

Opening Business:

The Iowa Quarter Horse Association Board of Directors held a regular meeting Tuesday, February 28, 2023 at the Iowa Cattlemen's Association in Ames, Iowa. President Loren Meyer called the meeting to order at 6:34PM.

Board Members In Attendance: Tammi Adix, Alex Eischeid, Mitch Adkins, Becky Grier, Nick Wood, Lori Mennenga (phone), Cassie George, Rosalie Carlson, Jackie Kincaid, Mike Van Egdome, Kim Strong, Bobbi Finarty, and Lindsay Black (phone)

Board Members Absent: Craig Johnson, Cathy Angle

Guests: Brena Adkins, Shelli Smith, Greg and Phyllis Steffen, Kris Klingaman (phone)

December minutes: Alex Eischeid read the December minutes. Becky Grier asked to remove District 1's report statement 'They are making some changes to their open show awards to recognize open and amateurs.' Bobbi Finarty made a motion to approve the minutes with the noted corrections, seconded by Nick Wood. All noted in favor. It was noted that November's minutes will be reviewed in March's meeting.

Treasurer's report: Alex Eischeid presented all bank account's statement and will email out the report following meeting. Mike Van Egdome mentioned District 8's account and finding a new treasurer. Alex Eischeid noted she will work with Royal Roland to get Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss because at this time January financials were not available and requested all Directors to send her non-Availa bank statements monthly.

Communications: Social Media Coordinator Alex Eischeid noted that March 24th is the deadline for the April Newsletter. Alex mentioned for everyone to review website for changes. It was decided that phone numbers are not necessary to add to the website, as they will be included in the directory. It was also brought up about expanding to other social networking platforms, but decided they were not necessary at this time.

Old Business:

VRH Rule Change: VRH Rule Change was presented by Guest Kris Klingaman, and the proposal was discussed. This Rule Change will provide 1st through 4th awards for certain VRH Ranch Classes, as well as the VRH All Arouns. Rosalie Carlson motioned to approve this proposal, with a second from Nick Wood. Approved 8-4 and motion carried. Becky Grier and Tammi Adix did not vote.

2023 IQHA Point Rules: Alex Eischeid and Guests Greg and Phyllis Steffen presented and discussed their rule change proposal. Mitch Adkins made a motion to eliminate halter requirement for Level 1 Amateur and Level 1 Amateur Walk Trot High Point. Bobbi Finarty seconded. 9-0 motion passed. Kim Strong, Becky Grier, Tammi Adix, and Rosalie Carlson did not vote. Alex Eischeid made a motion that for 2023 IQHA Shows, for Level 1 Amateur and Level 1 Amateur Walk Trot High Points, Amateur Halter would not count toward the High Point award, motion was seconded by Jackie Kincaid. Motion passed 7-5. Kim Strong did not vote. Mayflower Showbill will be adjusted for this correction. Rosalie Carlson made a motion to approve the other noted changes in Alex Eischeid and Steffen's proposal. Alex Eischeid seconded the motion. Motion passed. Bobbi Finarty did not vote.

May Events - Denison Shows: Rosalie Carlson, Cassie George, and Mike Van Egdome discussed the future location of the Denison shows, due to increased costs to hold this show at Crawford County Fairgrounds as well as the inefficiencies of managing cattle classes at these grounds. Kim Strong suggested that this show should be ran by one management group and then proceeds to be divided by District 6, 7, 8.

May Events - Mayflower Show: Kim Strong noted some changes still need to be made to the Mayflower Showbill. Guest Phyllis Steffen discussed the current schedule and suggested a few order changes of classes, including location of Amateur Select vs Amateur, Halter, and Showmanship. The Mayflower Showbill will also be updated for Level 1 Amateur and Level 1 Amateur Walk Trot to say Amateur Halter will not count or be required per the approved change to Year End Awards. Debi Donnelly will be donating embroidered halters for Youth Grand Champion awards. Shelli Smith mentioned she will seek donations with local companies, as well as asking all Districts to be involved in this show, besides District 1, 4, and 5.

New Business:

Show Committee - Outlook of New IQHA Shows: Mitch Adkins discussed the possibility of new shows. He mentioned that he discussed with Bill and Jennifer Horton that Ellsworth would be available the first week of July for a weekend show. The current outlook of this show is to make Friday and Saturday a show with the same judges, with Sunday being a Level 1 show. This schedule would allow for all breed classes and clinics to gain engagement with other disciplines and levels. Shelli Smith and Jackie Kincaid also mentioned that they had reached out to other facilities for options.

Amateur - Control of Checkbook: Brena Adkins noted that in January Amateur meeting, it was proposed to request the checkbook back to Amateurs. Shelli Smith noted that the reason for requesting is to improve the financial statements and increase awareness of the checkbook. Kim Strong discussed the reason that the checkbook has remained with IQHA is because of turnover on the committee and recommended that the bank information be better communicated to the Amateur committee rather than turning over the checkbook to the Amateur committee. Alex Eischeid will provide bank statements to Shelli Smith, Amateur Committee Treasurer to improve transparency to the Amateur Committee.

IQHA Ranch Horse Futurity Rule Change Proposal: Loren Meyer presented rule changes for the 2023 IQHA Ranch Horse Futurity Rules. Mike Van Egdom motioned to approve the proposal, Jackie Kincaid seconded the motion. All approved and motion carried.

2023 Fall Classic Proposal from TNT: The proposal was discussed and Kim Strong noted that this was for the AQHA only show, not including the Ranch or Futurity classes. It was noted that this should be postponed until a committee has been formed for the Fall Classic.

Other Business:

Director's Reports:

President Loren Meyer expressed his gratitude about being elected President. He also mentioned about how members only show, and that it could be explored about other benefits and working with other associations. Loren Meyer also noted that he is working on finishing up committees.

Vice President Tammi Adix noted that all Officers are now bonded and that the Availa Bank paperwork has been completed.

Secretary/Treasurer No report from Alex Eischeid.

District 1 Becky Grier noted that District 1 held the meeting at Kirkwood this month, where OCAP forms were handed out. She also noted that ISU Extension Offices were contacted about District 1 sponsoring local 4-H classes.

District 2 Nick Wood noted that District 2 had a meeting on the previous week with a small number of members, including a few new members. The finalized Hawkeye Classic Showbill will be released soon. District 2 is also hoping to become involved with Eastern Iowa Pony Camp.

District 3 Lori Mennenga noted that no in person meeting will be held until April. The OCAP program is already up and going with involvement.

District 4 Loren Meyer is hoping to appoint Cathy Angle to replace his term.

District 5 Jackie Kincaid reported that a meeting was held last week for District 4, 5, and 6 in Johnston. They discussed the New Show Committee, as well as OCAP involvement, rules, and forms. Jackie noted that Iowa Horse Fair IQHA Booth is looking for volunteers and sponsors to help grow this event.

District 6 Cassie George noted that she is working on preparations for the District 6 Horse Show in Denison.

District 7 Rosalie Carlson departed meeting due to length of meeting, and was not present for her report.

District 8 Mike Van Egdome is planning on holding a District meeting soon to discuss the Denison Show.

Director at Large Bobbie Finarty asked about the Audit Status (which was approved in 2022), and Kim Strong noted that it is in progress with continued document requests. Bobbie Finarty noted nothing else to report.

Director at Large Craig Johnson was not present.

Director at Large Lindsay Black had nothing to report and expressed that she is available for help.

Director at Large Mitch Adkins nothing to report.

Ex-Officio Kim Strong discussed the idea of considering CD's for the Reserve Account. Kim Strong also noted that Breeder's Incentive Futurity has been holding its own and that there are possible improvements to boost this show by adjusting the classes (as well as the possibility to expand this program to the IQHA Ranch Horse Futurity offspring) and adjusting the Stallion Owner Fee, but that this would need to be finalized and approved by the Board.

IQHYA Jennifer Horton was not present.

Amateurs Nothing further to report.

Adjournment:

The next regular meeting is set to be held on March 21st, the 3rd Tuesday of the month at the Iowa Cattleman's Association in Ames, Iowa. The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Kim Strong, and seconded by Nick Wood. All approved motions and motions were carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:28PM.