

Recently, many of you received a global email from the AMHA regarding solicitation of signatures by Marjorie Hazelwood for filing a derivative action, and you are probably wondering what's going on.

First off, the global email says that this action is .... "against the AMHA" ... which is NOT TRUE. A derivative action is filed on BEHALF of the Association and FOR ITS BENEFIT, NOT AGAINST IT. Neither Marjorie nor any Life Member can profit personally from bringing a derivative action.

Marjorie has posted a response to the AMHA's global email on the GoMorgans.net website (including copies of the actual letters she exchanged with the AMHA as well as the letter she sent to Life Members) so that you all can form your own conclusions based on the full documents and not just propaganda which only tells one side of the story.

The AMHA's main argument against the derivative action is that it will be expensive. They neglect to point out that, if the AMHA were not keeping secrets from its own board members, it would be unnecessary. The easiest, simplest and cheapest solution for all concerned would be to provide all the requested information to Marjorie as soon as possible. Why the secrecy?

It is EXTREMELY shameful, IMO, that any board member who has the audacity to ask legitimate questions should be stonewalled at every turn, should have to try to figure out what's really going on with partial or erroneous information, or go to court to get the real information they need to make informed decisions. There is NO justification for withholding ANY information from a duly elected board member. The WHOLE board is responsible for managing the Association, not just a privileged few.

Board members are not only entitled to full information, they are OBLIGATED to gather enough facts to vote intelligently. If you look at the GoMorgans website you will see that they actually demanded that Marjorie sign a confidentiality agreement before they would release information to her. The reason they give is that they have to protect the employees' privacy. That's absurd. The board IS the employer! What employer doesn't know the salaries it pays? The board should be VOTING on each salary. They are supposed to be in charge of the money. The AMHA has no right to ask a board member to sign a confidentiality agreement. This was just another stall tactic. Worse, it is an affront to Marjorie, who is just trying to do the job she was elected to do. It is also an affront to every member who voted for her.

Unfortunately, what they are doing to Marjorie is nothing new. They have a long history of stonewalling and belittling board members who ask hard questions they prefer not to answer. Board members have come and gone, asked their questions and never did get to

the bottom of things-- despite repeated efforts--because the AMHA is very good at ignoring, stalling, frustrating and ridiculing anybody that refuses to give up or shut up. Let me ask you something: Does it make any sense to believe that all these people who have tried and failed to pry loose information they were entitled to are just troublemakers? Just trying to run up unnecessary expenses to harm the AMHA? Why would a person give up precious time, hard work and hard-earned money to be a director, traveling all over the country to attend board meetings, just to harm the AMHA? Isn't it much more likely that they acted out of genuine concern for the well-being of the organization, the Morgan horse and AMHA's membership? Why wouldn't the AMHA ENCOURAGE its board members to take their jobs seriously?

Why wouldn't a board member want to know why we've run THREE years in a row in RED INK?? Or why the AMHA's financial statements, minutes and tax filings all show widely different numbers for the losses? Or why our membership continues to DECREASE and no one seems to be alarmed about it. Instead, over loud protests from the members, they raise the dues to compensate for that loss causing even more members to leave. The real question should not be "Why is Marjorie asking for this information?" but "Why aren't all the other board members demanding it too?"

LOTS of questions ... but no answers which are substantiated by AMHA's actual books and records so that EVERY board member can rely on the information and work on ways to improve the Association and benefit ALL its members.

Bottom line ... ALL the information that Marjorie Hazelwood and other board members before her have asked for is necessary and ought to be made available to ANY board member who requests it as soon as humanly possible. Most of this stuff could be emailed with a few clicks of the mouse, costing the Association nothing.

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