

MISSISSIPPI QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
MINUTES  
JUNE 9, 2015

P = Present      A = Absent      E = Excused

P	Tom McBeath, Pres.	E	Brooke Ware	P	Gary Clark, Jr.
E	Rob Seal	P	Cathy Cook	P	Herman Alford
A	Byron Switzer	E	Clark Scoggin	A	Jay Carruth
P	Andrew McBeath	P	David Howell	E	Mary Hopkins
E	Aprille Watts	A	Emily Pate	E	Nikki Jefcoat
E	Bobby Harrison	P	Gary Clark	E	Vicki Kinsey

Guests: Gay McCann and Susan Cain

Tom McBeath asked Herman Alford to open the meeting with a prayer and then called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. at the Equine Center.

McBeath reminded all Board members that they should contact him if they are unable to attend a meeting rather than relaying information through others. This is the only way to insure consistency in tracking excused and unexcused absences.

There were no minutes from the May meeting to review.

**Finance Committee:** No formal report, but the Dixie National financial report was distributed today in an email from Gay McCann. McBeath asked each board member to go through the information carefully and to call him with any questions. There is one unpaid sponsorship fee of \$5,000 from Rick's Pro Truck. MQHA has been assured the payment will be made, and when it comes in it will put the 2015 Dixie National in the black. The DN financials are detailed and a consolidated report and individual event reports were sent out to directors. The objective is to make sure directors have fully information and the opportunity to ask questions, but all were reminded that the information should not be shared outside the Board.

McBeath received a call from a Dixie exhibitor who did not show due to her horse's illness. She talked with Pat Kress and was told there would be no problem getting a refund and assumed it was taken care of. She is to send a vet statement and her fees will be refunded rather than have someone upset at this late date. McBeath's request to everyone was to make sure the right people are informed if you hear of or are approached by someone with a problem.

**Rules Committee:** No report

**Show Approval Committee:** No report

**Scholarship Committee:** Cathy Cook confirmed that the MQHA Scholarship was awarded to Sabrina Turner. Cook will provide documentation to Susan Cain confirming the award and information to make the payment to Mississippi State.

**Dixie National Committee:** In addition to the P&Ls that were sent out, McBeath noted that they are working on a sponsor for the special event roping and hope to secure that soon. They have also been talking with the ropers, barrel association, and hunter jumpers to get ideas for sponsors and ways to improve the show for their events. Gay McCann noted that a \$900 invoice for the January ad in the Journal had not been paid. She was not sure who the advertising contact had been or why this invoice had not been turned in timely. The invoice will be paid this week.

**Cutting Committee:** No report per David Howell.

**Amateur Committee:** Cathy Cook reported that the showbill for the Amateur show has been finalized. Everyone was encouraged to be alert to people who express interest and put them in touch with Tom McBeath if there are questions for which we might not have answers. Andrew noted that there is a website (SOMHSA.org) that has show schedules for open associations across the state as well as a link to the MQHA site.

**Youth Committee:** Gay McCann reported that the Youth World sign-up numbers are down a little this year but there was a good turnout for the sign-up and everyone is excited. Eleven youth are attending the YES Conference where Kalee McCann and Mary Claire Cornett will turn over their AQHYA offices. Madison Alford, Emily Wasson, and Dalton Culpepper are going to run for Region 9 Youth Director positions.

**Region 9:** Hope to have the final P&Ls for next month's meeting.

**Fall Classic:** No report. Did confirm that there will be no cattle events due to start up of high school rodeo activities.

**Sponsorship Committee:** Andrew said he had met with the Cabot and they are happy with us. David Howell met with the golf cart provider and he would like to be able to rent carts to exhibitors during the Dixie. They would take the request for carts by phone or email, deliver the carts and handle everything – our workers would not have any responsibilities. Gary Clark was asked if this would be a problem with the Fair Commission and he did not think so but agreed to look into the question.

Andrew noted the need to specify the terms of each sponsor agreement and asked who had the contracts for the 2015 Dixie. The answer was not clear about where the contracts are, so Andrew was asked to get his committee together, and to include Diane Dana, to review all sponsor terms.

**Awards:** Cathy Cook asked for award suggestions – all agreed that blankets, sheets and halters are good.

**4-H Committee:** Gay reported that the youth will have someone at each district show with MQHA giveaways (Nutrena hand-sanitizer and tape measures that were left over from the Region 9 show) and will do something at the State 4-H show also.

**Exhibitor Representative:** No report

**Membership & Communication:** No report

**Hall of Fame:** David Howell said he is seeking nominations.

**Old Business:** Cathy Cook asked for feed-back on the 2016 Convention date and there was consensus from the group that the proposed January 9, 2016 date is the best option. There was discussion about how we might coordinate better with the use of the Trade Mart since the Dixie National Queen contest is using it during the day. Gary Clark agreed to contact the Fair Commission about getting this on the calendar and to work on confirming that we can again use the Trade Mart at no cost for the convention.

**New Business:** Andrew talked with Pat Kress about new show software that she is looking at; Tom was familiar with it and asked Andrew to look into it for the Dixie.

David Howell made a motion to adjourn, Cathy Cook seconded.