

Missouri Quarter Horse Youth Association

December 2013 News

Hi Everyone!

I hope this letter finds you all having a great school year. I have to admit that I have been enjoying having a little break from the horse shows. The amazing thing is that the show season will be here again before we know it! There is not a whole lot of new news this month, mostly just reminders. As you read through this, if you have any questions or comments, please feel free to give me a call or text and I will try to get you an answer.

First, I want to apologize that I missed congratulating two of our MQHYA members who placed at the Congress! Congratulations to you both!

Finalist - Small Fry Showmanship

Justin Eddy

Ima Special Kiss

Finalist - Novice Western Pleasure 14-18

Alexis Maes

A Touch of Otoe

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE MQHA CONVENTION!

February 7-9, 2014

Tan-Tar-a Resort

Osage Beach, MO

You should be receiving a convention packet in the mail soon or check the website at www.mqha.com for more details!

WE STILL NEED YOUR PICTURES!

Please e-mail us any and all of your photos from 2013 to themurphybunch@wildblue.net! It is so cool to watch the DVD presentation at the convention and see all the fun that everyone has had during the show season. We still only have a few pictures!

WHAT OFFICE DO YOU WANT TO RUN FOR IN 2014?

PRESIDENT: The President shall preside over all regular and special meetings, and perform such other duties as usually attached to the office. He/she shall conduct all meetings according to parliamentary procedures. Duties include representing the Association to the MQHA Board of Directors, solicit corporate sponsorships, oversee the AQHYA World Show and Congress teams, and oversee the other officers. The President will write a monthly newsletter that will be distributed to the youth membership via e-mail, the Central States Horseman newspaper and on the MQHA website. This letter is due on the 1st day of each month. This needs to be e-mailed to the youth advisor for proofing. When the letter is complete, the youth advisor will e-mail it to the membership list on the 5th of each month.

* Any other officer with information that needs to be included in the monthly e-mail needs to have their proof to the youth advisor by the 1st of each month. This would include any news, fundraising flyers, fun class flyers, etc. It will then be included in the monthly e-mail.

1st VICE PRESIDENT: The 1st Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President when the President cannot do so. Fund-raising activities will be planned and carried out through the office of the 1st Vice-President. It is the responsibility of the 1st Vice-President to take care of scheduling, planning, running, etc. the fundraisers and/or tracking the sponsorships and follow-up sponsorship receipts.

2nd VICE PRESIDENT: The 2nd Vice President will be second in line for the Presidential office. This person will be in charge of social events, including the annual MQHA banquet and organizing year end awards, and World Show and NYATT team prizes.

SECRETARY: The Secretary shall be responsible for implementing all Association activities, subject to the authority of the Board of Directors. The Secretary shall keep minutes of all meetings. The Secretary will also be in charge of the membership committee. He/she will keep an ongoing current membership list. The six regional directors will be your committee members and the committee will work to develop ways to increase members and better serve our current members.

TREASURER: The Treasurer shall perform the usual devolving of such office, subject to the authority of the Board of Directors. This office is a two year term.

REPORTER: The Reporter shall be responsible for taking pictures throughout the show season and making a scrapbook for entry at the Youth World Championship Show. You will also help with finding ways to keep our members more informed on our website. You can add pictures to our website and newsletter too.

(4) DIRECTORS AT LARGE: The Directors at Large are now the four members of the “fun” committee! You will work together to bring more fun to our week-end horseshows! You will develop a schedule of fun classes to be held at each show. You will need to plan the event, from start to finish. Including contacting and getting approval from the show managers! You will design flyers for each show to be included in the monthly e-mail. You will ask the Regional Directors to help with making signs to be put up at the show. Remember to give plenty of notice to those individuals to make sure they have time to make the posters!

(6) REGIONAL DIRECTORS: The Regional Directors will work directly with the Secretary to be on the membership committee. Your goal will be to find ways to increase membership of MQHYA. You will contact your regional open show circuits and 4-H groups regarding the benefits of becoming MQHYA members. You, also with the Secretary will need to come up with a list of perks that you receive as a member. You are also responsible for getting to know all the kids at our shows. Try to introduce yourselves to anyone new. We want everyone to feel like they are a part of our organization! You will also help the Directors at Large with their “fun” classes by making posters for each event. Please share your ideas and talents with the other Directors.

SPONSORSHIPS VS. FUNDRAISING

We need everyone to start thinking about how you want to do our fundraising for 2014. Do you want to do sponsorships again for 2014 or do you want to go back to multiple fundraising events throughout the year? Or, maybe do sponsorships and then a few fun events? This is just a something to think about and talk about with your parents and trainers before the convention meeting.

2013 YEAR END AWARDS

Just to let everyone know, we have decided to use The Tack Room to do our year end awards again this year. For the most part, I think everyone seemed to like picking out their own awards. The only complaints we really heard were regarding the delay in receiving the items. Micki, at the Tack Room has offered to send us the certificates and order catalogs right now, so in the next few days, if you are receiving a year end award, you will be getting an envelope in the mail with your award certificate and the catalog. You will need to pick out your prizes right away and place your order. By doing so, with the exception of the custom orders, she has said she would be able to deliver the awards to the convention! This way, when you come up to receive your award, you will actually get it and take it home! So, please watch your mail for the envelope and order your awards right away! Just a reminder, you must have shown at 10 MQHA shows in 2013 to qualify for year-end awards! We had a lot of people who only showed at 8 or 9 shows that unfortunately will not be getting awards. Please be sure to show at a minimum of 10 shows in 2014 to qualify for year-end awards!

Well, that is all the important information I have for now. I wish you all a great Christmas and hope you enjoy your break from school. I know I will enjoy mine! I hope to see you all at a show soon!

God Bless MQHYA!

Brock Murphy
MQHYA President