

Iowa Quarter Horse Open Meeting Minutes November 4, 2015.

The Iowa Quarter Horse Association meeting was held at Gateway Hotel in Ames, Iowa on November 4, 2015. The meeting was called to order by Debi Donnelly, President @ 6:00 pm. 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, Directors at Large, Colleen Conrad and Monte Hamilton. Absent: Jeanine Lowry, District #6, Chris Tostenrud, District #8, Directors at Large, Sara Heeley and Jess Bergantzel, and Butch Hammer, Director Emeritus. Guests present: JR Reichert, Clara Johnson, Cindy Johnson, Abby McCormick, Emma Schaefer, Janelle Ward, Joanne Lillegard, Carol Anderson, Cindy Hamilton, & Jackie Kincaid. Minutes were read from the October 6 meeting. Motion by Monte Hamilton, 2nd by Marc Chapman. Motion passed unanimously.

Grievance : Joann Lillegard presented her grievance about the year end all around 9 & under award and how the award's points were tabulated and the fact that another award for a performance only category, one that was being created for 2015 even though the bylaws state differently. She was concerned about them creating this new award at the end of the year without the authority to do so as it was not stated anywhere within bylaws. It was her understanding according to the youth by-laws, that halter and performance points are both tabulated to determine the 9 & under year end all around winner. Ms. Lillegard presented her understanding of the details of the grievance. Clara Johnson presented how the select IQHYA officers facilitated their decision to not count the halter points as directed in the youth bylaws but to actually award a second award that was called a 9 & under All around hi point but with no tabulation of the halter points. Jennifer Sheriff questioned how the award had been tabulated in the past. Clara stated that in the past six years that no halter points were counted toward the 9 & under all around year end award even though the by-laws state that halter & performance points are tabulated to determine the winner. Jennifer Sheriff stated she felt like a new award could not be made at the end of the year without anyone knowing. The award would have to be stated as such at the beginning of the year so everyone had a fair chance to compete towards the same goal. Lengthy discussion was had about the situation and interpretation of the grievance. A motion was made by Monte Hamilton, stating, that the IQHA Board vote on the grievance and make the recommendation to the IQHYA initiate a by-law discussion at the IQHYA annual meeting. Also, that IQHA support and defend the IQHYA officers in their decision. Motion was 2nd by Brian Hamrick. Motion was defeated 6 -2 with 2 not voting. Documents were read by Debi Donnelly and Kim Strong as provided by IQHYA advisor Jennifer Horton. It was questioned by Joanne Lillegard if IQHA has jurisdiction over IQHYA. Debi Donnelly stated that she signs for IQHA an alliance agreement with AQHA that provides for them to operate as an IQHA entity. Rosalie Carlson stated that according to the IQHYA by-laws, which state Section 2 (d) To encourage high moral character, sportsmanship, and other desirable traits of character. Rosalie Carlson made a motion to follow the IQHYA by-laws as printed on website, count both the halter and performance points, and not add any additional awards. 2nd by Jennifer Sheriff. Motion passed 7-2 with 1 not voting. The IQHA Board recommends that the IQHYA look at their by-laws and make the changes as they see fit. These changes should be proposed to the IQHYA at the annual meeting in January for clarification moving forward. Noted also were some

discrepancies for the total of required shows. It was stated the youth bylaws read 5 shows/ 5pt minimum but yet the youth have been going by 7shows/7point minimum for the year end awards with the exception of the cattle/speed events where it is still the 5 shows/5 point minimum. It was the understanding that this change was adopted but never put to print in the IQHYA by-laws.

A letter was read by a parent of an IQHYA member stating her concerns for the IQHYA, as she feels that there are communication problems to the youth and they are missing some opportunities. It was questioned if it's too much for one person, and if there are ways to make it better moving forward. Discussion was had and the IQHA board suggested that IQHYA parents bring together ideas and present them to the youth advisor. IQHA board members were recommended to attend the IQHYA annual meeting as well to help with these additional matters. Ideas were community service type events and regularly scheduled meetings for all IQHYA. The board agreed there is some definite lack of communication within the youth board and it was suggested the youth board write down the requirements of their youth advisor, Jennifer Horton, and what's expected.

8:00 pm we moved from the grievance to regular business meeting.

Finances were presented by Val Cedar as follows: Union State bank Interest- \$56.37; US Bank- Sibley- \$13,635.92; Union State Bank- New- \$ 93.18; Union State Bank Breeders- \$76,536.55; Wells Fargo Operating- \$102,886.90; Wells Fargo Operating Savings- \$10,337.93; Wells Fargo Breeders Futurity- \$82,779.91; Wells Fargo Breeders Futurity Savings- \$1,200.14; Wells Fargo Amateur-\$5,385.44; Wells Fargo Amateur Savings- \$1,050.06 Wells Fargo Open/Non Pro- \$5,385.44; Wells Fargo Open/Non Pro Savings- \$894.06. IQHYA Dollars for Scholars- \$20,782.18. District #1- \$7,799.14; District #2- \$20,659.45; District #3- \$9,480.31; District #4- \$437; District #5- \$6,747.31; District #6- \$16,480.27; District #7- \$8,452.86; District #8- \$9,089.45; IQHYA- \$22,046.91. Motion by Jennifer Sheriff, 2nd by Marc Chapman. Finances approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Stallion Auction: Forms were available for distribution. The Stallion contract is as before. www.lowastallion.com is the new website for the online IQHA Stallion auction. This will be linked from the IQHA website. Stallion forms are due December 15, 2015. The stallion owners are required to fill out a hard copy of the stallion details. The IQHA live stallion auction will begin a week prior to the banquet (approximately January 16, 2016) with access at the banquet and run until January 30, 2016. The total fee for the online auction is \$2,500 with \$1,000 due now and \$1,500 due at the completion of the auction. 3% will be added to any credit cards used for stallion fee purchase.

Mayflower Show: The IQHA Mayflower Show dates are: May 5 – 8, 2016. Presented was a bid from the Broke Girls with their pricing as show manager. We are still awaiting submission from other companies that were contacted. The Show Approval Forms are due shortly. Brian Hamrick stated that District #2 no longer wants to be a part of the Mayflower show. AQHA did contact IQHA about District #2's request for an additional day at their July show. That request was granted. It was questioned of District #4 director, Kim Strong, if they would be interested in what was District #2's part of the Mayflower. She is considering and will let us know in December. Committee: Rosalie Carlson has volunteered to help with the showbill.

Lifetime memberships: Alan Edler has purchased a lifetime membership making the total now 17 sold.

Membership Form: The new membership form was presented to the board and it will be in the upcoming magazine.

Futurity Report: Fall Classic Futurity Show income is \$79,596.41 and expenses of \$60,882.75 for a profit of almost \$19,000. IQHA is still needing to reimburse the Amateurs for sweatshirt fundraiser (there are only 10 left). There were numerous returned checks for the show and a motion was made by Rosalie Carlson to assess a \$25.00 fee for all returned checks or declined debit/credit cards. 2nd by Marc Chapman. Motion passed unanimously.

Banquet: Cindy Hamilton reported the IQHA banquet will be held on January 23, 2016 at the Airport Holiday Inn, Des Moines. She has currently \$2,000 of sponsorships to help cover the cost of the banquet. Sponsors include: Lifeline, Total Equine, Dan Deery and Warren County Quarter Horse Association. There will be no charge for the Hall of Fame Luncheon. Banquet reservations are asked to be sent in by January 10, 2016. Watch for the 2 page add in the upcoming magazine. IQHA Magazine invoice was presented for \$184.00 for the IQHA Banquet / Meeting weekend. Motion by Lara Yunglas, 2nd by Jennifer Sheriff to pay invoice. Motion carried unanimously. Jerry Nolting will be the MC for the banquet. The Hotel has donated a room for Jerry and his wife for Saturday night. Motion by Brian Hamrick, 2nd by Rosalie Carlson to provide banquet meal tickets for Jerry Nolting and his wife. Motion carried unanimously. Questioned was the food for the Friday night IQHA board meeting. Motion by Tami Adix, 2nd by Jennifer Sheriff for the approval of pizza, soft drinks, water, and coffee for the attendees at the IQHA Friday night board meeting and their guests. Motion carried unanimously. Silent Auction was discussed as to who will be in charge for 2015. Ella Carlson and Linda Collings will help, but need to visit with Jenni Schutt as she is the amateur chair. It was suggested for a minimum bid as some items do not bring close to their value.

Directory/New Publication: Jennifer Horton presented the fees schedule for the IQHA Magazine for 2016. The fees will be the same as in 2015, with the page cost of \$92/page with only \$82 billed to IQHA. Directory advertising rates as follows: full page color - \$395, full page BW - \$200, half page BW - \$175, quarter page BW - \$150, business card - \$75. Her suggestion was a February 15 deadline for information to be published with a mail date of April 1. Questioned was an earlier mail date if possible. This will be addressed to Jennifer Horton. Motion by Marc Chapman, 2nd by Lara Yunglas for Bar H to publish the Directory for 2016 with the mail deadline of February 1, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

AQHA Walk Trot Classes: AQHA Level 1 Walk Trot guidelines were read. Discussion on the potential popularity of the new classes. Motion by Lara Yunglas, 2nd by Colleen Conrad to add year end awards if it is offered at the required number of IQHA approved shows in order to help to promote/reward the new exhibitor(s). This class will need to be specifically listed on showbills.

2016 Financial Manager: Jennifer Sheriff stated that she would be willing to continue as the financial manager for IQHA but only if the position is compensatory for the duties as it takes a lot of time. She will bring a proposal for review at the next meeting.

Breeder's Rules: Discussion was had about the 3YO Breeder's Western Pleasure class. There was some discrepancy if the 2YO had won the class if it was eligible for the 3YO class. Allowing any 3 YO to enter does encourage entries. Percentages of payout for the WP Classes were discussed as the pleasure stallions are stronger than the halter stallions. Brian Hamrick motioned to change the percentages to: Breeder's 2YO WP- 40% and Breeder's 3YO WP- 35%, with the rules stating that any 3 yo are eligible to show regardless of 2YO WP results. These percentages to be in effect in 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

Superhorse: Discussion on continuance of the Superhorse award. Its success was questioned as the number of potential winners is still small. The class is still very new and not promoted enough according to some. Requirements were revisited. Motion by Rosalie Carlson that the Superhorse will be based upon the following required classes: minimum of 1 halter class (either weanling or yearling) but can show both, Lunge Line, 2 YO WP, 3YO WP with the Superhorse Award to given to the high point horse in the 3YO year. This award will begin in 2020. 2nd by Kim Strong. Motion carried unanimously.

Review Open/Non Pro Rules: Discussion on the number of entries in the 2 and 3 YO Western Pleasure classes in the Iowa Limited classes. There were no entries in the Non Pro Maturity. This class was removed due to the lack of participation. The supersaver entry fee was discussed as few take advantage of it. It was decided to leave it in place. Motion by Jennifer Sheriff, 2nd by Lara Yunglas to remove the 2 YO & 3 YO WP Iowa Limited from the futurity class list. Motion passed unanimously.

Point Rule changes: Rule changes were presented by Nancy Greene.

CURRENTLY STATED:

·All horses that are eligible through proper registration in AQHA and whose owners and exhibitors are members of IQHA and that are properly entered and shown in AQHA-approved shows that are also approved by IQHA shall be awarded points toward the IQHA Annual Championships in the classes listed below, on the following basis. For Amateur/Amateur Select/Novice Amateur points to count toward IQHA Year End Awards an IQHA Amateur Sponsorship must have been paid for the exhibitor, as well as their IQHA membership.

PROPOSED ADDITION:

If a horse's owner is registered with AQHA in a farm name, business name, Corporation, LLC, Trust, Partnership, etc. such title also needs to pay an IQHA membership.

REVISED PARAGRAPH TO READ:

·All horses that are eligible through proper registration in AQHA and whose owners and exhibitors are members of IQHA and that are properly entered and shown in AQHA-approved shows that are also approved by IQHA shall be awarded points toward the IQHA Annual Championships in the classes listed below, on the following basis. If a horse's owner is registered with AQHA in a farm name, business name, Corporation, LLC, Trust, Partnership, etc. such title also needs to pay an IQHA membership. For Amateur/Amateur Select/Novice Amateur points to count toward IQHA Year End Awards an IQHA Amateur Sponsorship must have been paid for the exhibitor, as well as their IQHA membership.

*Motion by Rosalie Carlson, 2nd by Colleen Conrad to accept the new proposed rewording.
Motion passed unanimously.*

CURRENTLY STATED:

·Points for any horse that is transferred during the show season from an IQHA member to a nonmember of IQHA shall be counted to and including the date of transfer, unless the new owner joins IQHA, in which case the points for the horse will continue under the new owner. Both the owner and the exhibitor of the horse must be IQHA members for the points to count. Points will only be counted from date of membership.

PROPOSED REWORDING:

In the case of a transfer of ownership during the show season from an IQHA member, accumulated points shall be handled as follows:

OPEN DIVISION: Points for any horse that is transferred during the show season from an IQHA member to a nonmember of IQHA shall be counted to and including the date of transfer. If the new owner joins IQHA, points earned to date in the OPEN division will CONTINUE under the new owner's name.

AMATEUR/AMATEUR SELECT/NOVICE AMATEUR DIVISION: Points for any horse that is transferred during the show season from an IQHA member to a nonmember of IQHA earned to date in the AMATEUR/AMATEUR SELECT/NOVICE AMATEUR division will be counted to and including the date of transfer. If the new owner joins IQHA, points will begin anew under the new exhibitor's name, provided the exhibitor also pays the Amateur sponsorship fee.

*Motion by Colleen Conrad, 2nd by Rosalie Carlson to accept the new proposed rewording.
Motion passed unanimously.*

CURRENTLY STATED:

IQHA shall extend to all non-resident members the same rights and privileges granted Iowa residents with the exception of the All Around Horse Award.

PROPOSED REWORDING:

IQHA shall extend to all non-resident members the same rights and privileges granted Iowa residents including all All Around and High Point Horse Awards.

Motion by Val Cedar, 2nd by Rosalie Carlson to accept the new proposed rewording. Motion passed unanimously.

All descriptions of awards have the 5 show/5pt minimum rule included except for the following:

OPEN HALTER: Each age and sex division: Weanling, Yearling, 2 Yr. Old, 3 Yr. Old, Aged and Performance Halter in Mares, Stallions and Geldings. Also Broodmare (all ages), Produce of Dam and Get of Sire classes, if held.

AMATEUR HALTER: Each age and sex division: Weanling, Yearling, 2 Yr. Old, 3 Yr. Old, Aged and Performance Halter in Mares, Stallions and Geldings.

ADD TO EACH OF THE ABOVE DESCRIPTIONS:

Must earn points in at least 5 shows, totaling at least 5 points to be counted.

Motion made by Brian Hamrick, 2nd by Jennifer Sheriff to accept the new proposed rewording. Motion passed unanimously.

This has been added to the rules for 2015 but needs to be added to the point rules. --- It is the responsibility of the owner/exhibitor to bring any discrepancy in points to the attention of the IQHA point keeper. Points will be considered final and no changes made after November 1, of the current year. If there are any questions about year end tabulation please contact Nancy Greene @ saddleup@iowatelecom.net or 319-657-2732.

ALL AROUND AWARD CRITERIA:

Owner and Exhibitor(s) must be current IQHA members. Must earn points in Halter and at least two AQHA Performance Categories (see AQHA handbook rule 803.5). State points and AQHA national points to count. Must earn points in at least 5 shows, totaling at least 5 points to be counted.

District Funds: Reminder for payment of 10% of December 31, 2014 balance to the IQHA. Motion by Rosalie Carlson 2nd by Jennifer Sheriff to go into closed session. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Rosalie Carlson, 2nd by Jennifer Sheriff to come out of closed session. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to adjourn by Marc Chapman, 2nd by Rosalie Carlson.

Next meeting will be December 2, 2015 at a site to be determined.