



## Meeting Minutes

**Date:** February 20, 2020

**Time:** 8:04 PM EDT, 7:04 PM CDT, 6:04 PM MDT, 5:04 PM PDT

**Location:** Zoom Tele-conference

**In Attendance:** Justin Grady, Craig DeHaan, Cynthia DuVal, John Cooper, Dan Wiley, Kim Kiser, Brent White, Vernon Lang, Jerry DuVal, Dan Taylor

**Not In Attendance:** Pat Wendling, Bill Moreton and Joe Bottini

**Call to Order:** Justin Grady

A notice that all MHBA Board meetings would be automatically recorded was provided. Each member in attendance would respond “yes” if they agree to be recorded and “no” if they did not want to be recorded. A roll call was provided and all members attending agreed to be recorded.

Justin welcomed Kim Kiser the new Region 4 Director as well as everyone else to the MHBA Zoom teleconference meeting. He stated that the MHBA Board meets bi-monthly (every other month) on the third Thursday of the month.

**Secretary’s Minutes:** Cynthia DuVal

The Secretary’s minutes from the December 19th meeting were emailed to all Board members prior to the meeting for their review. Jerry moved to approve the Secretary’s minutes. The motion was seconded by Dan Taylor. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

**Treasurers Report:** Craig DeHaan

Craig provided a Profit and Loss statement (January 1 thru December 31, 2019) that was emailed to all Board members prior to the meeting for their review. He went over some of the information and stated that we had a positive number of \$17,700, and that this does not include any of the shows invoices that have not been received as of yet but he hopes that we will still end in double digits as far as net income.

Vernon moved to approve the Treasurer’s report. The motion was seconded by Brent. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

**Old Business:**

Justin provided an update regarding the attorney. He noted that everyone should have received a copy of the memorandum that the attorney sent via email. Justin said that this is just the first step in working on the By-Laws. The Attorney recommended some changes and updates that needed to be made. Justin said that we will be updating them to move into the future. He stated that the Attorney will provide us with more information as to what needs to be updated or changed. As we do this, it will be brought back to the Board to be discussed. Justin said that we are on the right track and knows what needs to be done to get everything current, keep our shows rolling, and keep our membership happy.

Justin acknowledged that Kim would hold the position of Region 4 Director for the remainder of the term. It states in Article III Section 3 of the MHBA By-Laws “Any director so elected by the Board of Directors shall hold office for the balance of the term of the Director that he or she replaced”. Kim told the Board a little bit about herself and her hopes for the future. Justin brought it to an official vote to accept Kim as the Region 4 Director for the remainder of that term ending in 2022. Craig made the motion and Jerry brought a second to have Kim Kiser fill the position of Region 4 Director for the remainder of the term ending in 2022. The motion passed unanimously.



The new MHBA website was discussed and everyone was brought up to date on its progress. There is a little more administrative work to be done along with the financial end before it can go online. Craig requested a time frame of when the site will be up, and Cynthia responded that she hoped to have it up the end of March or first of April, but that it depends on how things come together. Craig said that we are not too far away from having a new site.

Craig updated the Board regarding the DNO insurance. He stated that he had signed the forms for them to go through and that the insurance company has had several questions he has had to answer before they could proceed. He does not have a quote on the cost yet until all the questions are answered for the Insurance Company.

**New Business:**

Justin went over the election process and referred to the Election process letter that Cynthia provided. He stated that this letter would also be sent with the nomination forms that will be mailed out to the membership. Vernon made a suggestion that we have the Accounting firm take care of everything for our election (send out nomination forms, ballots, and ballot count). Craig stated as the Treasurer, that having the Accounting firm do everything for our election would be cost prohibitive since he knows what they already charge for the services they provide for us already. Cynthia went over how the election process would go and that she was going to put the information on the MHBA website, mail the information with the nomination forms and that she would be sending emails out to the membership notifying them that the nomination forms would be mailed and to watch for them. She will also be sending emails prior to the official ballots being mailed as well. Cynthia said that she would be sending emails to everyone whose membership might lapse prior to the election process beginning reminding them that they would need to have their membership paid prior to February 28<sup>th</sup> to be eligible to make nominations and vote in the upcoming election. Brent asked who the MHBA accounting firm is, and the Board was told it is Connor, McMillion Mitchell & Shennum, PLLC (CMMS) located in Amarillo, Texas. Craig made a motion that we use our current Secretary to send out the nomination forms as well as the official ballots and that all ballots are returned to our accounting firm where they will be counted as we have done in the past. The motion was amended to add that we will see if the accounting firm could post the results on their website. Vernon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The secretary provided a list of sanctioned/sponsored MHBA shows for the Board to go through to update its records. This information is needed for the website as well as the Treasurer for updating information regarding the shows and who the current superintendents are. A partial chart of the collected information is below, the entire chart will be available from the Secretary and the Treasurer, and will be posted on the new MHBA website:

Show	Location	Sanctioned	Sponsored
NWSS	Denver, CO	yes	yes
San Angelo Stock Show	San Angelo, TX	yes	yes
San Antonio Stock Show	San Antonio, TX	yes	yes
Houston Livestock Show	Houston, TX	yes	yes
Ohio Beef Expo	Columbus, OH	yes	no
Ohio State Fair	Columbus, OH	yes	yes
Iowa State Fair	Des Moines, IA	yes	yes
Nebraska State Fair	Grand Island, NE	yes	yes
PNW Regional Miniature Hereford Show	Salem, OR	yes	yes
Clay County Fair	Spencer, IA	yes	no
Eastern Idaho State Fair	Blackfoot, ID	yes	yes
Oklahoma State Fair	Oklahoma City, OK	yes	yes
Spokane Interstate Fair	Spokane, WA	yes	yes
Tri-State Fair	Amarillo, TX	yes	yes



Utah State Fair	Salt Lake City, UT	yes	yes
West Texas State Fair	Abilene, TX	yes	yes
NILE	Billings, MT	yes	yes
American Royal	Kansas City, MO	yes	yes
State Fair of Texas	Dallas, TX	yes	yes
NAILE	Louisville, KY	yes	yes
Iowa Beef Expo	Des Moines, IA	yes	no
North Carolina State Fair	Raleigh, NC	no	no

It was brought up by Dan Wiley how important each and every show is to the MHBA as well as its membership. Justin said that, for many of these shows, that a member of the Board serves as the superintendent for it and that everyone needs to make sure to get those reports in to Craig so that he is able to know what funds will possibly be needed each year. Justin also said that it is essential to not only work to get new shows out there but to also hold on to all of the shows we currently have and for those Regional Directors to get back any shows that were lost. It is also important to keep a good rapport with the venues and be sure to work with them; no matter how large or small the show is, they are equally important to our breed, our membership, and to everything. Justin announced that we are currently working to be recognized at the Keystone International Livestock Exposition in Pennsylvania, this show has the possibility to open the markets in that Region. Kim asked if there were any shows in her region and she was told that the Missouri State Fair would have a mini show next year. Craig reminded everyone that show reports had to be sent in to receive funding, so make sure that those are sent in. Justin said that if anyone needed any assistance starting a new show that they could contact Jerry DuVal, the Show Committee Chairperson or anyone else on the Board that is a show superintendent and they would be happy to help.

Dan Wiley made a motion that Regional Directors are responsible for getting the show reports/financials to the Treasurer for all sanctioned/sponsored shows in their regions. John Cooper seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Justin reminded everyone that a copy of the show report needs to go to the Treasurer, President, and the Secretary.

Dan Wiley requested that the Ohio Beef Expo be sponsored. It has previously been sanctioned for quite a few years and he has been sending in show reports for each of those years. Jerry made the motion to accept the sponsorship request for the Ohio Beef Expo in the amount of \$400. Kim seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Brent requested a discussion of the Board regarding junior show ages. He feels that the rules need to change to what they were before the MHBA Show Rules were adopted (juniors must turn the age of three by January 1 of each year). A discussion followed. Jerry made a motion to keep the MHBA's current junior age requirement as "at least the age of three, but not over the age of 22 on the day of the show." Vernon seconded the motion. The motion passed with 9 'yes' votes: 1 'no' vote.

Justin said that the next MHBA board meeting will be held the third Thursday in April (April 23, 2020). He reminded everyone that we want to move forward to get new shows, get back any shows that were lost, and most of all to keep our membership happy.

**Adjourn:** Vernon moved to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded by Jerry. Justin Grady adjourned the meeting at 9:49PM EDT, 8:49PM CDT, 7:49PM MDT, 6:49PM PDT.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia DuVal  
MHBA Secretary