

The Iowa Quarter Horse Association meeting was held at Airport Holiday Inn, Des Moines, Iowa on January 13, 2017. The meeting was called to order by Debra Donnelly at 7:05 pm. Debra Donnelly asked for a roll call with the following in attendance: Debra Donnelly, President; Colleen Conrad, Vice President, Jeanine Lowry, Secretary-Treasurer; Lara Yungclas, District #1; Brian Hamrick, District #2; Jennifer Sheriff, District #3; Jackie Kincaid, District #5; Kim Strong, District #4; Marlys Adkins, District #6; Rosalie Carlson, District #7; Directors at Large: Janelle Ward Schaefer, JR Reichert, Darla Merwald, Sara Heeley. Director at Large; and Butch Hammer, Director Emeritus. Guests: Nancy Sheriff, Dick Donnelly, Dean Adkins, Jolene Edmundson, Joanne Lillegard, Missy Merwald, Curt Ferguson, Michael Conrad, Nancy Greene, Jay Green, Jennifer Horton, Wade Ellerbroek, Bill Horton, Cathi Luett, Dylana Luett, and Rick Bailey.

Minutes:

Motion was made by Lara Yungclas and 2nd by Sara Heeley to approve the minutes. Motion carried unanimously

Finances:

Finances presented by Jennifer Sheriff as follows: Union State Bank - \$18,771.04; US Bank, Sibley \$13,631.11; Wells Fargo Operating Checking - \$91,136.99; Wells Fargo Operating Savings - \$19,360.49; Wells Fargo Breeders - \$20,383.14; Wells Fargo Breeders Savings \$58,914.31. CD's: 3 yr old WP 2017 - \$2,516.05; Wells Fargo Futurity (9782) - \$125.69; Wells Fargo Futurity Savings - \$450.19; Wells Fargo IQHA Amateur Committee - \$8,022.36; Wells Fargo IQHA Amateur Committee Savings - \$3300.82; Wells Fargo IQHYA Dollars For Scholars - \$20,288.90; Wells Fargo 2016 Breeders Auction Savings - \$57,561.01. Jennifer Sheriff presented a Net Profit/Loss report for 2009-2016: 2009 - \$-29,369; 2010 - \$-37,836; 2011 - \$-36,506;(this was the year IQHA hosted BHF) 2012 - \$13,551; 2013 - \$-11,866; 2014 - \$25,304; 2015 - \$33,176; 2016 - \$56,339. Jennifer Sheriff also presented the 2016 Operating Budget/Actual was handed out Income and Expenses were lower than originally budgeted. Motion by Marlys Adkins to approve the financial reports; 2nd by Janelle Ward Schaefer. Motion carried. Not voting – Jennifer Sheriff.

Debra Donnelly read a letter from Buzz Oliphant and family about the renaming of the Youth Sportsmanship Award.

National Directors Interviews

Debra Donnelly said she had emailed Tom Lopic the President of the Iowa Quarter Horse Racing Association and whom was nominated for National Director from the Iowa Quarter Horse Racing Association. Curt Ferguson spoke on behalf of Tom who could not make it to the meeting. Dick Donnelly was next to speak about himself and his involvement in the IQHA, and AQHA. Board went into closed session. Board came out of closed session. Dick Donnelly is IQHA's nomination for National Director.

OLD BUSINESS

Rosalie Carlson asked that Bylaws be added to old business and moving District 8 appointment to old business. Kim Strong moved we add the Bylaws and the District 8 appointment to the agenda under old business. 2nd by Jennifer Sheriff. Motion carried.

Stallion Auction Update: Jennifer Sheriff reported the stallion auction is up online. Everyone is able to register and view now. We have a lot already registered to bid. 89 stallions are listed now and more will be added soon about 100 to be listed now. Each will close 3 minutes apart and the online auction will be live January 20, 2017. The live auction closes on January 29, 2017. The unsold stallions will remain

listed on website and in the magazine until sold or June. Brian Hamrick asked about the credit card fees. Jennifer said the credit card fee is 4% if anyone wants to use their credit card. It is on the website. Last year the fee was 3% this year it is 4%.

Mayflower update: Jennifer Sheriff reported on the showbill and passed it out for the board to look at and discuss. It was discussed to add NSBA classes. Lara Yungclas moved to have Sara Heeley look into how many NSBA class we would have to offer. Jennifer Sheriff pointed out that we need to know right away in order to change the showbill at this late date. Motion died. It was discussed what classes do exhibitors have to go in to win English High Point. Brian moved to add the requirement that they have to go in Halter to win this award. Motion died. It was discussed to add Hunter Hack and Halter to the requirement to win the English High Point awards. Motion carried unanimously. Janelle Ward Schaefer moved to add Hunter Hack to the showbill and add Hunter Hack and Halter to the requirement to win the English High Point award, 2nd by Brian Hamrick. Motion carried. It was discussed to add the IQHA Amateur Walk/Trot. Kim Strong moved to add the IQHA Amateur Walk/Trot to the showbill, 2nd by Marlys Adkins. Motion carried unanimously. Jennifer Horton suggested changing the name on lead line – 6 & under to child rider, which is the way IQHYA has it in their Bylaws.

Mark Harrell increased their fees with a .50 fee per entry. The fees in 2016 Flat fee for entries was \$175 plus \$15-dollar office charge. We also have a per class entry fee. Stalls are not included in this and are the same as last year at \$150 before April 1st and \$175 after April 1st. We voted to change the flat fee to 250 and did not vote on the office charge last meeting. Jeanine Lowry stated it would be a \$75 increase over last year's fee. Debra Donnelly said keep in mind that the fees to rent the Jacobson building are also going up in 2017. Sara Heeley moved to keep the \$15 office charge per horse the same as last year, 2nd by Janelle Ward Schaefer. Motion carried unanimously.

Stall reservations – Sara Heeley cannot do this because if your name is on the showbill as a contact then you or your family can not show at that show. Jackie Kincaid offered to take all the stall reservations. Jolene Edmundson will be helping Jackie. Janelle Ward Schaefer moved to send everything for stalls to Jackie Kincaid, 2nd by Brian Hamrick. Motion carried. Not voting Kim Strong, Darla Merwald, and Colleen Conrad. We have had someone request to bid the Shavings. Do we want to open this up for bids? After some discussion, it was decided to open it up for bids.

Financial Manager: Debra Donnelly said there were a couple of letters from members that were not happy with the amount of money that was agreed upon at the last meeting for this position. We need to discuss this again. After some discussion, Jennifer Sheriff was asked to speak about this. Jennifer Sheriff said at the November board meeting I reported that I no longer wanted to do it for the fee I was getting. And that fee was \$850. I decided after all the hours I had kept track of for the year that I was getting a little over \$6 an hour. If you look at it there is thousands of entries in the books going around. I did it in 2015 with no pay and did not expect it then. After seeing the letters and comments received I am going to respectfully decline from this position. There was some more discussion about this. Jennifer Sheriff read off the duties of this position. We need to now open it up for bids. After a lot more discussion about this Brian Hamrick moved to open this up for bids, 2nd Darla Merwald. Motion carried unanimously. Not voting Sara Heeley and Jennifer Sheriff. JR Reichert moved to have Colleen Conrad do this position until we find someone to fill it, 2nd Rosalie Carlson. Motion carried. Not voting Colleen Conrad. Debra Donnelly and the board thanked Jennifer Sheriff for all the work she has done for IQHA.

Youth: Debra Donnelly handed out a copy of the email that was forwarded to all the board members, that includes the AQHYA bylaws. Are there any question, concerns, or comments about how things are going with IQHYA. Jackie Kincaid read AQHYA Bylaws about the youth advisory board includes 4

adults. She stated that she thought we were not in compliance with AQHYA in not having a youth advisory board includes 4 adults. Darla Merwald said we have a Youth Advisory. Rosalie Carlson and Darla Merwald are on the Youth Advisory committee. There was a lot of discussion about this. We just need to make sure that the Youth Advisory committee is informed of all meetings. It was suggested to put four people on this committee. Jennifer Horton stated that the youth do have an over site committee that consists of seven youth parents. Some of these parents are and have been on the IQHA board of directors. There was a lot of discussion about this. Joanne Lillegard asked when did the Youth Advisor go from being board appointed to youth elected. There was a lot of discussion about this. No one remembered when this took place. It is in the IQHYA Bylaws. Jennifer Horton stated that the IQHYA Bylaws are submitted to AQHA every year. Joanne Lillegard asked for an audit. Curt Ferguson suggested that the IQHYA book be brought to the board for review. There was a lot of discussion about this. Cathi Luett said that she looked over the book last year and found no problems with it. Janelle Ward Schaefer moved to have IQHYA bring their books to the Executive committee to look over their 2017 books in November, 2nd by JR Reichert. Motion carried unanimously. There was some discussion about the CD the youth has and the amount. IQHYA - Wells Fargo \$12,059.99; Green Belt \$8,000 in CD. JR Reichert moved to have the IQHYA CD moved to Wells Fargo when it matures, 2nd by Janelle Ward Schaefer. Motion carried

District 8 Director Appointment:

Debra Donnelly called for a vote to appoint Wade Ellerbroek. After some discussion. Brian Hamrick moved to appoint Wade Ellerbroek to District 8 Director and he has voting rights tonight, 2nd by Rosalie Carlson. Motion did not pass. Not voting Kim Strong and Jeanine Lowry. Wade Ellerbroek is appointed as District 8 Director starting at the general meeting.

Bylaws:

Redistricting, Rosalie Carlson moved to strike the redistricting change to the bylaws because IQHA failed to follow Robert's Rules, 2nd by Darla Merwald. There was some discussion about this. The vote ended in a tie, President Debi Donnelly had to break the tie with a no vote, motion failed. Not voting Brian Hamrick and Janelle Ward Schaefer, because they were not at the last meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Point Rules and Suggested Changes:

Colleen Conrad read Nancy Greens suggested changes. First suggested change; OWNERS & EXHIBITOR(S) OF HORSES SHOWN MUST BE CURRENT IQHA MEMBERS BEFORE ANY POINTS ARE ACCUMULATED TOWARD IQHA YEAR END AWARDS. AMATEUR EXHIBITORS, INCLUDING SELECT AND NOVICE DIVISIONS, MUST PAY IQHA AMATEUR SPONSORSHIP BEFORE ANY POINTS ARE ACCUMULATED TOWARD IQHA AMATEUR DIVISION YEAR END AWARDS.

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JR Reichert moved to approve this change, 2nd by Sara Heeley. Motion carried unanimously.

1.) 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.

CHANGE TO---

OPEN DIVISION:

In the event the horse is sold, IQHA points earned prior to sale will continue ONLY if the new owner and all new exhibitors meet IQHA membership requirements. After some discussion about this it was decided to change this.

2.) 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.

CHANGE TO---

AMATEUR/SELECT AMATEUR/NOVICE AMATEUR DIVISION:

Points in the Amateur Divisions are to be compiled on a 1 horse/1 amateur exhibitor basis and will count toward any IQHA awards as long as the amateur and ownership requirements are met as outlined by AQHA, and both the owner and rider meet the IQHA membership/sponsorship requirements. In the event the horse is sold, a new start in IQHA points will be made for the new amateur exhibitor, ONLY if the new amateur exhibitor and/or owner meets IQHA membership/sponsorship requirements.

Sara Heeley moved to approve this change, 2nd by Darla Merwald. Motion carried unanimously.

3.) ADD---

Upon the purchase of a new horse during a show season, IQHA points will not be recorded until AQHA has completed the transfer. The "DATE ISSUED" date noted on a horse's registration papers is the official date that IQHA (and AQHA) points can be recorded. The date of sale posted on a copy of the transfer (which will be noted as "DATE ACQUIRED" on registration papers) does not qualify as a completed transfer---only "DATE ISSUED" printed on completed registration papers. After some discussion about this it was decided to change this.

4.) ADD---

SHW (in front of 803.5) SHW803.5 in reference to the AQHA Rules and is the way it is in the AQHA Rule book. After some discussion about this it was decided to change this.

CHANGE---

At all places that state: 5 shows / 5 point minimum, **CHANGE to: 7 shows / 7 point minimum**

After some discussion about this it was decided not to change this.

5.) Clarification needed on this paragraph---

IQHA Open and all Amateur Division High Point and Year End Class Award Winners will be allowed to combine the dollar amount allotments for their individual year end placing and dollar amounts allotted for their high point or reserve high point awards to have one award given.

After some discussion about this it was decided not to change this.

6.) L1 Walk-Trot High Point and Reserve

I have been asked if IQHA would be adding High Point and Reserve High Point L1 Walk Trot awards in the future. This is tabled until next meeting.

Point Keeper position; Nancy Green read a letter to Board of Directors and it was passed out to the board. Rosalie Carlson moved to table this until next meeting, 2nd by Janelle Ward Schaefer. Motion carried unanimously.

Show Packet: After a lot of discussion. It was suggested to have someone appointed to sending out show info in 2017. It was decided to appoint someone on the board will be responsible to make sure each show gets the show Packet.

IQHA L1 Qualifying for 2017:**IOWA QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION AFFILIATE
QUALIFYING FOR AQHA LEVEL 1 CHAMPIONSHIPS**

IQHA Qualifying Period: The IQHA affiliate qualifying period will be the same as the AQHA qualifying period. For the 2017 Level 1 Championships, the qualifying period will be January 1 – December 31, 2016.

- Participants must be members of the Iowa Quarter Horse Association (for Amateur) /Iowa Quarter Horse Youth Association (for Youth) prior to any state qualifying points being earned. Any sponsorship required must also be paid prior to points counting. **For Iowa state points from 2016 to be counted for state qualifying, exhibitor must have paid 2016 membership and sponsorship to be eligible. If exhibitor did not show in 2016 and wishes to state qualify in 2017 for empty class slots available, their 2017 membership and sponsorship must be paid to be included in the potential qualifiers list.**

- Level 1 Amateur and Level 1 Youth will earn qualifying points based on our current state year-end awards point system, at any IQHA-approved show held within the qualifying period. Points are earned on a per horse/exhibitor combination.

- IQHA/IQHYA will list the top 3 point earning exhibitors in each Level 1 Class offered at the AQHA Level 1 Championships that were offered at IQHA-approved shows, using each exhibitor's best 6 shows (judges) within the qualifying period as the State Qualifiers. The affiliate can also name 3 additional state qualifiers per class by pulling "unused slots" from other Level 1 classes without state qualifiers. **No more than 6 state qualifiers will be allowed in each class and total number of state qualifiers cannot exceed AQHA's determined limit.**

In the event an Amateur or Youth wishes to qualify in a class that has not been offered in Level 1 at IQHA-approved shows, qualifying points may be counted from Amateur/ Amateur Select or Youth classes for that event (ie reining, barrels, western riding, halter, etc.) to determine the top 3-6 point earners. Exhibitors must notify the appropriate Point Keeper by February 1 to be included on the list of potential state qualifiers and must pay the current year IQHA/IQHIA Membership and Sponsorship. These point earners will be considered only after Level 1 class qualifiers are compiled.

In the event a Level 1 Amateur or Youth Exhibitor wishes to qualify (a) in a class but has not earned any qualifying points in 2016 in it, or (b) in a class not offered in Amateur or Youth classes at IQHA-approved shows (ie over fences), they may notify the IQHA Amateur or IQHYA Youth Point Keeper of their desire to qualify by February 1 to be included on the potential qualifiers list, and pay their IQHA/IQHIA membership and sponsorship. If more than 6 for one class wish to qualify, the six will be determined by a lottery draw for that class only. These exhibitors will only have opportunity to be state qualifiers after the level 1 qualifiers and the amateur/youth qualifiers listed above.

- Should an exhibitor decline an invitation, the next highest point earner will be offered an invite to allow 3-6 state qualified entries the opportunity to enter. Note that not every class will receive 6 entries, the additional 3 entries per class available is dependent upon having unused slots from other classes.

- In the event of ties in qualifying points, the tie breaker system used for IQHA/IQHIA year end awards shall be applied to determine the top 3-6 qualifiers.

- Exhibitor enters/attends the Level 1 Championships solely at their own expense; IQHA/IQHIA only provides the opportunity to qualify to enter. **AQHA will notify national and state qualifiers of their eligibility and it is up to the exhibitor to make their entries prior to entry deadline for the Level 1 Championships.**

Janelle Ward Schaefer moved to accept the changes and additions in red, 2nd by Darla Merwald. Motion carried unanimously.

Iowa Horse Fair: The fee for the non-profit booth is \$200, Jackie Kincaid would like to double the space this year. After some discussion about doubling the booth space the cost would be \$400. Last year we collected over \$700 in memberships. Jackie Kincaid will be in charge of the booth this year along with the help of District #5. Jennifer Sheriff moved to double the booth space this year, 2nd by Brian Hamrick. Motion carried unanimously.

The board went into a closed session. The board came back out of the closed session.

Committee:

Banquet: Kim Strong reported we are ready and we have 200 reservations. Some people are not coming because of the weather.

Awards: Jackie Kincaid reported they are ready, but could use some help bringing awards in and sorting them out. We have 55 Amateur awards, 43 Open awards, 3 Adult Horseback awards, and 3 Youth Horseback awards. We have a list of suggestions for next year and will bring that to the next meeting.

Motion by Janelle Ward Schaefer, 2nd by Kim Strong to go into closed session. Motion carried unanimously.

The board came out of closed session.

Motion by Lara Yunglas, 2nd by Marlys Adkins to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.