

RMQHIA Meeting Minutes  
January 25, 2020  
Marriott West, Golden Colorado

The meeting was called to order by President Hayley Reed at 1:25 PM. The meeting started off with the Secretary's report, which was approved with a motion and second. Next, the Treasurer's report was read with an income of \$24,196.86, an expense of \$2,768.24, making a total balance of \$21,428.24. This was prior to the expenses for year-end awards, which were around \$5,000. Lauren motioned to accept the Treasurer's report, and Sam seconded. Next, Lauren read the AQHYA report. AQHYA's theme for this year is "The Power of Youth." This idea surrounds reaching out to more people and associations, as well as growing the youth membership. The YES seminar is coming up this summer, with the keynote speaker Amber Lee Snyder. Registration opens soon and will close May 15. AQHA has been having issues with their leveling lookup system. If youth are needing any help, they can contact Lauren who will call AQHA. AQHYA has national sub-committees for different aspects of AQHYA. Coming up, region 7 and 8 will be holding a webinar with a guest speaker. The AQHA convention will take place March 13-16 in Las Vegas this year. Logan motioned to approve the AQHYA report, and Payton seconded.

The meeting moved on to old business. This started with the 2020 officers and directors. For review, the President is Hayley Reed, the Vice President is Logan Gloude, the Treasurer is Jake Jolstad, the Secretary is Caroline Korell, and the Reporter is Ellen Rogers. The region one Director is Taylor Cave, region two is Brooke Jolstad, and region three is Payton Porterfield. The at-large Directors are Kaitlynn Hanes, Megan Durland, Claire McDowall, and Eve Colton.

Next, the year-end award requirements were reviewed. Points are counted from 2019 Rocktoberfest or the first day of paid membership. Youth are required two meetings for year-end awards. They will also need two participation days or one participation day and at least \$75 fundraised. Additionally, a \$100 sponsorship will be needed by September 1, 2020. Participation can include volunteering at IEA shows, volunteering, attending YES, working at the RMQHA horse expo, helping with shifts for the basket bonanza, helping in the arena at horse shows, or making posters and banners. An adult on the youth committee should sign off on a youth's participation.

The meeting then shifted to youth-world qualifying. The number of qualifying judges for the 2019-2020 shows are as follows:

- Fall Classic-1
- Rocktoberfest-2
- Pre-Denver-2
- Bellringer-2
- Gold Rush-2
- Heart of the Rockies-2

Additionally, there will be no qualifying judge at the Fall Classic show beginning in the 2021 qualifying period. Mile High will have 1 qualifying judge starting in 2021.

Next, youth discussed the corn hole fundraiser at convention. In this fundraiser, it cost \$20 for a team of two to enter the tournament bracket. Teams would get a set of beads to use as a ticket to enter the fundraiser. The first team to get to 11 points moves up. The top four teams

played during the banquet. Winners would receive their choice of Cinch gift cards or Dan Post boots as prizes.

Next discussed was new business. Youth Excellence Seminar will take place June 29-July 1 in Amarillo. Delegate speeches will be held at Gold Rush in March. The president and vice president will be delegates, along with two other elected youth members. RMQHA Foundation grants are available and should be submitted directly to the Foundation. There are 10 available and are worth \$250 each.

Next, youth brainstormed stall decorations for Youth World. Ideas for designs included barbells, outlets, and battery power symbols to go with the “power” of youth theme. Another idea was a juice bar in reference to battery juice. This year, when youth turn in their pictures, an idea might be to also have them write about “what empowers them.” Decorations will either be done at Heart of the Rockies, Colorado Gold, or will be assigned to different regions (one can be responsible for designs, one can do t-shirts, etc.).

RMQHYA also discussed implementing more community service into horse shows. Ideas included grain drives, canned food drives, and book drives. These could be done at Mile High Classic or Heart of the Rockies. Another option was to do one large community service project year-round.

At the February 1 and 2 IEA show, RMQHA will have a membership drive incentive. People joining for the first time will get a free stall at Rocktoberfest and stall with a trainer.

Parent-youth agreement contracts will be due March 1. These agreements state the important due dates for the year. The Rocky Mountain Horse Expo is coming up February 28-March 1. Youth can work at the RMQHA booth for participation credit.

RMQHYA has 5 committees. The first four are the world show, fundraising, mentoring and membership, and year-end award committees. The fifth committee was the scrapbook committee. Logan motioned to remove the scrapbook committee, and Lauren seconded. Lauren motioned to create a videography committee for RMQHA’s sponsorship video at Youth World. Youth also discussed ways to get more involved in the activities at Youth World with activities like the boots and jeans design.

Fundraising was also discussed. The basket bonanza will take place at Bellringer. The basket with the highest bids will win a free stall at Gold Rush. The fundraiser at Gold Rush will be a trainer showmanship, horsemanship, or disciplined rail/Simon says class. Heart of the Rockies will have an exhibitor appreciation event with water or sodas, as will Colorado Gold with popsicles or ice cream.

Next, Logan motioned to move elections back to convention, and this motion was seconded. The convention tends to have more people, but one drawback is that members in college are gone. One idea was to have a conference call at the convention meeting and a google form for absent members to vote. The motion was voted on and passed.

The youth committee board also decided that there will be a change to the point system starting at the 2020 Fall Classic. Now, the maximum amount of points earned from one class is 9. In the past, the winner of a larger class would get as many points as there were exhibitors in the class. Now, this number caps at 9 points. Logan motioned to accept this, and Lauren seconded. There was a vote and the motion passed.

Next discussed were the 2020 awards. Youth voted on sportsmanship awards for the 13 & under and 14-18 divisions, as well as the Mitzi Powers rookie of the year award. Finally, youth

decided on a winner of the making a difference award. This goes to an adult who was especially helpful to the youth division all year long.

Sam Scanga motioned to change the Youth World show sponsorship to \$100. Ian Scanga seconded. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 PM.