bank of Yazoo CD to Regions. Debbie Cole Seconds. Motion carries.
 - Barbara Chambers presents further information that the signatory authority on the CD is Christy Carwile who is no longer a member of MQHA. Suzy McBeath motions that we remove Christy from signatory card Laura Miller seconds. Motion Carried
 - Laura Miller motions to establish 2 more people be placed as signatories. (1 signatory will be Gay McCann as committee accountant). Molly Nicodemus seconds. Motion Carried.
 - Suzy McBeath motion to add Barbara Chambers (Gay McCann will remain) to the signatory card for the CD; Debbie Cole, seconds. Motion Carried.
- Regions Bank Account: Barbara Chambers present information regarding MAQHAs Checking Account at Regions. Christy Carwile (no longer a member) is a signatory authority with Gay McCann (MAQHAs treasurer and accountant)
 - Laura Miller motions to remove Christy Carwile from signatory authority of MAQHAs checking account at Regions bank. Molly Nicodemus seconds. Motion Carried.
 - Suzy McBeath makes a motion to add 2 signature authorities to the checking account. She nominates Barbara Chambers and Laura Miller be added to the signature card at Regions; Molly seconds. Motion Carried.
- A secondary minute taker is needed for when Brooke cannot be present. Emma Dale, Michelle Johnston, and Becca Miller volunteered to be back-ups.

MAQHA Subcommittees:

Amateur Liaison: Suzy McBeath nominates Laura Miller to be amateur liaison to MQHA (open association). Nick Culwell seconds the motion. Motion Carried

Wade Spruill: Laura Miller(Chair), Debbie Cole, and Becca Miller

Scholarship: Laura Miller (Chair), Debbie Cole, and Cathy Cook

Fundraising: Laura Miller (Chair), Emma Dale, and Allison Johnston

Awards: WILL BE SELECTED AT LATER DATE

Autumnfest: Barbara Chambers, Nick Culwell, Laura Miller

Holiday Classic: Barbara Chambers, Brooke Ware, Laura Miller, Nick Culwell

Nominating: WILL BE SELECTED AT LATER DATE

Show Business:

- Barbara Chambers has been in contact with Wesley Allen and Pat Kress for our 2 shows. Barbara has also contacted facilities and has received a contract for Starkville. Waiting on Meridian.
- Starkville facility has politely asked that we make the announcement that no dogs are to be allowed inside the building.
- Ring Stewards:
 - Nick Culwell and Jessica Fulgham have agreed to ring steward.
 - Madison-has agreed to ring steward work schedule permitting
- Announcers:
 - Sally Blackwell- reach out to as announcer
 - Kaylee's husband may also announce
- Barbara presents option to add all-breed ranch classes to the Autumn Fest showbill. Debbie Cole makes the motion to add all-breed classes to the ranch division. Cathy Cook Seconded. Motion Carried
- **Level 1 Ranch Trail:**
 - Barbara Chambers presented an option for adding Level 1 Ranch trail classes to the showbill. It was approved as an AQHA class in 2024. The pros/cons were discussed. It will cost a class fee with AQHA. With a look at numbers in classes and the potential time it may add to show length as well as the added awards cost, including year end awards, etc.

- Laura made the motions to table adding those classes pending further discussion. Debbie Cole seconded.

Gay McCann:

Suzy makes the motion that we continue services with Gay McCann as our financial advisor/accountant; Nick Culwell seconded.

Quickbooks update:

- Quickbooks has mad changes to their subscription services. It would increase our bookkeeping costs exponentially. Gay McCann proposes a solution to purchase our use of Quickbooks through Weaver Tax and Finance for \$800.00 annually (across all 4 Quickbooks accounts; \$200.00 for MAQHA's portion). This is roughly the same cost as we currently have.
- Laura Miller motions to purchase Quickbooks use through Weaver Tax and Finance. Suzy McBeath seconds.

Potential Movement of Banquet Dates and increasing Awards budget.

- The open committee is looking at moving Banquet dates for 2026 to beginning of March due to availability of awards.
- Awards Committee motions to increase budget for year end awards.
 - \$90 for class first
 - \$50 for class Champion
 - \$450 for All-Around
 - \$270 for reserve

There being no further business, Debbie Cole moved for adjournment. Nick Culwell seconded; motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Miller, Emma Dale