

IQHA Annual General Membership Meeting Minutes
January 28, 2023
Prairie Meadows, Des Moines, IA

President Kim Strong called the meeting to order at 2:10 pm. Minutes were taken by Jennifer Horton. Strong welcomed the members and guests in attendance with a review of 2022 and her comments on a positive 2023.

President Strong asked for a motion to approve the agenda including the addition of Show Committee under new business. Rosalie Carlson made a motion to approve the agenda with that addition, seconded by Loren Meyer. Agenda was approved.

Jennifer Horton read the minutes from the annual general membership meeting held January 16, 2022. Phyllis Steffen made a motion to approve. With a second by Greg Steffen minutes were approved.

Tammi Adix presented the treasurer's report with the balance sheet as of December 31, 2022 showing a total balance of current assets as \$641,702.04. Individual bank account balances reported are listed in Attachment A. Gary Thede made a motion to approve, seconded by Phyllis Steffen. Treasurer's report was approved.

District Director Reports

District 1: Becky Grier reported on a busy year with several donations and sponsorships including a state fair senior queen candidate. They had an active OCAP program with four awards this year. She thanked volunteers Kat Resler and Carrie Gesling.

District 2: Brian Hamrick reported for absent director Nick Wood. Their Hawkeye Classic show added VRH and Ranching Heritage classes with success. Brian explained the changes for the 2023 show.

District 3: Director Lori Mennenga was absent. President Strong reported she held meetings in 2022.

District 4: Loren Meyer reported they used income from their Mayflower share to sponsor the futurity and the Iowa Classic open show. They sponsored a state fair senior queen candidate. He hopes to host a trail ride in 2023.

District 5: Mike Monahan reported on their activities. They had one OCAP award this year. They received a donation from Warren County Quarter Horse Association. Jackie Kincaid was elected to serve as district director.

District 6: Cassie George reported their shows joined with districts 7 and 8. She thanked the amateur group for their donation to provide breakfast. They awarded buckles at their show and also had OCAP participants.

District 7: Rosalie Carlson thanked everyone that supported their shows. They held three AQHA shows and one VRH show. The 2023 show will have a new schedule. She was re-elected to serve as director.

District 8: Mike Van Egdome was absent.

Director-At-Large Reports

Bobbi Finarty thanked the members for allowing her to serve. She attended the IQHA board meetings as well as several major industry events. She reported the audit she had called for was in progress.

Jackie Kincaid managed the IQHA booth at the Iowa Horse Fair again this year. She stressed the importance of volunteers in our activities.

Craig Johnson and Shannon Walker were absent.

Ex-Officio Report

Tammi Adix thanked the board for their work and encouraged members to get involved.

National Directors Reports

Curt Ferguson reported he serves on the AQHA show committee and general subcommittee. He noted a proposal made to reinstate or create an incentive fund.

Tammi Adix serves on the AQHA membership and marketing committee. She reported on AQHA's social media follower numbers. Montana Silversmiths is again providing buckles to AQHA and affiliates may see some benefits there.

Bill Horton reported he will attend the AQHA convention in February and it will be his 22nd or 23rd consecutive convention. He serves on the nominations and credentials committee and represents region 3 on the affiliate advisory board. The Affiliates in Motion will be held again at the convention.

Wade Ellerbroek reported he and Bill Horton attended the AQHA Best of the Remuda Sale at the Four Sixes Ranch. He serves on the nominations and credentials committee. He mentioned the rule proposal regarding denying registration for horses with positive genetic defect markers and felt it would not pass.

Committee Reports

Amateur: Kat Resler and Jennie Schut reported on their morning meeting. The Amateur Committee awarded sportsmanship awards at 2022 shows and continued their sponsorships at the shows. They are holding their silent auction shared with the youth. Brena Adkins and Jennie Schut were elected as co-chairs for 2023 with Alex Eischeid elected secretary and Shelli Eatwell elected treasurer. They have formed an award committee.

Awards: Becky Grier gave a brief report on year end awards, noting the amateur committee pays for the amateur awards,

Banquet: President Strong reported on the evening schedule and activities. We had 164 banquet reservations.

Breeder's Program & Stallion Auction: Kelly Birkenholtz reported 78-80 entries in 2022 with 68 shown and \$51,212 paid out including 10% of the weanling, yearling and two-year-old purses paid to the stallion owners. Brian Hamrick reported on the stallion auction with 107 stallion fees in the online auction hosted by Professional Auction Services. They sold 67 fees with an additional five sold since for a total of \$70,870. There are 37 fees still available with the unsold list on the website and facebook.

Breeders Incentive: President Strong explained the BIF needs to be evaluated because it has not seen much growth. Kelly Birkenholtz stated sponsorships were needed to boost payouts.

Fall Classic: President Strong reported the futurity show saw tremendous growth, with credit to the ranch horse futurity. With added expenses involved, the show profit was \$5,600. She explained some of the changes for the 2022 show that helped the show. Discussion was held regarding the show with suggestions for 2023.

Finance: President Strong reported the audit was in process.

Historian: Buzz Oliphant spoke about ups and downs of the association over the years and encouraged everyone to think about the association overall. He recalled past historians Stan Dreier and Don Clark.

Horse Fair: Jackie Kincaid reported the 2023 horse fair would be March 24-26 in the Varied Industries Building with the rodeo in Jacobson. She needs volunteers to help in the booth.

Youth: Youth Advisor Jennifer Horton recognized their team 7th place in the 2022 Congress Youth Team Tournament and reported on the youth meeting held that morning. The youth have added a Level 1 Youth Walk Trot High Point and Reserve High Point award for 2023, She showed off the Mayflower quilt created and donated by Debi Donnelly that the youth will be selling raffle tickets for in a fundraiser. They elected their officers: President Kara Flickinger, Vice President Sophie Garside, Secretary Katie Kruse, Treasurer Marlie Frederick, Point Secretary Amanda Esche, Reporter Kennedy Cheney, VP Awards Brooke Myers, VP Fundraising Fletcher Black, VP Teams Kendall LaVelle. There were 24 youth who had earned year end awards with one-third of them new members.

Directory: Jennifer Horton reported the directory would publish and the end of March/first of April. Ads will be due February 15.

Mayflower: President Strong reported on the 2022 show. The schedule has been set for 2023. TNT is returning as management and the judges have been hired.

Membership: Jackie Kincaid reported membership numbers by district with a total of 411 for 2022. Current total for 2023 is 137.

Point Keepers: Greg Steffen reported on the board discussions regarding rule change and clarification proposals for 2023.

Ranch Horse Futurity: Loren Meyer reviewed the ranch horse futurity numbers and growth since it began in 2019. The 2024 estimated purse will exceed \$100,000. He mentioned some of the changes made for the 2022 show and noted 2023 will mark their fifth anniversary.

Recreational Activities & Horseback Riding Program: Mike Monahan reported they had five Horseback Riding Program awards to present.

Social Media: Alex Eischeid encouraged submissions for the website and Facebook pages. She has worked to update, simplify and improve the website and wants to increase the social media activity.

New Business

By-Law Recommendations: President Kim Strong presented the six proposed Articles of Incorporation and By-Law change recommendations to be voted upon.

Item 1 passed unanimously adding the following sentence to Article II - Object and Purpose, Section 3: *Iowa Quarter Horse Association is a non-profit association operating under the meaning of section 501(c) of the IRS code of 1986 or the corresponding section of any federal tax code.*

Item 2 passed on a vote 41-2 to add the following sentence to Article VI - Officers and Directors, Section 1: *All officers of Iowa Quarter Horse Association must be bondable.*

Item 3 passed unanimously adding the following sentence to Article VI - Officers and Directors, Section 6: *These four (4) directors will serve two-year terms with a rotation for election that corresponds to the even-numbered directors-at-large elected in even-numbered years and odd-numbered directors-at-large elected in odd-numbers years.*

Item 4 passed on a vote 43-1 to eliminate (outdated) Section 3 from Article VII - Meetings.

Item 5 passed on a vote 42-1 to add clarification to Article XI regarding dissolution of the association to read: *That as such time as this corporation ceases to exist, or is dissolved by a vote of its membership, pursuant to Article X of these Articles of Incorporation, the assets remaining in the hands of the corporation which are not necessary to pay any expenses, costs of dissolution, or other remaining obligations of the corporation, shall be distributed and donated within thirty days of dissolution, to Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa in equal shares to the Animal Science Department in the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences and the College of Veterinary Medicine.*

Item 6 passed on a vote 42-2 to delete the phrase “*as they may deem expedient*” in the first sentence under V - Powers of the Board, Section 1 in the By-Laws.

Show Committee: President Strong reported a show committee would be established following the roundtable discussions held earlier in the day.

Point Rules & Regulations: Alex Eischeid presented handouts and explained proposed changes and clarifications to high point award rules that would be addressed by the board in February. Discussion followed. Jennifer Horton gave a brief overview of the handout with a member proposal to expand year end awards in the VRH division, which the board would address in February. Kris Klingaman spoke in support of her proposal.

Election

President: Bobbi Finarty nominated Matt Winters for president. It was determined Winters was not eligible since his 2023 membership was not paid. Bill Horton nominated Loren Meyer for the office of President with a second by Jennifer Horton. Lindsay Black nominated Tammi Adix, she declined. Rosalie Carlson made a motion that nominations cease and the unanimous ballot be cast for Loren Meyer, seconded by Brian Hamrick. Loren Meyer was elected President.

Vice President: Curt Ferguson nominated Tammi Adix for Vice President, second by Bill Horton. Wade Ellerbroek made a motion for nominations to cease with the unanimous ballot cast for Tammi Adix, second by Rosalie Carlson. Tammi Adix was elected Vice President.

Secretary/Treasurer: Curt Ferguson nominated Alex Eischeid for Secretary/Treasurer, seconded by Lindsay Black. Wade Ellerbroek made a motion for nominations to cease with the unanimous ballot cast for Alex Eischeid as Secretary/Treasurer.

Directors-at-Large: Loren Meyer nominated Craig Johnson, Mateer Strong seconded. Shelli Eatwell nominated Mitch Adkins, seconded by Jennie Schut. Ella Koch nominated Lindsay Black, second by Kris Klingaman. Lindsay Black nominated Janelle Schaefer, second by Jennie Schut. Phyllis Steffen nominated Wade Ellerbroek, who declined. Sarlynn Heston moved nominations cease, seconded by Shelli Eatwell. Ballots were cast with Craig Johnson and Mitch Adkins elected to fill the two-year terms and Lindsay Black elected to fulfill the one-year terms vacated by Jackie Kincaid when she was elected as District 5 Director.

Jennifer Horton made a motion to destroy the ballots, second by Lindsay Black.

Tammi Adix made a motion to adjourn with a second by Becky Grier. Meeting adjourned.

ATTACHMENT A
Iowa Quarter Horse Association Current Assets
Account Balances as of December 31, 2022

Amateur	\$18,887.35
Audit	\$24,184.30
Breeders 2019	\$15,509.67
Breeders 2020	\$22,823.13
Breeders 2021 Checking	\$65,812.04
Breeders 2022	\$71,693.03
Breeders General Checking (6776)	\$15,300.42
Breeders Incentive	\$ 1,860.89
District 1 - Hills Bank	\$10,877.73
District 2 - Wells Fargo	\$ 398.94
District 2 Banking	\$11,677.48
District 3	\$ 4,916.80
District 4	\$ 7,407.59
District 5 Banking	\$ 8,981.97
District 6	\$14,849.29
District 6 Availa	\$ 5,393.41
District 7	\$10,630.01
District 7 Savings	\$ 1,859.27
District 8	\$ 7,146.99
Dollars For Scholars	\$17,564.55
EWD	\$ 1,464.54
General Account	\$85,157.77
IQHA Reserve Account	\$51,862.30
Ranch Horse 2019	\$21,295.89
Ranch Horse 2020	\$51,950.57
Ranch Horse 2021	\$49,575.28
Ranch Horse 2022	\$35,130.57
Ranch Horse Checking	<u>\$ 7,490.26</u>
TOTAL CHECKING/SAVINGS	\$641,702.04