

**MISSISSIPPI AMATEUR QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
 MINUTES  
 June 10, 2025

	P – Present	CI – Call In	A – Absent	EX - Excused
CI	Barbara Chambers, Pres.		EX	Aprille Watts (NE)
CI	Hanna Haynes, VP		EX	Rebecca Miller, Alt (NE)
CI	Brooke Ware, Sec.		CI	Emma Dale(SW)
CI	Laura Miller, Rep.		CI	Camryn Johnson Burton (SW)
EX	Michele Johnston (NW)		EX	Cathy Cook (SW)
EX	Mary Bess Woodruff (NW)		A	Kim Brake, Alt. (SW)
A	Cody Newsome Alt, (NW)		EX	Debbie Cole (SE)
CI	Cynthia Schuetz-Smith (NE)		CI	Lazette Everett (SE)
CI	Nick Culwell(NE)		A	Denise Hoffman (SE)
				_____,Alt. (SE)

Barbara Chambers called the meeting to order.

Laura Miller made a motion to approve the minutes. Nick Culwell seconded; motion passed.

**Finance – Barbara Chambers**

Checking Account \$57,767.47  
 Scholarship \$14,926.67  
 CD \$14,597.75

Gay McCann suggested considering moving some of the money from the checking account into the CD, to allow it to gain interest. The benefits of this were discussed, and a decision will be made at the July meeting.

An outstanding balance from the 2024 Holiday Classic was collected at the June show.

Laura Miller made a motion to approve the financial report. Cynthia Schuetz-Smith seconded; motion passed.

**Fundraising – Laura Miller**

The straw caps with the MQHA logo are still available for purchase for \$5 each. These will be available at the shows for purchase. Hanna Haynes suggested considering selling reserved RV hook up spots for the show year. The donation fee would cover the location only, and the hook up fee would still be paid at the individual shows. If the purchaser of the spot was not attending the show, the spot would then become first come first serve. She also suggested dividing the fee between the Youth, Amateur, and Open associations.

**Autumn Fest – Barbara Chambers**

Becca Miller will request the showmanship, horsemanship, and equitation patterns from the judges closer to the show. Lanny Ferguson has verbally confirmed to donated gift cards for all around awards. There will also be Bluetooth speakers and door mats given for all arounds. Sponsorship forms were sent out via email by Laura. Barbara contacted the food truck to confirm our reservation. He can be available for breakfast, lunch, and dinner, but will just need to know what time they should be ready to start serving breakfast. The youth activity for the show will be trick or treating; candy donations will be needed. We will also have the annual silent auction for an amateur fundraiser. Outback Steakhouse will provide one meal for the judges. The judges’ room will need to be stocked with water, and other meals will need to be arranged. Nick Culwell will be taking cattle reservations.

**Holiday Classic –**

Judges have been hired. Hotel reservations will be made soon. The youth activity will be the stall decorating contest again. We will also have the cookie bar again this year, and possibly collect items for the food pantry.

**New Business —**

Scholarship Deadline Change: Current deadline is December 1 to match the Quarter Horse Foundation deadline. The Foundation has changed their scholarship deadline to January 15<sup>th</sup>. Laura Miller is making a motion to change our scholarship deadline to January 15<sup>th</sup> to align with the Quarter Horse Foundation deadline. Cynthia Schuetz-Smith seconded; motion passed.

**Old Business –**

The ad for the State of Mississippi Horse Show has been submitted. The show application for the Autumn Fest has been submitted to AQHA.

There being no further business, Laura Miller moved for adjournment. Cynthia Schuetz-Smith seconded; motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brooke Ware