

“Take AIM”/Affiliate Report

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The AQHA implemented the “Take AIM (Affiliates In Motion)” program several years ago. This program enables Affiliates to move forward in long term planning with the ability to apply to the program for financial assistance. The corporate sponsor for this program is the Bank of America.

Program requirements have been developed and in order to successfully receive assistance each year a “Take AIM” plan must be submitted as per established criteria and deadlines and consequently reported on, again with established criteria and deadlines.

This past year the MQHA was recognized for our work in the following areas:

- Education
- Industry Relations
- Ranch/Stock Horse

For 2011, the MQHA has targeted the “Take AIM” plan in the following areas: 4-H, Non-Showing Enthusiasts, Education, and Stock/Ranch Horse. At this time the plan is before the AQHA for funding consideration.

Affiliate

The AQHA recognizes MQHA as the Manitoba Affiliate. As such, we must sign an Affiliate Agreement with the AQHA each year which outlines a number of obligations we must fulfill. As the MQHA Affiliate representative my role is to act as the MQHA representative to the AQHA in matters relating directly to the Affiliate such as the submission of the Affiliate Agreement along with all necessary documentation or any other reports that may be required by the AQHA. The AQHA has implemented compliance requirements are as follows: a copy of the current bylaws, minutes from the AGM within 30 days of the meeting, officer listing within 30 days of AGM, financial statements within 30 days if requested, and another items as requested. This then enables the MQHA to access ‘Take AIM’ funding and participate in other opportunities that the AQHA may offer the Affiliates.

For a number of years the AQHA hosted an Affiliate Workshop where they convene representatives from each recognized Affiliate across Canada and the US as well leaders from the Race. This activity has been curtailed this year and consideration is being given to alternate means for these types of meetings. Recent the Region 3 Affiliate reps met via a webinar.

Respectfully submitted;

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