

**MASSQHA**  
MASSACHUSETTS QUARTER  
HORSE ASSOCIATION

**OCTOBER 2020 NEWSLETTER**

**MassQHA Board Meeting October 4, 2020**

The Board met by conference call and made several decisions that are necessary because of COVID-19 restrictions. While the Board regrets that we cannot proceed as usual right now, the business of MassQHA must move forward for the coming year, and we are proceeding with optimism with plans for 2021!

**ANNUAL MEETING OF MASSACHUSETTS QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION**

It will not be possible to hold our Annual Meeting for 2020. The primary business of the Annual Meeting is the election of officers and board members, which must be done for 2021, and will be by absentee ballot. The slate of officers and board members who have agreed to serve for 2021 is show below. If any member would like to make a "nomination from the floor" for any office, please do so by October 19 so that the information can be presented to the membership. Voting can be done by email to any of the Nominating Committee members by November 7, 2021 (indicate "approved" or a selection if more than one candidate):

<u>Nominating Committee:</u>	Marge Tanner	margetanner@aol.com
(Email your vote to one of	Eileen Kelley	8kelley@gmail.com
these members)	Cynthia Hidell	toth@hidelleyster.com

Or by mail (**postmarked by Oct. 31, 2020**) to Cynthia Hidell, Newsletter Editor, PO Box 325, Accord MA 02018.

<b>SLATE OF OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS:</b>	<b>President</b>	<b>Kristen Trudell</b>
	<b>Vice President</b>	<b>Kate Stanley</b>
	<b>Corresponding Secretary</b>	<b>Lori Mahassel</b>
	<b>Recording Secretary</b>	<b>Kristen Hayes</b>
	<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Amy Salter</b>
	<b>Youth Advisor</b>	<b>Emily Messing</b>

**Board Members**

**Karen Brooks**  
**Toni Gregoire**  
**Nancy Moos**  
**Mike McCallan**  
**Eileen Kelley**  
**Brenda Putney**  
**Cindy Hidell**  
**Marge Tanner**  
**MaryKate Mahassel**

## **YEAR END AWARDS AND AWARDS BANQUET**

It was a unanimous decision by the Board that MassQHA will make no Year End Awards for 2020, out of consideration for exhibitors who were not able to attend shows because of COVID-19 concerns, the uncertainty of shows being held, and because of the small number of shows pointed by MassQHA that were able to be held. The Board regrets having to make this decision but feels that it is fair to our members. The Board also regrets that we will be unable to gather for our annual Year End Awards Banquet, not only because of the lack of awards but also because of COVID-19 restrictions. MassQHA extends its appreciation to all MassQHA members, exhibitors, trainers, show staff, sponsors, and others for their support this past year.

## **2021 MassQHA MEMBERSHIP DUES**

All 2020 MassQHA members in good standing who paid dues for 2020 will have their dues and membership rolled over to 2021 **(you don't have to pay dues for 2021!)** A MassQHA Membership form will be available for those who would like to become new members in 2021.

## **2021 SCHOLARSHIP**

MassQHA Scholarships will be awarded, and an application form will be available shortly.

## **MassQHA POINTED SHOWS FOR 2021**

MassQHA is excited to present our offering of pointed shows for 2021! We are optimistic that we will be able to hold these shows and will have further information as it becomes available.

**ALL SHOWS ARE PENDING AQHA & VENUE APPROVAL!** And of course State Approval due to COVID – 19 restrictions.

April 9-11, - MassQHA Novice Show, ESE West Springfield MA - full slate of AQHA classes including level 1 Select, 3 age divisions of walk trot, all Breed divisions, Top 10 in the country for several years running & #2 on the Top 10 AQHA level 1 Shows in the country for 2018!!

April 22-25 – CQHA Spring Breakout, Three County Fairgrounds, Northampton MA (show under new ownership) 5 judges, 5 sets of points!

**\*\*May 5-9\*\* NEW WEEKEND FOR - MassQHA Spring Show**, West Springfield, MA \$25,000 in cash & prizes and 6 judges, that is 6 sets of points!!! FREE aged geldings & aged mare!! Circuit Awards in ALL classes, High Point & Reserve High Points in 10 divisions!! Including Small Fry!! NEW FOR 2021, BATTLE OF THE BREEDS HUNTER UNDER SADDLE & WESTERN PLEASURE – Bring your whole barn!!

June 9-13 CQHA Connecticut Classic Show, ESE West Springfield MA, \$50,000 In Cash & Prizes! Western Pleasure Futurities & Maturities for both Pro & Non Pro!! 5 judges=5 sets of points!!! Circuit Awards in all classes and high points in all divisions!!

July 13-18 Region 6 Super 6 - West Springfield, MA - 2015 AQHA Top 20, 2016 AQHA Top 10, 2017 11th in the country!! 6 judges=6 Sets of Points, \$50,000 in prizes and a whole lot of fun!! High point awards in 12 Divisions, watch for details as things fold out!!

August 20-22 NHQHA Annual Show - Deerfield Fairgrounds, Deerfield, NH - 3 judges - full slate of AQHA classes and bring your whole barn, full slate of open Breed classes AND a full division of ECRRA Ranch Classes!!

**~~~ STAY SAFE AND WE HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL SOON! ~~~**