

**IQHA Amateur Annual Meeting
May 12th, 2025 @ 6:30 pm, Via Teams Call**

Meeting was called to order by Lisa Merfeld at 6:33 pm.

Meeting attendance:

Alex Eischeid	Brena Adkins	Lisa Merfeld	Nicole Banner	Cathi Luett
Shelli Smith	Kris Klingaman	Dave Albrecht	Kendra Schultz	Steve Gulling
Tammi Adix	Codi Jo Heesch	Brian Hamrick	Mary Jo Hamrick	Traci Scott
Greg Tracy	Emma Schaefer	Brenda Hamre	Tracy Thede	

OPENING BUSINESS

- Approval of April minutes: Minutes were read by Lisa Merfeld. Brian Hamrick made a motion to accept the minutes, Brena Adkins seconded, all voted to approve.
- Treasurer's Report: Alex Eischeid reviewed the treasurer's report and cited there were more sponsorships paid, Denison Sponsorship check was cashed, and a CD was taken out at a 3.9% rate in the amount of \$7,000 at Availa Bank. Nicole Banner made a motion to approve, Brian Hamrick seconded the motion, all voted in favor to approve the treasurer's report.

OLD BUSINESS

- Amateur Sportsmanship Awards-Sarlynn Heston was the Mayflower recipient, sponsored by Pattie Fox, Realtor
- Fundraisers
 - Mayflower Silent Auction
 - Amount raised: estimated \$1,192.00, will reconcile with next bank statement.
 - Reminder: Training Class Fundraiser to be held at Fall Classic
- Year End Awards: send ideas by July 1st for consideration
- CD Rates: The \$8,000 CD will be coming due in the next two weeks. Tammi Adix will reach out to Availa Bank regarding our options for renewing the CD at the time of expiration and report that information back to the amateur committee.

NEW BUSINESS

- The proposal from IQHA board regarding sponsorship of Futurity class was read to the meeting attendees:

"As a member of the Fall Classic Show committee and someone who helped usher in the NSBA Stakes Classes last year, I would like to propose the following from the Amateur Committee.

Minutes approved at the 2026 Annual Amateur Committee Meeting.

We are asking if the Amateur Committee would sponsor the purse of one of the \$1000 added NSBA Stakes Classes this fall. Prior to the Breeders Incentive classes, the Amateur Committee was integral in planning and sponsoring the Non Pro classes held at the fall show.”

- History of the amateur committee involvement in the fall futurity was given by Brena Adkins: The amateur committee used to organize the Amateur Day of the Fall Futurity, including entries and payouts. The amateurs stopped organizing when the classes became all age non-pro vs. amateur only.
- Brena Adkins made a motion to accept the proposal for the \$1,000 sponsorship of one of the non-pro NSBA futurity classes for the Fall Classic. Shelli Smith seconded the motion.
- Discussion was held at length about the participation in the non-pro futurity classes at the 2024 Fall Classic and whether support should go to classes that do not have a large amount of entries. Several members mentioned interest in a non-pro ranch futurity class. Amateurs were reminded that the amateur committee does not control classes offered at the fall futurity and that they should take the idea to the IQHA board for 2026.
- Proposal was voted on: 4 yes notes, 9 no votes, 4 not voting. Motion was not passed.
- Shelli Smith made a motion to sponsor \$500 toward the non-pro class. Emma Schaefer seconded the motion.
- Proposal was voted on: 7 yes votes, 9 no votes, 3 not voting. Motion was not passed.

Steve Gulling asked whether amateurs needed to have a sponsorship paid to vote. Tammi Adix reviewed that it is an IQHA board policy, to which the amateur committee is a subcommittee of the larger organization. It was pointed out that all members in attendance and voting at the meeting had amateur sponsorships paid for and were eligible to vote.

ADJOURNMENT: Shelli Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Emma Schaefer seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.