

# MQHA

## MANITOBA QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION

*"Bringing people and American Quarter Horses together."*

Dear MQHA Members:

Let's review 2010 and see what is ahead of us in 2011. This was my second consecutive year as President and I continue to be impressed with the time and effort that the Executive and our American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA) Director put into the association. There are also some directors which have given a lot of themselves so that we can continue to enjoy horses and our hobby.

The year started off in March with our Annual General Meeting & Awards Banquet in Winnipeg. This was well attended and had an amazing array of articles for the auctions. Thanks go out to Scott MacKenzie for heading up the planning of the day and evening. The awards were also given out at this time with thanks going to Christine Little and Marie Elliott for putting together a very nice selection of items for awards.

A few Manitoba Quarter Horse Association (MQHA) members also attended and worked at the "Horse 3" in Brandon in April.

In June we hosted our annual Summer Sizzler AQHA Quarter Horse Show. It consisted of three shows with the first day being a regular show and the last two days being a split/combined format. The show was well attended with people coming from the USA and other provinces.

MQHA sanctioned the Manitoba Summer Fair AQHA show in June with four shows which enabled members to collect points towards year end awards. Also sanctioned was the MRCHBA AQHA show in September with two shows.

October amazingly enough had the best weather of the year for a show. The whole weekend of the Thanksgiving Classic had above average temperatures which made it very enjoyable for a change and actually better than the weather at any other show during the 2010 season in Manitoba. The Thanksgiving Classic AQHA show started off with a Versatility Ranch Horse show on the Friday and was followed up by three approved shows with a regular show and a split/combined show like we had in June.

MQHA members once again competed in various AQHA shows in other provinces and states. Members also competed in AQHA World shows in Amarillo, TX and Oklahoma City, OK, the Quarter Horse Congress in Columbus, OH and of course the Canadian Nationals in Red Deer, AB. The AQHA Youth World Cup also had an MYQHA member participate. A number of people also attended some of these events as spectators.

We continue to have a relationship with Manitoba Horse Council (MHC) and through them were able to work two Bingos' in Winnipeg and received funding for same. MHC has an alliance with Equine Canada and information can be obtained from their website as well as information for benefits and how to apply for athlete assistance through Sport Manitoba.

Opportunities for funding continue to be available to MQHA through its partnership with the Canadian Quarter Horse Association (CQHA) and their partnership with MBNA. Funding is also available through AQHA and its affiliate AIM program. MQHA did apply for funding when we qualified and were successful in receiving funding from CQHA and AQHA. Thank you to MBNA, CQHA and AQHA.

So far for 2011, we have the Annual General Meeting in February, our June and October shows and a horsemanship clinic in planned for May. Details for all of the events are now on our website for viewing.

I would like to thank the directors who gave of their time and are now completing their three year terms on the board. Thank you also to Larry Clifford who was the lead behind both of our horse shows in 2010 and a number of other functions as well. His team of volunteers put in a number of very long hours so that we had the opportunity to show our horses and I thank them for that.

Thank you to anyone who gave of themselves to keep this organization running by being a volunteer, participant, or member of the board. We couldn't have done it without you.

All the best in 2011.

Regards

Patricia Odum  
MQHA President