



#LET'S GROW TOGETHER

MARK MACKIE

2018 MFTHBA

Presidential
Candidate

As this year's MFTHBA Presidential position is open for the election of a new president, my strong desire to ensure a brighter future for the MFTHBA and to ensure future generations can have the opportunity to experience our wonderful

Missouri Fox Trotting horses has compelled me to campaign to be your next MFTHBA President. My wife, Caryn, and I have 2 children and 5 grandchildren, and our family and I have been lifelong supporters of the foxtrotting horse and the MFTHBA. Our priorities have been God, Family and then our horses.

In 1967 I began showing at the Show and Celebration and prior to that I had attended the Show and Celebration as a spectator with family and friends. Now, at 61 years old, our Fox Trotters are still a huge part of our lifestyle and family values.

During my professional career I managed large Corporations from many aspects for almost 40 years. Most recently, prior to my retirement in 2013, I spent 7 years as the VP of Operations at Redneck Trailer Supplies, which held me responsible for 21 company facilities nationwide.

I feel that my experience in business as well as my long time history and experience within our Breed confirms my qualifications for the position of MFTHBA president.

One of the many topics that I feel strongly about is that we must always be financially responsible with the funds and budgeting of the MFTHBA while also being open minded and working to find new avenues to generate revenue. As president I would do my best to work with our board of directors to move in a positive financial direction.

With financial responsibility comes the benefit of growth within our breed and our registry. We must protect the future of the MFTHBA and the Registry of our Fox Trotters so that we can continue to guarantee the future of our great horses in all disciplines of interest such as Versatility, Trail riding, performance and future equine events and sports.

Over the years I have witnessed the days when every barn stall was full and there was a waiting list for camper spots at the Show and Celebration. So many members and their families have countless memories of those wonderful days that celebrated the Missouri Fox Trotter. I feel that in order to promote new growth within our breed again, we have to have a unified Board of Directors that has the best interest of the breed in mind and be transparent to all of the membership. In addition to financial responsibility and growth, I would like to focus on being on a path that will ensure that all MFTHBA rules



are applied fairly and without bias. As an association we must be accountable for setting an example of excellence and honesty. Without a fair, well managed environment, we cannot offer the best of our abilities to our members and their beloved Fox Trotting Horses.

I hope that I can have the opportunity to share my passion of Fox Trotters with our membership and we can work together towards the common goal of growth for the MFTHBA and I would appreciate your support for this 2018 election.¹

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