

Meeting called to order at 9:05am on 1/13/18 by McKenzie Shaffer, Amateur Chair, at the Holiday Inn airport Conference Center in Des Moines, IA.

Meeting Minutes from 2017

- Meetings were posted on Facebook and printed off in back of the room for attendees to read if they wished.
- Jenny Schutt moved to approve the minutes and Brian Hamrick 2nd. Motion passed

2017 Treasurer Report by Colleen Conrad

- Expenditures unaccounted for
 - Colleen Conrad noted that there was an expenditure unaccounted for on the District 5 reimbursement for horse fair that isn't on the report.
- It was noted that the May basket auction was successful.
- Income unaccounted for
 - Colleen Conrad said that Amateurs got half the money from the bit that was auctioned off at the Mayflower. The money from the bit auction was split between amateurs and youth.
- It was asked if there are any expenditures to come out for last year still.
 - Colleen Conrad stated there were no more for last year to come out.
- It was asked what our bank account standing is currently.
 - Colleen Conrad reported it as being \$8183.07 in checking and savings is \$4,952.
- Missy Merwald said the estimate of awards this year was around \$5100 with show bucks.
- Brian Hamrick moved to approve the treasurer report and Rosalie Carlson 2nd. Motion passed.

Old Business

- Donations
 - Discussion ensued to keep the donations the same to the \$200 donations as we did last year.
 - Shows that will be donated to this year are:
 - Mayflower show
 - Hawkeye Classic show
 - June Denison show
 - Fall Classic show
 - Jenny Schut moved that we agree to donate \$200 to the shows listed above and Missy Merwald 2nd. Motion passed.
 - It was asked if we should do a \$200 donation to Iowa horse fair again
 - Discussion ensued as to if this is needed again this year as they have a vinyl from last year that is reusable and if another donation was needed.
 - It was noted that there are some leftover awards that are going to be used for it instead.
 - Jenny Schut moved that Amateur give \$100 to the 5th District horse fair budget. Rosalie Carlson 2nd. Motion passed.
- Recap of Futurity proposal where Amateurs surrendered their \$1/entry for Amateur entries
- Point keeping
 - It was noted that it was IQHA board decision last year that Kelly Birkenholtz would be using computer program to track points last year.
 - Discussion ensued about ideas to make it easier for the computer program to track points as there was some difficulties with using the

- program last year and some calculations had to be done by hand/in excel.
 - It was noted that members need to make sure when they fill out their IQHA membership info they need to use the name as it appears on their AQHA cards and their AQHA membership id to make point keeping easier this year.

New Business

- 2018 Fundraisers
 - Silent Auction
 - Ella Carlson will be Committee chairman for silent auction
 - Mayflower Baskets
 - Jenny Schut, Lisa Merwald, Janelle Faust will help will be the committee to help with the Mayflower baskets
 - Pony Poop Bingo
 - Brian Hamrick noted that the setup for this fundraiser is easy and thinks that they may get some more interest 2nd year
 - Brian Hamrick said District 2 would be interested in donating stall again for this at the Hawkeye Classic
 - Joni Spies said she would be able to help with it at the beginning, but is unable to help at the show itself.
 - Brian Hamrick and Joni Spies will start a committee to work on this fundraiser.
 - Fall Classic Committee
 - Kim Cosgriff and Sandee Noah will be on a committee for this fundraiser.
- Membership
 - Brian Hamrick talked about statistics of Quarter Horse owner's vs membership in IQHA and AQHA at this point and noted that the Amateur membership has declined 6% since 2016.
 - Brian suggested that there be one person from each district to sit on a committee to try and figure out membership and ways to increase it.
 - McKenzie Schaffer noted that her and Jackie Kincaid have tried to increase membership the past few years at the Iowa Horse fair and that anyone else is welcome to come and help if they want.
 - Iowa Horse fair is April 6-8
- Other Business
 - Discussion ensued about the Mayflower and the Run as the state fairgrounds is refusing to put dirt in the Jacobsen at that time of the year. Jackie Kincaid and Brian Hamrick gave an overview of what is going on currently in this situation to try and keep everyone happy and the show flowing. Brian also mentioned that this affects the futurity as well.
 - For those that are interested in talking to the State fairgrounds board about improving the dirt and allowing associations such as us back into the Jacobsen again please send letters to the State fair board about it.
 - Brian Hamrick suggested that a committee be formed to perhaps work with the other associations to try and bring more awareness to this situation.
 - McKenzie asked if there was a group of people that wanted to be a part of this committee.
 - Brian Hamrick said he'd be interested in helping. Jenny Schut and Lisa Merwald said they'd be interested in being part of it as well.
- Election of Officers

- Amateur Chair
 - McKenzie Shaffer said she cannot be chair this next year as she has other obligations
 - Jenny Schut said that she would go to shows if McKenzie goes to the meetings
 - Brian Hamrick nominated McKenzie Shaffer to stay on as chair to attend meetings and for Jenny Schut to be co-chair and attend shows. Rosalie Carlson 2nd, motion passed.
- Secretary
 - Brian Hamrick nominated Ella Carlson to stay on as Secretary. Sandee Noah 2nd, motion passed.
- Treasurer
 - Shelli Eatwell was nominated by Jenny Schut, Brian Hamrick 2nd. Motion passed.

Kris Klingman made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Dave Albrecht 2nd. Meeting adjourned at 10am.