

# Missouri Quarter Horse Youth Association

*January 2017 News*

Happy New Year!

I can't believe it is already 2017! 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?!**

January 20-22, 2017  
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](http://www.moqha.com) for details!

**Make sure to join us on Friday evening, January 20 for a Youth Pizza and Bowling Party!**  
**{We will begin at 6:30pm. Meet at the pizza place in Tan-Tar-A!}**

### **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 2017?**

Have you made your decision on which position you would like to run for at the convention? Here is how it works. First, please take a close look at the officer and director positions below and the descriptions of what each is responsible for. We have restructured our officer and director team a bit from previous years. 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, as someone will need to nominate you for that position. You will be asked to give a short speech (3-5 minutes), the voting will take place and the new officer and director board will be announced! I can't urge you enough to run for an office. None of the positions are overly 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 email, and on the MQHA website. This letter is due on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of each month. This needs to be emailed to the youth advisor for proofing. When the letter is complete, the youth advisor will email it to the membership by the 10<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> of each month. This would include any news, fundraising flyers, fun class flyers, etc. It will then be included in the monthly email.*

**VICE-PRESIDENT:** The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President when the President cannot do so. Fundraising activities will be planned and carried out through the office of the Vice-President. It is the responsibility of the Vice-President to take care of scheduling, planning, running, etc. the fundraisers and/or tracking the sponsorships and follow-up sponsorship receipts. He/she will work closely with the four Directors at Large.

**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. It is also the Reporter's responsibility to reach out to youth members and write a monthly 'Youth Spotlight' article to be shared via email as well on the MQHA website and MQHYA Facebook page. He/she will also help with finding ways to keep our members more informed on our website and Facebook page.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – SOCIAL CHAIR:** This Executive Director will be in charge of social events, including the annual MQHA banquet and organizing year end awards, as well as World Show and NYATT team prizes. He/she will work closely with the Reporter to be sure the MQHYA Facebook page and webpage stay current, fun and relevant.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – MEMBERSHIP CHAIR:** This Executive Director shall be responsible for implementing all Association activities, subject to the authority of the Directors at Large. This person shall keep minutes of all meetings. He/she will also be in charge of the membership committee and keep an ongoing current membership list. The four Directors at Large will be your committee members and the committee will work to develop ways to increase members and better serve our current members.

**DIRECTORS AT LARGE (4):** The Directors at Large are the four members of the "fun" committee! Their goal shall be to find ways to increase membership of MQHYA. These members will contact local regional open show circuits and 4-H/FFA groups regarding the benefits of becoming MQHYA members. Directors will also work together to bring more fun to our weekend horseshows! Directors may decide to develop a schedule of fun classes to be held at each show. Together, directors would need to plan the event, from start to finish. This includes contacting and getting approval from the show managers. Directors would design flyers for each show to be included in the monthly email. Directors could reach out to members and ask them 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!

The Directors at Large, along with the Executive Director – Membership Chair will need to come up with a list of perks that you receive as a member. Directors at Large are responsible for getting to know all the youth at our shows. Try to introduce yourselves to anyone new. We want everyone to feel like they are a part of our organization!

## **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 2016 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!

## **2016 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 youth this year that missed out on winning awards because they did not show to 10 judges.

## **2017 Letters of Intent**

I have only received a few Letters of Intent for 2017. For those of you who have not yet turned in your Letter of Intent for 2017, 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 24-26 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! We need youth to work the youth table as well as assist with the event committee in running 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](http://www.ShowMeEquineSummit.com) or 'like' their [Facebook page](#).

## **MQHYA on Facebook**

Please be sure to 'like' MQHYA's Facebook page (Missouri Quarter Horse Youth Association) to stay up-to-date between newsletters. We share a lot of important information and reminders on this page.

That is all the important information I have for now. Mostly, I wanted to make sure you are planning on attending the MQHA Annual Convention and Youth Meeting. 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 a couple of week. As always, don't hesitate to reach out to me with any questions or concerns.

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