

IQHA Amateur 2nd Quarter Meeting Minutes April 16, 2023

Opening Business:

The Iowa Quarter Horse Association Amateur Committee held a quarterly meeting Sunday, April 16th, 2023 via video conference call. Chair Brena Adkins called the meeting to order at 6:35PM. At the start of the call Brena read a statement regarding the option to donate proceeds from the Amateur Silent Auction.

Members In Attendance: Brena Adkins, Jennie Schut, Alex Eischeid, Shelli Smith, Lisa Merfeld, Steve Gulling, Brian Hamrick, Mary Jo Hamrick, Janel Faust, Kris Klingaman, Nancy Green, Sarlynn Heston, Chris Black, and Cathy Luett.

January minutes: The January minutes were sent out for review. Brian made a motion to approve the minutes and Jennie seconded to approve the minutes. After this motion, Chris Black noted that he was at the January meeting and to add that to the minutes. Brian motioned and seconded by Chris Black.

Treasurer's Report and Budget: Shelli Smith and Alex Eischeid presented the Treasurer's Report, below. Jennie motioned to approve the report and Lisa seconded. Shelli Smith then discussed the 2023 Amateur Budget. The current budget noted a little under \$2,000 of loss for the 2023, and Shelli encouraged trying to increase fundraising income this year. Jennie approved the budget and Alex Eischeid seconded.

Amateur Account	Balance
12/31/2022 Bank Statement	18,887.35
January Change	(430.92)
1/31/2023 Bank Statement	18,456.43
February Change	(454.72)
2/28/2023 Bank Statement	18,001.71
March Change	(1,224.71)
3/31/2023 Bank Statement	16,777.00
Total Q1 2023 Change	(2,110.35)

Old Business:

Amateur Checkbook Status and 2022 Payments: Brena Adkins discussed that at the February IQHA Board meeting, it was decided by the IQHA Board that the checkbook will remain with the IQHA Executive Committee. Communication will be open, with Sec/Tres Alex Eischeid providing bank statements to Shelli Smith, Amateur Treasury help to reconcile the bank account and track the budget. Brena also noted that we will be reissuing the \$475 check for 2022 Hawkeye Class Sponsorship.

Fundraisers at Denison Show(s) and Hawkeye Classic: Brena discussed that fundraisers are needed at these shows, and noted that Kayla Twogood is willing to help operate a fundraiser at these shows as well but does need this help and/or ideas. Kris and Cathy both noted that they will reach out to her to help.

New Business:

Sponsorship Request from Scenic City Summer Show Committee: Brena Adkins mentioned that the new show should be considered for sponsorship. Shelli Smith discussed that we should sponsor and other members echoed how we need to sponsor but to also have a

fundraising at the show. Shelli Smith motioned to sponsor \$250 at the Scenic City Show and Brian seconded. All approved and motion passed.

New Horse Show for 2024: Shelli Smith discussed the budget for a possible new show in February that the Amateurs could help to run in collaboration with a District. Shelli mentioned that Kirkwood in Cedar Rapids had availability February 15-18th for a show, that would include 4 judges and all breed classes. That facility has 210 stalls in the regular barn and the breakeven for this show would be with selling roughly 85 stalls but the Amateur committee would need to step up with sponsorships for awards and to improve the show's success. Nancy Greene made a motion to pursue this show Feb 15-18th at Kirkwood contingent on 50% split ownership with another District and Lisa Merfeld seconded. All approved and motion passed. Shelli mentioned that she will reach out to AQHA tomorrow to help get dates confirmed.

Amateur Spotlight: Brena Adkins discussed that we need volunteers for the Amateur Spotlight that is mentioned in Newsletter and Facebook.

Other Business:

Awards Committee: Lisa Merfeld has organized and held the first meeting this past Wednesday. Lisa noted that, pending board approval, we are moving to an award catalog of choices as well as pooling Open and Amateur funds together to get better choices. She also asked for any award ideas to be emailed to her.

Logo Apparel Sale: Brena Adkins noted this fundraiser is going well, as we get 12% of proceeds and have earned \$119 so far. She thanked everyone who has ordered so far.

Maybasket Auction: Janel Faust and Jennie Schut have volunteered to run this at the Mayflower and has asked for more baskets to donate. Janel also noted that we need volunteers to help with closing time of the auction Saturday at noon.

Adjournment:

The next quarterly meeting is set to held near the end of July via video conference call. The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Brian, and seconded by Alex. Meeting adjourned at 6:27PM.