

IQHA Amateurs Meeting

9:30 AM Saturday January 28, 2023

Prairie Meadows & Casino Altoona, Iowa

Co- Chair Kat Resler Called the Meeting to Order.

Members/Guests in Attendance included:

Rosalie Carlson	Alexandra Eischeid	Brena Adkins
Mary Jo Hamrick	Brian Hamrick	Loren Meyer
Jodi Meyer	Sarlynn Heston	Becky Grier
Carrie Gesling	Susan DeJong	Wade Ellerbroek
Dave Albrecht	Kris Klingaman	Christy Wilson
Phyllis Steffen	Greg Steffen	Jackie Kincaid
Kimberly Wilson	Kat Resler	Shanen Ebersole
Chris Black		

Members/Guests attended via Zoom:

Janelle Faust	Lisa Merfeld
Jennie Schut	Shelli Smith

Kat Resler reminded everyone to pay their IQHA membership/Amateur fee so you are able vote at the general election meeting which will take place later that evening.

Secretary Kimberly Wilson provided a review of the minutes from the last “in person” Amateur meeting held on January 15, 2022, at The Courtyard by Marriott in Ankeny, IA. Brian Hamrick made a motion to accept minutes as read and Carrie Gesling seconded. Motion carried.

In 2022, three IQHA shows were held – Mayflower, Hawkeye Classic and Fall Futurity.

Treasures Report presented by Kat Resler:

Balance as of December 31, 2022	\$18,887.35
Amateurs Membership Total	\$1490 + 2.08 in interest
Profit from 2022 Silent Auction and dodge ball tournament	\$3,014.50
\$1 Entry Fee earning from Mayflower	\$2,000 This had not added in account for 2022 year yet.
Total Income	\$6,506.58
IQHA directory fees	\$574
Bank charges	\$25
Sponsorship/Donations paid to Mayflower, Hawkeye Classic & Fall Futurity	\$1,500
Point keeping fee	\$600
Awards	\$5,604.78
Total Expenses	\$8,303.78

Brain Hamrick brought up that the Hawkeye Classic never received their \$500 check for Sponsorship in 2021 or 2022. Kim Strong was to remail a \$475 check for 2021 to Brain Hamrick (\$500 minus the \$25 cancellation fee) but do not have action on the \$500 for 2022. Jennie Schut recommended we check with Kim Strong on bank reports to see what was withdrawn from the account matches what the committee agreed upon spending and if she has sent the checks to Brian. Kris Klingaman made a motion to have the Amateur Committee recommend to the IQHA board to allow the Amateurs control of the Amateur account. Brian Hamrick seconded. Motion carried.

Brian Hamrick made a motion to approve Treasurers report for 2022. Sarlynn Heston second. Motion carried.

Old Business recap:

Fundraisers:

- Mayflower Silent Auction (May 4-7, 2022) Lead by Jennie Schut raised a total of \$2,050
- No Fundraiser was held at the Hawkeye Classic.
- Fall Futurity Dodge Ball Tournament (September 21-25,2022) Lead by Brena Adkins and Janel Faust. The fee was \$20 per team of 6 players. They raised about \$100 with this fundraiser. It was brought up that finding a location and time for the tournament was hard during the show.
- About \$1000 was split with youth from silent auction fundraiser from the 2022 Banquet.

Sportsmanship:

The Amateur Sportsmanship Award was start in 2022 and was an award of \$100 presented to an Amateur who helped work an IQHA show, they do not need to be showing at the show to be eligible for nomination. This \$100 award could be presented in show bucks, taken off their show bill or presented in cash. We had great participation with 10 or more nominations at each show. We presented winners at the Mayflower, Hawkeye Classic & Fall Futurity.

Sheri Cantania Mayflower Winner
Jackie Kelling Hawkeye Classic Winner
Brena Adkins Fall Futurity Winner

Dennison did not have a Sportsmanship award presented as we had no member local attending the show to present.

Becky Grier had a negative comment that the Winner should be IQHA member. After further group discussion we agreed to clarify in our minutes that this award could go to any Amateur that has a current AQHA membership and is working an IQHA show, they do not have to be an IQHA member. Jennie Schut made a motion to continue with the Amateur Sportsmanship Award of \$100 to be used toward their bill or show bucks to any AQHA Amateur for the Mayflower, Fall Futurity, Dennison show, and Hawkeye Classic. Alex Eischeid seconded. Motion carried. Jennie Schut amended her motion to Sportsmanship award that each Dennison show would receive \$100 for the Sportsmanship Award. Lisa Merfeld seconded. Motion carried. Kris Klingaman offered to help with the Dennison Sportsmanship Award.

Sponsorships:

Last year (2022) we donated sponsorships of \$500, with \$100 of that amount going to the Sportsmanship award, to the Mayflower, Hawkeye Classic, Fall Futurity and Dennison show split. Jennie Schut made the motion to Sponsor the Mayflower and Fall Futurity in the amount of \$400 per show and

the Hawkeye Classic and Dennison shows in the amount of \$250 per show. It is up to the Show Committee to decide how the money is used. Brian Hamrick seconded. Motion carried.

Iowa Horse Fair Sponsorship- Amateur's help sponsor a booth at the Iowa Horse Fair held in Des Moines (March 24-26, 2023). Money is used for candy, prizes, handouts, fun activities, and the booth fee during the fair. Jennie Schut made a motion to sponsor \$250 to be given to Jackie Kincaid for the IQHA booth at the 2023 Iowa Horse Fair. Loren Meyer seconded. Motion carried.

New Business:

2023 Fundraising Ideas:

1. IQHA Banquet Silent Auction – Kat Resler helped organize the auction. Donations can be dropped off at the tables near the back of the room and a bidder's sheet will be available to fill out.
2. Mayflower Silent Auction Basket - Jennie Schut/Janel Faust/Kat Resler volunteered to help work the auction. There needs to be more than 2 people running the auction especially during close out. Mary Jo and Brian Hamrick also volunteered their help during close out. Jackie Kincaid offered to help with basket pick up in the stalling office once the basket is paid.
3. Pink Potty - District 5 Quarter Horse has a potty that would need to be picked up and delivered to show and delivered back to District 5. Alex Eischeid volunteered to run and organize the Pink Potty/Rolling Toilet for the Fall Futurity and create a set of rules on the potty including the number of times one can receive the potty. Brena Adkins volunteered to help assist.
4. Pie in the Face- Pay to nominate another member to take a pie in the face. Highest nomination gets a Pie.

Brian Hamrick said he talk with the Iowa Amateur Ranch Riders and would come up with some type of fundraiser they would be interested in for Hawkeye Classic.

Awards: There was a lot of discussion on awards for the year end points and All-Arounds. There was no active committee for 2022. Lisa Merfeld offered to help create a Google form survey to send to members on what type of awards they would like and to bring back the awards catalog. Points would need to be in early so the catalog would be able to be created and sent out by September/October and Alex Eischeid volunteered as the Social Media Coordinator, to publicize the catalog and deadline online. Jennie Schut made a motion to create an Award Committee for yearend awards and nominated Lisa Merfeld to be Chairman to the Awards Committee. Brena Adkins seconded. Motion carried. Volunteers to be on the committee include Janel Faust, Jennie Schut, Alex Eischeid, Lisa Merfeld, Brena Adkins, and Shelli Smith. It was recommended to send it out on the social platform if any others would want to join the Committee and try to get a few Ranch Amateurs on the Committee.

Amateur Meetings: To have Amateur meetings quarterly via Zoom to gather more ideas through the year instead of once-a-year meeting. The committee can gather ideas, provide updates and feedback throughout the year instead of once a year. Lisa proposed that Sundays would likely work best for Zoom calls. Dates will be publicized later on the social platform. Brena Adkins made a motion to have quarterly zoom meeting for Amateurs. Jennie Schut seconded. Motion carried.

Election of officers

Chair: Janel Faust nominated Brena Adkins. Rosalie Carlson requested nominations cease. Kat Resler seconded. Brena Adkins was voted as new Chair.

Co-chair: Brian Hamrick nominated Kat Resler. Janel Faust nominated Jennie Schut. Jennie Schut requested nominations cease. Kat Resler seconded. A vote was taken. Jennie Schut was voted as Co-chair.

Sarlynn Heston motioned to separate the Secretary and Treasurer moving forward. Greg Steffen second. Motion carried.

Secretary: Brena Adkins nominated Alex Eischeid. Greg Steffen requested nominations cease. Brian Hamrick seconded. Alex Eischeid was voted as new Secretary.

Treasurer: Lisa Merfeld nominated Shelli Smith. Rosalie Carlson requested nominations cease. Kris Klingaman seconded. Shelli Smith was voted as new Treasurer.

Points Secretary: Was left open – this will need to be decided by the IQHA General Board meeting.

Brian Hamrick made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Brena Adkins seconded it. The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 AM.