

Missouri Quarter Horse Youth Association

January 2016 News

Happy New Year!

I can't believe it is already 2016! I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season. The Missouri show season is going to be here before we know it! I hope you will find the following information helpful in planning for the upcoming year.

HAVE YOU MADE YOUR RESERVATION FOR THE MQHA CONVENTION?!

February 5-7, 2016

Tan-Tar-a Resort

Osage Beach, MO

If you did not receive a convention packet in the mail, check the MQHA website at www.moqha.com for details!

**Make sure to join us on Friday evening, February 5th for a
Pizza and Bowling party!
We will begin at 6:30**

Silent Auction

If you are planning on attending the convention, please remember to bring a few items for your donation to the silent auction. It can be any item you desire - something for your horse, western home décor, clothing, sports related items, make-up, Starbucks cards, restaurant cards, use your imagination and try to come up with something unique! Anything you can bring is greatly appreciated! This has been a huge fundraiser in the past.

What Office Do You Want to Run for in 2016?

Have you made your decision on which position you would like to run for at the convention? Here is how it works. At the convention on Saturday morning there is a youth meeting. You will need to mention to another youth member or one of our youth advisors, what office you would like to run for, and then you will be nominated. You will be asked to give a short speech (3-5 minutes), the voting will take place and the new board of officers will be announced! I can't urge you enough to run for an office. None of the positions are really time consuming. It also looks great on your future resume!

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, 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 10th 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.

(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 might decide to develop a schedule of fun classes to be held at each show. You would need to plan the event, from start to finish. Including contacting and getting approval from the show managers! You would design flyers for each show to be included in the monthly e-mail. You could ask the Regional Directors to help with making signs to be put up at the show. Remember you would need 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.

World Show Qualifying, Letters of Intent, Sponsorships & Fundraising

Please plan on discussing World Show qualifying, letters of intent and sponsorships at the meeting. We will discuss how things went in 2015 and changes that may be ahead. We still need to think of some new and exciting fundraising ideas for this year. Please bring your ideas with you to the meeting to share with everyone!

2015 Year End Awards

Congratulations to everyone who is receiving year end awards this year! Thank you so much for getting your orders placed so quickly. MQHA is working very hard to hopefully have everyone's items ready to be awarded at the convention. Please remember that to be eligible to win year end awards, you must show at a minimum of 10 shows (judges) for the year in each class. You also must have a minimum of 10 state points in a class to receive an award in that class. For the High Point All-Around award you must have a minimum of 10 halter points in addition to your other points. We had several kids this year that missed out on winning awards because they only showed at 9 shows.

2016 Letters of Intent

I have not received any Letters of Intent for 2016! For those of you who have not yet turned in your Letter of Intent for 2016, please do so before you start showing again. Remember, your points **do not** count until your Letter of Intent has been received!

We Need You!

Mark your calendar for the Show Me Equine Summit, February 26-28 at the National Equestrian Center in Lake St. Louis. The Youth are going to have a table at this event. This event is geared towards equine enthusiasts of all disciplines. This will be a great opportunity to meet new people and encourage youth from across the state to join our organization! You will be working the Youth table as well as assisting with the event committee in operating the event. We need all Youth who are available to help at this event! We can plan to have a fun Youth dinner Saturday evening for those who attend! For more information on the event, visit www.ShowMeEquineSummit.com or 'like' their page on Facebook.

MQHYA on Facebook

MQHYA now has a Facebook page, where important updates and news is shared. Please be sure to 'like' the page (Missouri Quarter Horse Youth Association) to stay up-to-date between newsletters and for deadlines, etc.

That is all the important information I have for now. Mostly, I wanted to make sure you are planning on attending our annual convention. It is really a great time to get to know everyone and have fun in a social setting. Don't forget to pack your swimsuits for the water park. I hope to see you all in February! Don't hesitate to reach out to me with any questions.

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