**MPHA Board Meeting Minutes**

**April 27, 2021**

**Virtual meeting – Facebook groups (open to the public)**

 (call to order 7:00pm)

Members present: Robin Little-Basil, Megan Cantrell, Cora Brewington, Rebekkah Layne, Taylor Chism, Jenny Adams, Sandy Ratliff, and Becky Beal.

Call to order at 8:00 p.m. (Jan minutes were approved via email in January)

1. EST grant for DNA testing…update on numbers/amount left?? (Becky Beal)
	* Discussed the amount that we have left in the account and how much we had spent in the account. Discussed using blood DNA versus pulling hair tails for DNA in older stallions and making sure that they are in the system. Blood conversion is more expensive and less accurate. We will attempt to pull fresh samples if stallion is available. Currently have $476.00 left from the grant.
2. Increased numbers of purebred MPHA foals for 2021!! How can we further encourage/help breeders to increase breeding purebreds???
	* Discussed the number of foals from 2012 up until this past year and how many that we may be having registered in 2021. It seems that this year we may have more foals registered in this upcoming 2021 year compared to past years, so that’s promising! Continue the AOC program & possibly add shows back?
3. Stallion issues…lack of/genetic diversity concerns/need younger stallions…ideas??
	* Discussed the different options of trying to locate different stallions on the registry and where they are currently located. Becky Layne is working on a stallion directory & updating owner names/contacts. Spoke about the different young horses coming up and the prospects of trying to keep them as stallions but needing individuals to keep them stallions long enough to be able to breed or collect them.
	* Trying to keep a list of stallions that are currently alive and locating them that could be used as studs in the future. It’s been difficult locating and finding stallions.
4. Final KBIF awards were given out 4/3/21 – congrats to everyone!! The 2021 AOC/KBIF season has been approved for MPHA and challenges will be scheduled soon!! Need suggestions for locations & judges!
	* Discussed options on judges and different locations where to have them. Open to suggestions of different venues or people to judge the obstacle course.
5. Elvira returns to the breed Barn @ KHP for 2021!! <3
	* Come visit Miss Elvira at the KHP!!!!
6. MPHA/LRR will be hosting a HORSE SHOW in 2021!!!! We are looking at a 2 day event. Sanctioned MPHA show with trail obstacle challenge classes as well as a 2nd day, “fun” show!! Owingsville grounds. Dates are pending…Becky Layne????
	* Discussed options of having a MPHA horse show and a trail obstacle challenge. Capabilities that the show could be a sanctioned show but need to have enough interest. Will have MPHA classes but also may bring in other associations/breeds as well.
	* Discussed on Saturday having an MPHA sanctioned show/trail obstacle event and Saturday having a fun horse show. Dates would be on 10/9 and 10/10. Becky Layne to coordinate with the Owingsville Club. LRR will pay deposits for show.
	* Discussed different potential judges and resources to find individuals to have them judge the show.
	* Having options of concessions, photographers, and a tack truck set up.
7. Upcoming Events:

7/3-7/4/21 – KHP Parade of Breeds

8/21-22/21 - KHP Parade of Breeds

9/11-9/12/21 - KHP Parade of Breeds

9/30-10/3/21 – Equitana @ the KHP

Move to adjourn Rebekkah and seconded by Sandy.

(adjourn – next board meeting 7/13/21 @ 7pm location TBA)