

**Annual Amateur Committee Meeting
Marriott Hotel, Downtown Des Moines
January 11, 2025**

Minutes approved at the April 17th meeting.

Called to order at 9:05 am 1.11.2025 by Brena Adkins, Amateur Chair

Members in attendance (19 total):

Mary Jo Hamrick	Brian Hamrick	Kimberly Wilson (teams call)	Brena Adkins	Alex Eischeid
Cathi Luett	Kris Klingaman	Dave Albrecht	Christy Wilson	Rosalie Carlson
Lisa Merfeld	Sarlynn Heston	Becky Grier	Tammi Adix	Emma Schaefer
Wade Ellerbroek	Codi Jo Heesch	Sandee Kraft-Noah	David Pyle	

Brena gave a reminder to pay for the 2025 membership in order to vote during the meeting.

April meeting minutes:

- April minutes were sent out earlier in the week via email for review. Brena asked for corrections, there were no corrections.
- Alex made a motion to approve minutes with the comments deleted.
- Kris Klingaman seconded the motion.
- All in favor, none opposed, motion passed.

Treasurer's report:

- As of 12.31.2024: \$21,692.83 which was an increase in the year \$2,101.25
- Treasurer, Alex Eischeid, explained the budget and how the amateur committee operates from year to year. Black is actual from bank statements and ties into the other sheet provided, red are estimates, the difference between actual and estimate is in blue.
- Dollar per entry \$5,778.00 (did not account for decrease in judges for Mayflower last year, which made the \$1 per entry decrease)
- Kris Klingaman complimented Alex Eischeid on a job well done with the financial statements.
- Brena Adkins asked for a motion, Sarlynn Heston made a motion, Brian Hamrick seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed, motion passed.

Amateur Sportsmanship awards:

- Brena Adkins explained how the amateur committee scaled back in 2024 from showbucks to gift card
- In 2024 there was not much participation, most shows only had 1 nomination, and more assistance from other amateur members was needed to take some of the workload from the officers.
- Brena asked the amateur membership if we want to continue the sportsmanship awards with the lack of participation for 2025.
- Discussion about sportsmanship awards:
 - Sandee Kraft asked for clarification of decrease in participation, was it in nominations or amateurs helping at the shows to give out the award.
 - A reminder that the sportsmanship award is drawn and awarded prior to the end of the show and recipients do not need to be IQHA Amateur members.
 - Discussion of placement of the box at the shows- place at exhibitor party
 - Becky Grier suggested having a list of examples for people to understand what the sportsmanship award is for.
 - Tammi Adix suggested taking nominations at all the shows then award a larger prize at the banquet. Brian Hamrick suggested that we give an award at each show and a larger prize at the banquet.
 - Brena Adkins asked for a sportsmanship committee chair if we want to continue.
 - Kris Klingaman and Sandee Kraft-Noah have offered to co-chair the sportsmanship committee
 - Rosalie Carlson suggested keeping all the nominations to assist the board to decide the year-end sportsmanship award given at the annual banquet.
 - Alex Eischeid asked how many shows there are this year and confirmed there are 6 shows with the district 6 show not going this year. Alex informed us it would be \$150 in total for the 6 shows
 - Rosalie Carlson made a motion to continue the \$25 sportsmanship award for the 6 IQHA shows with Kris Klingaman and Sandee Kraft-Noah co-chairing
 - Sarlynn Heston seconded the motion.
 - All in favor, none opposed, motion passed.
 - Sandee Kraft-Noah offered to find donations to cover the cost so it doesn't come out of the amateur budget.
 - Kris Klingaman and Dave Albrecht offered to donate to cover two shows (Hawkeye Classic and May Denison shows)

Fundraisers

- Brena Adkins stated that the amateur fundraisers did well considering there were only three fundraisers last year. Then Brena asked for people to chair fundraisers for 2025.
- **Fundraiser chairs:**
 - Banquet silent auction: Coordinated with Jennifer Horton/Amateur Chair
 - Mayflower silent auction: Jennie Schut/Sarlynn Heston are co-chairing, Mary Hamrick to help close out bids. Rosalie Carlson made a motion for committee leads, Kris Klingaman seconded, all in favor, none opposed.
 - Fall Classic: is open for ideas and a chair

- Discussion of ideas for the fall classic fundraiser was had which included the long show being a hindrance for fundraisers that may take a large chunk of time in the arena.
- Alex Eischeid suggested having a warm up class and collect the funds at the Fall Classic
- Cathi Luett asked if a last minute fundraiser such as “ride a buck” or “egg and spoon” can be held at other shows if there is a day that competition ends early. Response from the officers was as long as there is communication and funds get to the board, it is acceptable.
- Lisa Merfeld made a motion to have the 2 warm up classes, one western and one hunter under saddle, at the Iowa Fall Classic and charge a \$10/entry, cash paid at the gate. Emma Schaefer seconded, all in favor, none opposed, motion passed. (to be determined on which show day to hold classes when a draft of the showbill is released)

Show Sponsorships

- Alex Eischeid made a motion that Amateurs sponsor 5 IQHA shows at \$100 each, excluding Snowflake. Sarlynn Heston seconded, all in favor, none opposed, motion passed.

Points Keeper Amount

- Sarlynn Heston made a motion to keep the same points keepers with the same payment.
- Sandee Kraft-Noah seconded, all in favor, none opposed, motion passed.
- Kris Klingaman offered to continue VRH point keeping at no charge but with stall preference at the IQHA shows.
- Cathi Luett made the motion, Rosalie Carlson seconded, all in favor, none opposed, motion passed.
- **Updated points rules:**
 - **Level 1 Non-Pro Green Classes:** Rosalie Carlson and Tammi Adix reported that at the January 10th, 2025 board meeting, it was passed that the Level 1 non pro horsemanship, showmanship and equitation will have year-end awards offered as long as these classes are offered at least 5 shows. To qualify, exhibitors must have either an amateur or youth membership paid prior to competition in those classes. *These classes will not count toward all-around/high points awards.*
 - **Roping and games classes:** Exhibitors need to show to all judges offered (if there are less than 5 judges) to be eligible for year end awards.

Awards

- Lisa Merfeld reviewed the vendors offered for awards and how the banquet will operate for awards pick up.

- Alex Eischeid made a motion to continue the multiple option vendor for year end awards to be run by Lisa Merfeld. Seconded by Brian Hamrick. All in favor, none opposed, motion passed.

Snowflake Circuit:

- Committee: Brena Adkins, Alex Eischeid, Becky Grier, Christy Wilson, Kimberly Wilson.
- Amateur is 50% ownership, IQHA and District 1 have 25% ownership each.
- Brena Adkins reported that there are 206 stalls available, stalls have been sold out since Thanksgiving and there is an extensive waiting list.
- **Sponsorships:** Custom Tails, Show Horses by Shannon, etc
 - Any amount helps, Alex Eischeid is in charge of sponsorships, should anyone be interested.
- **Volunteers:**
 - Areas of need are: showmanship walkers (Becky Grier offered to help with showmanship)
 - Tearing down trail
 - Handing out circuit awards
- Once the show is over, the committee is decided for the following year. If you are interested in joining the committee, please reach out to Brena Adkins, Snowflake Circuit chair.

New Business:

- Brena Adkins has offered to be a co-chair but would prefer to not be the only chair
- **Election of officers:**
 - Amateur chair/co-chair: Rosalie Carlson made the motion for Lisa Merfeld to chair and Brena Adkins to co-chair, Christy Wilson seconded, all in favor, none opposed, motion passed.
 - Treasurer: Rosalie Carlson nominated Alex Eischeid, Christy Wilson seconded. Cathi Luett moved nominations cease, Rosalie Carlson seconded. All in favor, none opposed, motion passed.
 - Secretary: Brian Hamrick made a motion for Christy/KimberlyWilson to be secretary, Sandee Kraft-Noah seconded. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.
- **Compensate amateur officers:**
 - Brian Hamrick made a motion to give one free stall a year to officers for the work they do, which was seconded.
 - Discussion on logistics took place.
 - Brian rescinded the first motion to replace it with a motion to pay \$150 for officers to use. Tammi Adix seconded the motion.
 - Discussion: showbucks was mentioned, then a 1099 does not need to be completed.
 - Brian re-stated the motion: 4 officers are paid \$150 in showbucks in the year they are serving the amateur committee. Tammi Adix seconded the motion.

- Discussion: When would showbucks be given? Answer: in the year the officers serving the showbucks would be offered.
 - All in favor, none opposed, motion passed.
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- Cathi Luett commended all of the people involved in the amateur committee for the work they do throughout the year.
 - Sandi Kraft-Noah brought up that in Missouri they have coffee/tea/water and cookies/brownies for new people at the shows. Tammi Adix and Kris Klingaman mentioned this is a good fit with the AQHA Ambassador program.
 - Discussion about welcoming new exhibitors at our show was had with all good points.

Alex Eischeid made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:32 am, Cahti Luett seconded, all was in favor.

Next Meeting: TBD in April