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IQHA Amateur Annual Meeting

January 10, 2026- 9:00 am

Holiday Inn Airport, Des Moines, IA

Meeting was called to order at 9:02 am by Lisa Merfeld

21 People Attended in Person

OPENING BUSINESS

- Approval of May Minutes: Brian Hamrick made the motion, Seconded by Becky Grier – All approved Minutes

- Treasurer report: Alex Eischeid Presented: Sarlynn made the motion to approve, seconded by Brian Hamrick– All approved Report

OLD BUSINESS

- Snowflake Update: Brena Adkins presented
 - Motion made by Jennie Schut that a \$1000 sponsorship from the Amateur Budget to be used at the discretion of the Snowflake committee to be used to give back to the exhibitors. Lisa Merfeld seconded, all approved and motion passed.
- Amateur Sportsmanship: Lisa Merfeld presented
 - 2026 Amateur Sportsmanship
 - Sandy Kraft-Noah is made Committee Chair. Lisa Merfeld made the motion, seconded by Jennie Schut – All approved and motion passed.
 - The committee will work on clarification between sportsmanship and volunteerism. They will also work on a large banner to help people see and participate in it.
- Fundraisers: Lisa Merfeld presented
 - Mayflower: Chair – Jennie Schut / Co Chair – Mary Jo Hamrick and Sandy Kraft-Noah
 - Fall Classic Fundraiser ideas/committee chair was tabled and will be brought up at the next meeting
- Show Sponsorships: Alex Eischeid presented

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- A motion was made to do a \$100 sponsorship for each of the 5 shows. Totaling \$500. Jennie Schut made the motion, seconded by Kim Wilson– All approved and motion passed.

- Point Keeper Approval: Brena Adkins presented
 - Was approved to keep the same point keeper, Marlys Adkins, for 2026.. Alex Eischeid made the motion, seconded by Sarlynn Heston, all approved and motion passed.

- CD renewals: Alex Presented
 - A motion was made by Alex Eischeid that we invest a \$7000 CD renewal for less than a year as soon as possible at the best rate. Jennie Schut seconded, all approved and motion passed.
 - A motion was made that we invest a \$8000 CD renewal after the snowflake show is complete. After further discussion, this proposal was tabled until the next meeting.

- Year End Awards: Lisa Merfeld presented
 - 2026 will have a committee to help with year end awards.
 - Lisa Merfeld, Christy Wilson, Kim Wilson, Aaron Saylor are committee members
 - Year-end slideshow – Chair Jennie Schut

NEW BUSINESS

- **Elections – 2026**
 - **Chair – Jennie Schut** - Brena Adkins made the motion, seconded by Rosline Carlson, all approved
 - **Co-Chair – Lisa Merfeld**– Jennie Schut made the motion, Brena Adkins seconded, all approved
 - **Treasurer – Alex Eischeid**- Tammi Adix made the motion, Brian Hamrick seconded, all approved
 - **Secretary – Christy Wilson**– Kim Wilson made the motion, Brian Hamrick seconded, all approved

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ADJOURNMENT – Brian Hamrick made the motion to adjourn, Sarlynn Heston seconded, all approved