

Iowa Quarter Horse Association Open Meeting Minutes- August 5, 2015

The Iowa Quarter Horse Association met on Wednesday, August 5, 2015 at Kildee Hall at ISU. The meeting was called to order by Debra Donnelly, President. Debra Donnelly asked for a Roll call with the following in attendance: Debra Donnelly, President; Tammi Adix, Vice President; Val Cedar, Secretary-Treasurer; Lara Yunglas, District #1; Brian Hamrick, District #2; Jennifer Sheriff, District #3; Kim Strong, District #4; Marc Chapman, District #5, Rosalie Carlson, District #7; Colleen Conrad, Monte Hamilton; Directors at Large. Absent: Jeanine Lowry, District #6; Chris Tostenrud, District #8; Jesse Bergantzel & Sara Heeley, Directors at Large, Butch Hammer, Director Emeritus. Minutes were read from the June 20, 2015 meeting. Motion made by Marc Chapman, 2nd by Lara Yunglas to approve minutes. Motion carried unanimously. The Finances were read with the following: Union State bank Interest- \$37.51; US Bank- Sibley- \$13,645.30; Union State Bank- New- \$ 1,290.56; Union State Bank Breeders- \$76,488.32; Wells Fargo Operating- \$60,208.88; Wells Fargo Operating Savings- \$7,715.31; Wells Fargo Futurity- \$72,996.08; Wells Fargo Futurity Savings- \$750.07; Wells Fargo Amateur-\$3,242.66; Wells Fargo Amateur Savings- \$750.00 Wells Fargo Open/Non Pro- \$1,291.86; Wells Fargo Open/Non Pro Savings- \$444.01. IQHYA Dollars for Scholars- \$20,764.68. District #1- \$8761.96; District #2- \$14,810.34; District #3- \$9,480.00; District #4- \$437; District #5- \$5,190.95; District #6- \$18,184.48; District #7- \$9,972.20- Still needing to disperse funds from June Show; District #8- \$9,119.08; IQHYA- No Report. Motion made by Monte Hamilton, 2nd by Marc Chapman to approve the financial report. Motion carried unanimously.

DISTRICT REPORTS- District #1- Lara reporting they are working on the Introductory Show that will be held in October in conjunction with the Midwest Horsemen & Muscatine Saddle Club. District #2- Brian reporting with special thanks to all that attended his past shows. He had received good feedback. The Introductory Show was down in exhibitor numbers but it was still attended well. He is looking to change up the format for 2016. The August Trail Challenge still has some open slots and he will be hosting a trail ride and challenge on October 3. It was questioned about bit restrictions with the AQHA Trail Challenge. Future 2016 July show for District #2 looks like it will be held on July 1,2, & 3 2016 as July 4th is on a Monday. District #3- Jennifer reporting they will be hosting a meeting this month. They are looking for dates for an introductory show to be held in Mason City in 2016. District #4- Kim questioned raffle license as she has a member that may possibly be donating a beef for a fundraiser for the District. They are also looking into a barrel bash for a future event. District #5- Marc reporting the Introductory Show was down in entrants. Questioned the feasibility of an AQHA show instead for 2016. He will need to check the dates with AQHA. District #6- No Report. District #7- Rosalie reporting the finances are not completed for the June show to date. Judges costs were up and suggestions to help save on those costs were discussed. District #8- No Report. Directors at Large- Colleen Conrad reporting District had great shows and they had positive feedback. Monte Hamilton reporting banquet details are coming together. The bank is lined up. New banquet location will be the Airport Holiday Inn in Des Moines. Monte suggested as board members, we contact AQHA and have them revisit the mileage rule to help IQHA provide some more shows for state.

MAYFLOWER: The Mayflower shows a net profit of \$16,813. IQHA still needs to pay out the \$1 / entry to the appropriate Open/Amateur/Youth divisions. There was \$1,890 worth of show bucks redeemed at the Mayflower that is awaiting reimbursement to IQHA. We still need to payout the Amateur and Youth

Fundraiser monies to the appropriate divisions. Thank you to the Mayflower committee for their hard work and willingness to put the Mayflower together. The IQHA Board agreed that delegated IQHA Board Members and Districts that are involved in this show must be involved in any decision making moving forward. The IQHA Board will send their recommendations for future Mayflower Show to Barb Delf.

LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP(S): New lifetime memberships sold include: Debi Donnelly, Larry Hansch and Sue Reichert, making the total sold to date 15. IQHA has 5 more left to sell.

SADDLE RAFFLE: Jennifer Sheriff reporting that we are only ½ way to paying for the total cost of the saddle. She strongly encourages all to continue to sell raffle tickets. It was questioned if the IQHYA would like to help sell the tickets.

FUTURITY REPORT: Details are coming to finalization. Online entries and stall reservations are coming in. Exhibitor party will include a pulled pork loin dinner. IQHA is looking for 8 people/trainers/members to pay \$100 sponsorship each. Monte Hamilton, Lara Yunglas and BriMar Farms have committed to pay \$100 each. Brian Hamrick will check with a District #2 member about availability for a donation of the meat.

NEW BUSINESS:

MEMBERSHIP DUES: Discussion was had about increasing the IQHA Membership fee for the 2016 year. Some members have expressed some concerns about the IQHYA Membership/Sponsorship fee schedule. Discussion was had about trying to keep memberships consistent across the board for all. A membership situation concerning a lost check was discussed and had been straightened out by District #6. Discussion was had about the increase of membership cost as we have minimized the magazine publications. That was tabled by the IQHA board pending more information. Marc Chapman made a motion for the IQHA to change the membership form to include all on one form: Amateur, Family, Individual, Youth or Business with the Membership fee for an Individual / Family to be increased to \$40 for 2016. 2nd by Kim Strong. Motion passed unanimously.

AQHA NOVICE CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW: Nancy Greene had emailed the list of IQHA members that have qualified for the AQHA Novice Championship Show. AQHA had sent the list of nationally qualified exhibitors. IQHA will be sending in the state AQHA Novice Championship qualifiers. Those names will be posted to the website and Tammi Adix will send those exhibitors a letter notifying them of their qualification.

HORSEBACK RIDING PROGRAM: The program awards are overreaching the funds from the membership fees for the program. Brian Hamrick offered to do a survey at his Trail Ride Challenges to see about fee rates. Val Cedar offered to redo the form and the awards for the Horse Back Riding Program for 2016. This will also be added to the IQHA membership form.

ONLINE STALLION AUCTION: Monte Hamilton questioned the feasibility of hosting an onsite stallion auction as the overhead is high. Brian Hamrick questioned the feasibility of not hosting the onsite

stallion auction. Discussion was had on the pros: more out of state purchasers, no weather considerations, lower costs to the IQHA Futurity Stallion Auctions and the cons: actual costs, loss of bidders, loss of interest in auction due to actual online bidding procedure. Jennifer Sheriff will put together a comparison of the two for the IQHA Board to review prior to decision for the 2016 Stallion Auction.

BY-LAW PROPOSAL: Val Cedar suggested that the IQHA Board look at separating the duties of the Treasurer from the Secretary position since we no longer have the Executive Secretary position and it appears that for the next few years, that seems improbable for the hiring of that position. Not sure if this needs to be an actual by-law addition or if the IQHA Board can make that appointment at the beginning of the business year. Discussion was had on this topic and it was decided that it doesn't need to be a by-law change but can be appointed by the board. Debi Donnelly expressed her concern about future Officers and Board members carrying on with the same goals and ability to volunteer so the IQHA can stay profitable.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS: Debi Donnelly read an email from Mary Moorman concerning the size of entrants at the Iowa State Fair Quarter Horse Show. Mary Moorman was questioning the \$1/entry for that show as she feels that it is attended more by the open show exhibitors and not IQHA members. Discussion was had concerning other reasons that attendance may be lower. No action was taken by the board concerning the \$1/entry fee.

Motion by Jennifer Sheriff, 2nd by Rosalie Carlson to go into closed session. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to come out of closed session by Rosalie Carlson, 2nd by Marc Chapman. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Lara Yunglas, 2nd by Jennifer Sheriff. Motion carried unanimously.

Next meeting will be October 6, 2015.